Leader of the Opposition, Delia Lawrie, today said that Territorians are appalled by the homophobic rant the Deputy Chief Minister, Dave Tollner, unleashed on a Ministerial staffer, and is calling on the Chief Minister to sack him.

“Chief Minister, Adam Giles, is failing another test of leadership by trying to sweep the unacceptable actions of Dave Tollner under the carpet,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Offensive homophobic slurs are not acceptable in our society – especially from a Deputy Chief Minister.

“Territorians should be able to go to work feeling safe from bullying and persecution based on their race, religion or sexuality.

“In any other workplace an incident of this nature would result in the offender being sacked.

“These standards need to be applied to Members of Parliament and the Chief Minister needs to sack Mr Tollner from his position as Deputy Chief Minister.”

Ms Lawrie said this is not the first time Adam Giles has failed to appropriately discipline a minister following reprehensible behaviour.

“Adam Giles needs to show that there is no tolerance for discrimination and bullying and sack Mr Tollner.”

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