CLP Shadow Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Dr Richard Lim has called on Education Minister Syd Stirling to clear up the uncertainty surrounding the Martin Government's intentions regarding the continuation of Years 11 and 12 at the Alice Springs campus of the Charles Darwin University.

"There is a lot of uncertainty at all levels in the community about the continuation of years 11 and 12, and that is causing great angst among staff, students and their families. No wonder the Australian Education Union NT has complained about the way staff and students have been treated when some of the answers to their questions were seen to be inadequate," Dr Lim said.

Dr Lim said he was confident from his own investigations that years 11 and 12 will continue to be taught at the former Centralian College Sadadeen Campus.

"However Government needs to make it clear whether teachers and support staff employment arrangements will continue under the same conditions or that they will be employed by the University under different conditions," Dr Lim said.

"I understand that the University is negotiating with the Department of Employment, Education and Training to have an outcome. However there is no indication as to when these negotiations will be complete, and time is running out.

"Staff needs to know what their future is with the Charles Darwin University.

"With this uncertainty out of the way, staff can concentrate on doing their job, that is teaching our Years 11 and 12 students in preparation for their end of year examinations, which for many are life changing events."

"To allay any concerns I am calling the Minister to confirm that all staff involved with Years 11 and 12, ie teaching, para-professional and support staff will continue to enjoy the conditions of employment that currently exists under DEET."

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