Wake up, NT, to tax rip-offs

I WAS pleased to see the NT News campaign to hold the fuel companies accountable for the bowser rip-offs. Achieve some worthwhile outcomes for Territory motorists.

Perhaps it’s time for all of us to start thinking a little more seriously about the ongoing financial consequences for all NT citizens of not dealing with a much greater rip-off – the recycling of nearly all of our mining royalties back to the miners, by the NT Government.

As most are aware, royalties are what the people of the Territory receive for allowing mining companies to take their once-only resources.

This year the CLP administration will spend 80 per cent of these royalties on assistance to the mining and fracking companies. This means they are giving away your resources for virtually nothing. Make sense? This rip-off is not being carried out by a private company obsessed with profit, but by the elected government charged with acting on behalf of and in the best interests of Territorians.

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ON MARINES FOR TOP END

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ON TIO SACKINGS

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Woke people choice about to sack all the people doing... those 19 people doing.

Adam Giles wants more. American military to be based here in the NT. Giles has to go.

Instead of a local senior Minister than in all the history of the NT. Giles put in a Police Minister.

TIO. F, that’s a shock.

Louise Becker

ON TIO STAFF LAY-OFFS

Alain Robaye, Moulden

Graham Verrall, CBD

Maryann McCauley, Larrakeyah

Charles Watson, Larrakeyah

Tony Rahman, Palmerston

ON BOATS

People, we need boat licence to teach basic safety and boat handling.

As with any private investor they have to make their business profitable, if they find staff that are not performing their job correctly or not required due to excess staffing then lay-offs will happen. It is something that Private industry can and has to do. It is a pity the Government cannot make staff cuts and changes to ensure they carry out their jobs correctly and efficiently. Mick

ON TIO

Larry

ON BABYSITTERS PAID WITH ICE

Joanne Bryan with Brandy the kelpie. Joanne chose to sell her home with Brandy’s owner, real estate agent Annabelle Miles, when she saw a picture of Brandy on Annabelle’s realestate.com.au profile

Picture: ELISE DERWIN

YOUR VOICE IN THE TERRITORY

ON BOATS

Re guys flung out of dinghy, seen it before in untamed people, we need boat licence to teach basic safety and boat handling.

Alan Davies you need a re-fresher course. Pasp port to port unlike the road. rosco, noony

There is half a dozen main rules that can be found in tide books, why can’t they make stickers that can be stuck somewhere visible. problem solved, or is that too easy and no money for it? paul, Icedna

On TIO SACKINGS

If 19 former TIO staff can be put off, and it won’t affect the new company, what were those 19 people doing. WWW, Fbay

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On OTHER THINGS

Louise Becker you ask the Chief Minister to listen to the people about fracking. In return, the hysterical and fanati-

cal anti-fracking could perhaps listen to science. Or is it, my mind’s made up - don’t con- fuse me with facts. Emotion rules, sadly. GC, Jingli

Mandatory detention for (ice) drug dealers 12 months and users 3 months with convictions. Get rid of this filthy drug.

Haven’t heard anyone say people should leave communi-

ties. Stay where you can’t get a drug. your kids‘ education is sec-

crd class, all good, but support yourself as Ron from Larrika

says ... you are hunters and gatherers ... so get off welfare and get gathering if you want to live out bush.

The way some of our world’s leading cricketers carry on re-

minds of parliamentary Question Time on the cricket field. Musing Old Man

Peter Greste in his National Press Club address said Aus-

journialism should be broader and highlight international sto-

ries more. Hear, hear! Free West Papua from brutality of Indonesia military towards the indigenous population.

Leave the crooks alone, you gutless wonders. Sounds like you would be better off down south.

To the morons that think it’s OK to maim, kill or injure any animal to suit your ego, just re-

member they all deserve to be on the planet equally as your-

selves. As for so-called trophy hunters, hang your own

swelled heads in shame. alice

springs

ON TIO

Larry

ALAIN ROBAYE, MOULDEN

GRAHAM VERRALL, CBD

MARYANN MCCAULEY, LARRAKEYAH

CHARLES WATSON, LARRAKEYAH

TONY RAHMAN, PALMERSTON

OPINION