Opposition Leader Delia Lawrie today said that the CLP’s PowerWater plans are all about privatisation.

“The CLP’s plans to privatise PowerWater will further increase prices, increase black outs and more Territorians will be out of a job,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The only reason Adam Giles and the CLP would carve up PowerWater is to sell it off.

“Elsewhere in Australia we have seen Government-owned power companies split up before then being sold off. Prices went through the roof every time.”

The CLP Government’s claims that the changes are about increasing competition are a furphy. There is nothing stopping competition right now.

“Dave Tollner’s claim that PowerWater is not currently being considered for sale speak volumes. They will split it up first then sell it,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The CLP do not have a mandate to sell off any part of PowerWater and they need to release any analysis supporting the split up of this Government asset.

“Mr Tollner’s claim that job cuts are for the board and not the Government to decide is wrong and a clear sign that mass sackings are planned.

“He claims PowerWater has put on 600 staff since 2009. He is wrong. The Annual Reports shows it is 170. He will make up anything to help him justify selling PowerWater and sacking workers.

“Adam Giles broke the Gas to Gove deal to fatten up PowerWater for sale. He is putting PowerWater profits ahead of the town and people of Gove.

“Everything the CLP do with PowerWater is about putting profits before people.

“They should stop what they are doing and consult with Territorians.

“Watermate shows us that when the CLP off load an asset like water rights, it is their mates that profit. Just who stands to profit from the PowerWater split?”

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