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### Media Release: Community Scrutiny Forum now taking submissions on integrity bill after CLP's refusal

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The CLP government's astounding refusal to refer the Integrity and Ethics Commissioner Bill 2025 to the Scrutiny Committee is deeply concerning and raises serious questions about their commitment to genuine accountability and transparency in the Northern Territory.

Think about the irony here - they are introducing legislation that claims to strengthen integrity but refusing to send it to through the integrity checks built into our parliamentary process.

This is a Bill that fundamentally reshapes our entire integrity system. It appears to consolidate four separate statutory offices - the Health Complaints Commissioner, the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption, the Information Commissioner, and the Ombudsman, into a single person. That's an extraordinary concentration of power that deserves the most thorough examination possible, not a rushed debate and refusal of proper scrutiny.

That's why I am standing up again, to do the Government's job for them and inviting community members to make submissions on these two Bills to the **Community Scrutiny Forum**. Allowing the public input on laws being proposed for them is not the threat the Government thinks it is, it strengthens our democracy, and it creates a better Territory for everyone.

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