MLA NEEDS TO GET ON THE BUS

Shadow Minister for Public Employment, Nicole Manison, today called on Chief Minister Adam Giles to take the planned bus drivers strike action on Monday seriously and try to resolve their concerns.

Ms Manison said it was almost 6 years since the bus drivers have been on strike and that they were hard working Territorians who were simply trying to be treated fairly by this CLP Government.

“The bus drivers have been doing everything to avoid industrial action but the sad reality is that their reasonable claims are being slapped down by a mean-spirited Government,” said Ms Manison.

“Bus drivers are seeking a pay rise in line with the cost of living increases – a reasonable request that the Government is ignoring.

“No one wants to see a strike and I acknowledge that the bus drivers are doing what they can to minimise disruption by choosing to strike during the school holiday week. However, potentially leaving hundreds of Territorians without public transport means that the Government needs to start taking its responsibility seriously and resolve this dispute.

“The Minister for Transport needs to understand that a lot of Territorians rely on this service and the bus drivers’ concerns should be resolved,” said Ms Manison.

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