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INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR JOHNSTON

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A message from your local representative in NT Parliament

Welcome to Damibila, the early Dry Season – a time of abundant barramundi and bush fruits, and the return of sunnier skies and slightly cooler weather.

I want to acknowledge the deep sadness felt across our community following the tragic death of Kumanjayi Little Baby in Alice Springs. My thoughts are with their family and loved ones as they navigate this unimaginable tragedy.

This is a time for all of us to come together in grief, compassion and respect, and to ensure our focus remains on supporting the community through such a painful time.

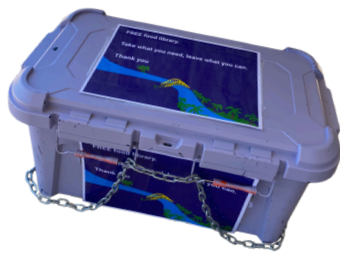
After last year’s incredible turnout, we were thrilled to see so many local families join us again. A big thank you to Jingili School Council for running a fundraising barbecue, and to all our volunteers and community members who helped make the evening so special.

Johnston Community Update

I’m proud to announce that the **Johnston Community Food Library** is up and running! This is a community pantry of non-perishable, accessible food, free for those in need and it lives permanently outside the Johnston Electorate Office at the corner of Bagot Rd and Fitzgerald St in Millner.

Thank you to everyone who has dropped off food and donations so far – this food is going to hungry people who are doing it tough.

This is a way for the community to directly help each other – if you have food items to spare, you can drop your donations directly in the box any time.



The Johnston Food Library box!

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Our second annual Community Easter Egg Hunt in April was another huge success. Soon after I was elected, some of my youngest constituents made it clear they wanted this much-loved tradition to continue – so we gave it a fresh twist.

In partnership with BirdLife NT and Rapid Creek Landcare, we created a native bird scavenger hunt through the beautiful Jingili Water Gardens, featuring bird illustrations by local artist Atticus, then aged 13.



Left: Two keen easter egg hunters! Right: Our native bird themed scavenger hunt.

Let’s Clean Up NT Politics

We want a Northern Territory Government that is open, fair and works for everyone. But right now, the NT has serious integrity and accountability problems.

That’s why we’ve launched our Let’s Clean Up NT Politics campaign, calling on the Government to introduce essential integrity and transparency reforms.

Territorians deserve to know how public money is spent, whether government programs are actually working, and that powerful jobs and decisions are based on merit, not mateship.

Strong, honest government builds trust, delivers better outcomes, and creates a fairer, healthier Territory for everyone. Add your name to the petition here, or contact the office for help to sign.



Scan here to sign the petition!





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An Update from May Parliament sittings

The NT Budget 2026 explained

The CLP Government says this Budget is for 'everyday Territorians', but budgets are about choices, and this one shows who is really being prioritised – and it's not everyday Territorians.

While the NT faces multiple crises, the Government is doubling down on costly responses instead of investing in prevention, leaving everyday Territorians behind.

It doesn't have to be this way. We have the resources to prioritise essential needs: housing, healthcare, safety, and education, if we make better choices.

At the Seabreeze Festival, I asked the community how they would spend the Budget. It's clear the Government could learn a lot from their priorities! See the next page for budget game highlights.

Parliament update

Seven bills were debated and passed during the May sittings, all of which were referred to the Scrutiny Committee – something I have been calling for consistently in Parliament. However, despite the Committee making recommendations on every bill, the Government ignored most of them, raising serious questions about its commitment to proper parliamentary process. I moved numerous amendments to improve these bills, based on expert advice, all of which were rejected by the government. I also provided dissenting reports on five bills where I believe stronger protections for Territorians are needed – you can find these reports on the NT Legislative Scrutiny Committee website under inquiries.

Pipelines & Petroleum Bill Fast-tracks Beetaloo gas development and creates the NT's first carbon capture and storage framework, despite serious questions about safety, oversight and regulatory capacity remaining unanswered.

Mineral Titles Bill Changes mining and exploration rules, including on Aboriginal land. I pushed for stronger protections for consent, sacred sites and native title rights to be written into law – the Government refused.

Liquor Fast-Track Bill Removes key safeguards like public interest and community impact assessments to speed up some liquor licence approvals, despite the serious impacts alcohol policy has in the NT.

Firearms Amendment Bill Extends firearms licence periods and allows expired licences to continue indefinitely during renewal processes, despite calls nationally for stronger gun laws.

Racing and Wagering Bill Restructures racing and wagering regulation in the NT but does little to address gambling harm or strengthen transparency and integrity measures. As the nation's largest regulator of online wagering, the NT should be leading on reform.

That's why I will be bringing a Private Member's Bill to protect Territorians from gambling harm later in the year – get in touch if you'd like to know more.

Heritage Amendment Bill Updates the NT's heritage laws and changes how heritage places and objects are identified, assessed and protected.

