Chief Minister Paul Henderson today slammed comments from the CLP that are insensitive to everyone involved in the mining industry.

CLP Opposition Work Place Safety Spokesperson John Elferink said, “If you don’t want anybody to get hurt, don’t start a mine. Mining has a history of being dangerous.”

“No industry has done more in recent years to improve work place safety than the mining industry,” said Mr Henderson.

“Mr Elferink’s comments are a slap in the face to everyone in the industry who has worked so hard to improve safety.”

Work place safety in mines has improved dramatically in recent years.

Mr Elferink needs to get out to any mine site in the Territory to witness for himself just how seriously work place safety is taken.

His comments demonstrate one thing - the CLP has not changed. They still do not take workplace safety seriously.

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