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CLP NEEDS TO ENSURE SAFETY OF PORT

Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Kon Vatskalis, today called on the CLP Government to ensure that appropriate actions are taken to ensure safe practices at Darwin Port.

“Serious concerns have been raised about the safety of the bulk liquid berth at East Arm Wharf,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“An area that it is required to be intrinsically safe has been compromised, leading to an attendance from NT Worksafe.

“The risk of an incident occurring at Darwin Port would have serious consequences as East Arm Wharf is the major port facility operating in the Territory.”

Mr Vatskalis said that the CLP Government is so preoccupied with privatising Territory assets, like Darwin Port Corporation, that they are failing to ensure they are run safely and efficiently.

“The Chief Minister is so concerned with fattening the budget bottom line with quick cash grabs from selling public assets that he has dropped the ball on ensuring the Port is being run safely,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“With their focus on saving money rather than running efficiently the CLP Government has axed at least six maintenance jobs at Darwin Port.”

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