CLP Leads Way On Whistleblower’s Legislation

When in Opposition, Labor promised to introduce Whistleblower’s Legislation. Since coming to office in 2001, there has been no attempt by Labor to introduce the legislation until the CLP introduced its own Bill 3 months ago.

“Last night the Government opposed the CLP’s Whistleblower’s Bill,” Jodeen Carney said.

“However, at least the Government was embarrassed enough to say that it would introduce its own Whistleblower’s Bill...at last.”

“It looks like the Government will introduce a Bill in this year. That means that 5 years after coming to Government, Labor will deliver what it promised.”

“I wonder when, (or if), Labor would have got its act together had it not been for the CLP introducing its own legislation in March”.

“It’s important that Territorians be protected when blowing the whistle on abuse, waste or corruption. The challenge for Labor now is to ensure that its legislation meets the expectations of Territorians, and in particular, those who want to blow the whistle”

“I can only hope that when the Government finally introduces its legislation, it provides full protection for Whistleblowers”.

“The Freedom of Information Act is a pale imitation of what was promised. I hope the Whistleblowers legislation won’t be watered down”, Ms Carney said.