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Statement from the Member for Nightcliff

Jane Aagaard the Member for Nightcliff today announced she would not be standing in the August Territory elections.

Mrs Aagaard said that after a series of medical tests in the past few weeks it was clear that she had ongoing medical issues that would require treatment and surgery and she would not be well enough to contest the Territory election.

Mrs Aagaard said it was a regret to her that she would not be able to stand but said she needed to concentrate her efforts on getting well.

"It has been a privilege to be an elected Member of Parliament and I thank the people of Nightcliff for their confidence in me for the past eleven years.

"I would like to thank the Chief Minister Paul Henderson for his support and friendship and particularly his kindness to me in this matter.

"I would especially like to thank my family who have loved and supported me throughout my career and without whom it would be very difficult to do this sort of work."

Mrs Aagaard also thanked the many people who had contacted her in the past week after hearing she was ill.

"I have been overwhelmed by the kindness of many people, including school children who have made special cards, notes and drawings for me.

"I will continue to work for the people of Nightcliff and as the Speaker until the election," Mrs Aagaard said.