CLP attack on protesters is abhorrent

Shadow Minister for Government Accountability, Michael Gunner, slammed comments made by the CLP under Parliamentary Privilege today, calling yesterday’s protesters ‘grubs’.

Mr Gunner said that Terry Mills and the CLP must immediately apologise to the hundreds of people who took the time to be at yesterday’s protest about his $2000 price hikes, job cuts and service cuts.

“For the CLP to claim that fire-fighters, rescue service staff, nurses, port workers, PowerWater workers, NGOs and Territorians struggling to afford his price hikes, are just ‘grubs’ and that yesterday’s gathering was just a labor party function, proves the CLP really have their heads firmly planted in the sand,” Mr Gunner said.

“Senior rescue service staff and fire-fighters took the time to publically state that the decisions by Terry Mills and the CLP are putting the lives of Territorians at risk.”

Mr Gunner said that judging by their reaction today, it is likely that Terry Mills and the CLP will continue to ignore the plight of Territorians who are suffering under their regime.

“Terry Mills won’t listen to the experts, he won’t listen to the community, and he won’t listen to front line workers. He will only listen to the old backroom CLP boys, and that’s not good enough,” Mr Gunner said.

Matt Conlan during Question Time: “Madam Speaker, I have to acknowledge the buoyant lot today. They have a spring in their step after that wonderful Labor Party function held outside the steps of Parliament House under the grand marquee. I guess we can expect a bit more of the fine Labor Party hospitality.”

Matt Conlan later interjected by referring to the people at the rally as ‘Grubs’. This was pointed out by Lynne Walker, who said: “For the benefit of Territorians who may not have heard the interjection of the member for Gatorex (Matt Conlan), protest people at the rally yesterday have been described as grubs, and that is disgraceful.”

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