Marrara Oval will continue to be the home of the AFLNT, Acting Sports Minister Syd Stirling said today.

"There is no plan to evict Aussie Rules from Marrara Oval," Mr Stirling said.

"It’s sad we are again being forced to restate this fact, but given the irresponsible scare campaign being run by the Opposition, that’s exactly what we have to do.

"The day the AFLNT is forced to vacate Marrara Oval, it will be over our dead bodies.

"I can’t put it any more plainly than that and if the Opposition Leader has trouble understanding that, then there’s absolutely no hope for him.

"Terry Mills is trying to play the public as fools. He was wrong two weeks ago and he is still wrong—there is no intention to evict AFLNT from Marrara.

"He clearly understands nothing of his former Government’s arrangements over Marrara Oval—and even less about getting maximum benefit for the sporting public and general taxpayer over the Territory’s leading sporting venue.

"It was the CLP that established the Marrara Oval lease with the AFLNT that explicitly allowed for its resumption for special events such as the Arafura Games, rock concerts and other attractions.

"But it was us that really got the runs on the board with International Cricket for the next five years—in full cooperation with the AFLNT.

"This has extended the idea of Marrara as a multipurpose facility—which is a better deal for the sporting public and the general taxpayer," said Mr Stirling.

"Mr Mills is pushing a lie when he says there are plans to evict the AFLNT or any other code from the Marrara complex.

"Marrara Oval will always be the home of Aussie Rules—that’s precisely why we spent $2.5 million fixing up the design mistakes we inherited so it would be safe for interstate Footy fixtures.

"And the proof in that pudding is that we are about to sign a three year deal with the AFL guaranteeing the cream of Aussie Rules games will get to Darwin and Alice Springs."

Mr Stirling said the Office of Sport and Recreation and the Government was in continuing productive discussions with the AFLNT over the renewal of their lease at Marrara, and that these negotiations had been instigated by the AFLNT last April.