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Secondary Education Review falling apart  
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The Government's review into Secondary Education is falling apart with the Northern Territory Education Union today attacking the process the Government used in the review and saying the review is not a true representation of what teachers, parents and students are thinking, CLP Shadow Education Minister Dr Richard Lim said today.

Dr Lim said complaints by the Education Union about the way the Government got feedback from the community as part of the Secondary Education review is further confirmation of the reviews serious shortcomings.

"The Government's so-called consultation process has been flawed from start to finish and today's attack on the Government from the NT Education Union over the push polling style questioning put to Government is more proof of this," Dr Lim said.

Dr Lim said the Government was now procrastinating in the face of the universal condemnation of the review and it was beyond time the Education Minister released the report right away so that the community can see clearly what direction Education is going in the Northern Territory.

"The Education year comes to an end in November. We don't need another 2 months of procrastination by the Minister before teachers, parents and their children find out where we are going with education," Dr Lim said.

"More and more it looks as if the Government hasn't a clue how to deal with the review.

"We know everyone is opposed to the review's recommendation to close the Open Education Centre. It must be retained for the effective provision of distance education in the Northern Territory.

"We also know that several primary schools in the northern suburbs will face closure if Year 7 is transferred to Secondary School and that several secondary schools will not be able to cope with the extra numbers of Year 7 students.

"We know that it will be very wrong to transfer Year 10 to Casuarina Senior College.

"We know that Learning Precincts are not supported and if the Martin Labor Government introduces this, it will remove any significant and meaningful input from parents.

"It's time the Government stopped its dithering. The Socom report on the Secondary Education Review must be released now."

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