The Territory Government has taken action that requires Senator Bob Collins to hand over any recent reports he has received on the transcontinental north-south rail link.

The Government has applied through the Freedom of Information legislation for any reports or drafts of reports on the railroad.

"We understand that Senator Collins has received such draft reports and may now have received a final report which backs our case that the Commonwealth can build this project and make it commercially successful," Chief Minister Marshall Perron said today.

"We want to make sure that this report is not censored like some other rail reports have been when they get into the clutches of those in power in Canberra.

"We want to make sure that the Commonwealth will not be allowed once again to evade its responsibility to complete the Darwin-Adelaide link."

Mr Perron said that Senator Collins and his teammate, Warren Snowdon, seem determined to protect the Federal Government's interests despite their constant protestations that they are the "most effective" MPs the Territory has had.

"If saying the people of the Territory have to bear personally the burden of building the nation's infrastructure, then it is high time we sought a better team in Canberra.

"If backing a party that unequivocally promised to 'build the Alice to Darwin rail link with a 1988 target completion' and then in the next ten years failed to lay one centimetre of track is being effective, then we obviously need a new Government in Canberra as well."

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