MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

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CHANDLER FALLS ON HIS SWORD AGAIN

Minister for Natural Resources, Environment and Heritage Karl Hampton has slammed CLP member Peter Chandler for trying to score cheap political points peddling misleading claims.

“Mr Chandler’s suggestion that I do not understand the NT Government’s rainwater tank rebate is laughable and symptomatic of a party with no coherent environmental strategy besides schoolyard taunts,” said the Minister.

“I welcome Mr Chandler entering the debate, as we all thought Dave Tollner was the CLP’s environmental spokesperson, with policies to destroy the Daly and deny climate change,” Mr Hampton said.

“How unfortunate that when Mr Chandler finally pulls his head out of the sand and enters the discussion he gets it completely wrong,” said Minister Hampton.

“If Mr Chandler gets his brochures handy and has another listen to the interview with ABC Radio he will realise that I was entirely correct in my explanation of this important water conservation scheme;

- The Commonwealth rebate scheme requires water tanks to be plumbed into the house in order to get the rebate;
I was asked whether the NT scheme would have similar requirement and I correctly answered no;

To get a tank rebate under the NT scheme we don’t require it to be plumbed in. It is clear in the brochure that someone can just get the rebate on a tank if that is all they require;

Some people will choose to do so and if they do, we will provide a lending hand through a specific plumbing rebate in addition to the tank rebate,” said the Minister.

The rainwater tank rebate scheme forms part of the NT Government’s Northern Territory Climate Change Policy.

Territorians can apply for the rebates by visiting:

www.nt.gov.au/nreta/environment/rebates/rainwatertank/index.html (NT) or;


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