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CLP FRACTURING AS GILES FAILS

Opposition Leader, Delia Lawrie, says Chief Minister, Adam Giles’, Government is in crisis as a result of his inability to bring an end to the Tollner homophobic rant affair.

“The CLP wing meeting on Monday is now looming as a showdown between the MLA’s who want Dave Tollner out and Adam Giles who appears incapable of enforcing basic community standards,” Ms Lawrie said.

She said the CLP Member for Goyder Kezia Purick reflected the mood of many when she wrote on Facebook “Oh so it is now, oh poor me David, I am the victim? Give me a break.”

“While many Territorians are saying enough is enough and our society has no place for leadership that condones discrimination and offensive slurs we see Adam Giles more interested in protecting his mate than enforcing workplace norms and sending a message that discrimination will not be tolerated,” Ms Lawrie said.

A chorus of commentators from the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner to gay rights advocates and the general public were outraged that Mr Tollner’s homophobic and abhorrent comments to a Ministerial staffer had gone unpunished.

“On talkback radio yesterday callers were speaking with one voice and were ashamed that nothing had been done,” Ms Lawrie said.

“It’s making national news and the rest of the country is looking at the Territory and wondering why this behaviour is being accepted.

“I am appalled that this government puts itself before the care of so many in our community who deserve a message that any discrimination is intolerable.”

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