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## Press Release: CLP's lobbyist register the bare minimum

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Justine Davis MLA:

"The CLP has announced they will implement a lobbyist register. I commend them on this announcement. It is a step in the right direction for transparency and accountability in the NT.

However, this proposal put forward by the CLP is the absolute bare minimum. Requiring only third-party lobbyists to register—those paid to communicate with and influence public officials on behalf of their clients—and not requiring Ministers to disclose their diaries, leaves the public without the information they really need.

The issue is not that we don't trust lobbyists—we haven't elected lobbyists to run the Northern Territory. The problem is we that we have been shown that we cannot trust elected decision makers to withstand influence from lobbyists and still make choices that benefit Territorians over the lobbyists and the companies they represent.

What we need is a lobbyist register that tracks all lobbyists, not just third parties. We need open ministerial diaries—disclosed in real time—including any meeting notes and related proposals. A lobbyist register needs to be linked to ministerial diaries so that the public can see who their representatives are meeting with, when, and about what.

When decisions are being made on behalf of the public, the public deserves to know who is having influence on those decisions, and who is being served by the outcome of those decisions.

This is real transparency, not the bare minimum put forward by the CLP today."

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