Criminal Procedure Legislation Amendment Bill Expands the use of audio-visual appearances in court without properly addressing the NT's digital divide or the risks to access to justice.

New Bill Tabled: Child Protection law changes In response to the tragic death of Kumanjayi Little Baby, the CLP is proposing a major crack down on families. We all want every child to be safe in the Northern Territory. That must be the absolute number one priority of any child protection reform.

But experts and front line workers have expressed deep concern that the the CLP's proposed changes will not make Aboriginal children safer.

I am deeply troubled by the harmful dog-whistling and misinformation from the government about this issue which undermines the safety of Aboriginal children in the child protection system.

Coming up next in Parliament

Next sitting dates: June 9-11, 15-18

NT Budget Estimates 2026-27

Parliament's Estimates hearings are where the Government is questioned in detail about how public money is being spent, what outcomes are being achieved, and key policy decisions. It is one of the few opportunities for close public scrutiny of government. If there are issues, services or funding decisions you think should be raised during Estimates, please get in touch.

How to Get Involved

There are lots of way that the community can have input into the policies and laws of both the NT and the Commonwealth Government. We regularly share consultations, reviews, seminars, submission processes and inquiries – check them out via the link and please let us know if you want any more information!



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Out and About

Couchsurfing for Youth Homelessness

Homelessness in the NT is at crisis levels, with young people making up almost half of those affected. It was great to join the annual 'Couch Surfing' event with Anglicare NT, the City of Darwin and frontline services raising awareness of youth homelessness.

This crisis is not inevitable. We need more safe, stable housing for young people, early intervention, stronger support services, and investment that matches the scale of the problem.

Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival

At Seabreeze festival, we gave community members the NT budget in cash – 10 Billion dollars each (pretend money, sadly) and asked them to spend the budget on what they think is most important. Overall, people spent the most on: Health, Housing, and Climate, Future Jobs & Environment and the least on Police & Prisons, and Gas Industry Subsidies. It's clear the Government could learn a lot from their priorities – let me know what you think!



In order from top left: Darwin Fringe Festival Launch, Farewell to the Shorebirds, UN Day of Sport for Peace and Development, Couch Surfing for Youth Homelessness Awareness, Holi festivities, Adolescent Health and Justice Conference, and Chess Club.

Left: our 'People's Budget' game at the Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival. Right: our first responders here in the NT are incredible.

Thank you St Johns and RDH!

Amongst all the excitement at Seabreeze, I managed to break my arm coming off my bike. Thank you to Johannes and the first responders at St Johns and the wonderful staff at RDH. We are so lucky to have such wonderful first responders and health care workers here in the NT.

Some of the highlights over the last months included joining the United Nations day of Sport for Peace and Development celebration with soccer, bocce, shuttlecock, tai chi, wonderful music and food, launching the NT Chess Club junior competition, farewelling the Shorebirds, the Darwin Fringe Festival, speaking at the Adolescent Health and Justice conference, and colourful and joyful Holi festivals.

Johnston Schools

We have 6 amazing schools in Johnston and over the last few weeks it has been wonderful to join assemblies, Mothers' Day breakfasts, garden working bees, classes learning about politics, and ANZAC Day.

As always, I extend my huge appreciation to all the incredible school staff who care for our children and community so well. And a special shout out to Nemarkluk School who are celebrating their 40th birthday in June!





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VAD Update

The CLP says it will bring its Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation to Parliament in July. We won't know the full details until the Bill is tabled in parliament, but the Attorney-General has already confirmed they will ignore two committee recommendations by introducing a prognosis time limit and a 'gag clause' preventing doctors from raising VAD with patients.

I know many people feel strongly about this issue. Please get in touch with any concerns – I'll continue to represent you as your voice in Parliament.



Top: Peter Warren, global VAD advocate.
Bottom: Judy Dent, NT VAD advocate

Come and say hi at the Mobile Office!

One of the ways I make myself available outside Parliament and office hours is by setting up at Rapid Creek Markets every Sunday morning, and outside one of our local shops each Tuesday from 5 - 6pm. Find me here on the following dates:



Alawa	Millner
14 July	2 June
	30 June
Jingili	
23 June	Moil
28 July	7 July

Want to know more about how parliament works?

Read our simple guide at:

https://www.justinedavis.com.au/how_parliament_works

Friday Shout Out

Each Friday we do a shout out post on social media recognising someone in the Johnston community. Do you have someone in mind who deserves a shout out? Let us know!

Johnston Community Member of the Month

Last year Nurdaliya and her family came to see us for help with their visas. Her children go to school here, her and her partner run a small business and they are committed to the NT. It's been a long haul for them and I was so delighted to catch up with them at our Easter Egg Hunt and hear that their visas had finally been granted.



Future Generations Bill

We are continuing to work with the community on developing a Future Generations Bill for the NT. This Bill will make sure that when our government makes laws, they think about the long term impact on our children and our children's children, and protect them from harm. We want to know what is important to you and would love you to work on this project with us. Find out more:



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