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**DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE AND INFORMATION SERVICES**

**CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS WEEK**

The Northern Territory Government is hosting a cyber security presentation to help local businesses better protect themselves from cyber threats and attacks.

Cyber security is everyone’s business and attacks on businesses can lead to reputational damage and financial loss.

Industry experts will present on how cyber attacks are becoming more sophisticated and the practical measures and tools available to better protect your information and business.

**Date:** Tuesday, 25 October 2016  
**Time:** 5pm – 6.30pm with refreshments to follow  
**Venue:** Museum and Art Gallery of the NT Theatrette, Conacher Street, Darwin.  
**Cost:** Free  
**Register at cyberevents.nt.gov.au. Seats are limited.

**GUNNER STARTS BY**

... while Higgins apologises for shambolic four years of CLP

**HAYLEY SORENSEN**

The first sitting of the new Northern Territory Parliament has opened with an “unequivocal, unreserved apology” from the Country Liberal Party for four years of disunited and scandal-plagued government.

Outside Parliament House, Chief Minister Michael Gunner declined to sign a pledge put to him by the NT News promising, among other things, to cut the culture of spin and cover up.

Instead, Mr Gunner wrote his own pledge to honour his election commitments.

Opposition Leader Gary Higgins, who was one of only two CLP members to retain his seat, used his first speech in the new Parliament to apologise for the performance of his ousted colleagues.

“We are as a government did some good work, we let down Territorians in a way that was totally unacceptable and that has caused real damage to our political organisation and, to a certain extent, the reputation of the Northern Territory,” he said.

Mr Higgins said the CLP Government suffered from a “self-destructive streak characterised by overwhelming self-interest that put the electorate second behind personal ambitions and private agendas”.

“Where there should have been consultation, there was belligerence,” he said.

“Where there should have been communication, there was spin. Where there should have been respect, there was defiance.”

Parliament’s first sitting day was disrupted by rallies by anti-gas fracturing groups and by a collective of teachers, parents and students of Kormilda College, who called for the NT Government to commit to a bailout that would allow the cash-strapped school to continue operating next year.

The arrival of NT Administrator John Hardy was delayed by the large crowd assembled.

Independent member for Goyder Kezia Purick was re-elected to the speaker’s chair.

Mr Paech, who is Australia’s first openly gay indigenous parliamentarian, used his maiden speech to call for constitutional recognition of Aboriginal people and for the legalisation of same-sex marriage.

“I’m young. I’m gay. I’m black. I’m a true blue Territorian. I am a proud face of the diversity and future of the great Australian Labor Party,” he said.

“I look forward to the day when this country will recognise my rights as equal rights; the day when I too can marry in my country as a recognised First Australian.”

Mr Gunner’s Government has pledged to establish an independent anti-corruption commission, to reintroduce a banned drinkers register and to make reforms to youth justice.

He said the government’s bush and indigenous members would meet with Aboriginal Territorians to form a committee to provide advice on the prospect of signing a treaty between the NT Government and indigenous people.