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## Press Release: CLP cuts to ECNT and ALEC funding

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Justine Davis MLA:

“Today is a very sad day for accountability. The Government says it is committed to transparency and accountability, but its actions say the opposite.

This attack on Environment Centre Northern Territory (ECNT), and the Arid Lands Environment Centre (ALEC), two of the only independent organisations holding the Government to account on its reckless environment policies, is an attack on transparency, trust and accountability. It is an attack on democracy.

Transparency measures are supposed to show that the government consults widely, that they do their due diligence, consult experts, and make decisions in the best interest of Territorians.

Announcing a lobbyist register the same morning as cutting funding to one of the key organisations providing independent research and analysis on critical environmental issues in the NT makes it abundantly clear that this Government is not interested in transparency or accountability.

The CLP's disinterest in transparency and accountability is further evident in their lobbyist register proposal which only requires third-party lobbyists to register, and doesn't require open Ministerial diaries, leaving the public without crucial transparency on who influences decisions.

When transparency and accountability measures are working, they motivate governments to consult widely, demonstrating to the public that they take their role as representative decision makers seriously.

Transparent, trustworthy, and accountable governments foster and listen to thorough research, even when it dispenses inconvenient truths.

Transparent, trustworthy, and accountable governments do not quash those who stand up to them.

If the CLP Government is really committed to transparency and accountability, they will continue to fund these independent organisations.”

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