TIRED AND EMOTIONAL FOR TWO MONTHS?

The Territory Opposition has questioned Marion Scymgour’s decision to backaway from her comments on the Federal intervention in Aboriginal communities to the 7th Charles Perkins Oration.

The Minister’s claim that she used intemperate language in the oration was because she was emotional at the time is at odds with the fact she had previously made similar comments.

Indeed, on the 21st of August, more than two months ago, Ms Scrymgour told the Parliament “This new McCarthyism has to stop, and stop now.’

“You can ascribe a ‘poor choice’ claim to being emotional once – not twice two months apart.

“Minister Scrymgour has a history of changing her story to suit public perceptions.

“When the Bill to remedy the McArthur River Mine fiasco was introduced, the Minister had a range of excuses for being absent from the Parliament.

“The Chief Minister’s complicity in both these incidents is also telling.

“Clare Martin was up to her neck in the attempts to hide the real reason Marion Scrymgour dogged the McArthur River mine vote and her fingerprints are all over yesterday’s retreat.

“This issue goes deeper than the Martin Government’s tarnished integrity.

“The Chief Minister and the Minister for Family and Community Services will be critical to successful implementation of many of the programs being introduced under the intervention.

“If they are unable to do the job in good faith, they must step aside.”

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