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**A PROFOUNDLY DISAPPOINTING OUTCOME**

The Martin Government’s refusal to establish a Board of Inquiry to fully investigate the allegations of child abuse about former Labor Senator Bob Collins marks a profoundly disappointing day in the history of the Territory Parliament.

“Today the Martin Government spurned a real opportunity to help the alleged victims of Bob Collins through the pain they had endured for many years,” says Terry Mills, Deputy Opposition Leader.

“At the same time a Board of Inquiry would have assisted the Parliament in confront the weeping sore of child abuse in our community.

“That sore will now fester amongst the victims and potentially in the wider community for generations.

“I think it’s fair to say the Martin Government put the interests of the Labor Party before the interests of Bob Collins’ alleged victims.”

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