

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Our history in the making-up

ON DISPLAY in the Fine Art Gallery in Ballarat is a quote attributed to Gough Whitlam on December 3, 1973: "The importance of an historical event lies not in what happened, but what later generations believe to have happened."

So Delia Lawrie makes the statement that the reason Territorians are being slugged with a 23 per cent price hike for electricity is because of decades of CLP neglect — notwithstanding her lot has been running the show for nine years.

Chris Burns has the temerity to talk about Terry Mills undermining Territory Trade when this Labor Government has all but unraveled the regional relationships the CLP built up over 25 years.

Kon Vatskalis puts out a press release that suggests to the reader that somehow Labor saved us from the black-striped mussel invasion in Cullen Bay — notwithstanding they were in Opposition at the time.

These demonstrate that this Labor Government has learned the Whitlam lesson well.

Just for the record, Territory Labor never won the railway for the Territory once described by Clare

Martin as "a faded dream" — they presiding over the opening.

Territory Labor did not lay the foundations of the gas industry in the Territory nor did it support the mining sector when in Opposition.

Its passive support of Macarthur River is more its style.

Its greatest claim to fame is to go soft on crime, introduce every southern Labor law and social experiment it can lay its hands on — the very reason many people live here and not down there.

This is a tired, incompetent and discredited government and the sooner we are rid of Territory Labor the better.

Shane L. Stone
Former NT chief minister

Due process on marina plan

I FELT enlightened to read that you have investigated and printed the "due process" before the proposed marina complex can continue (*Northern Territory News*, April 7).

It's a pity you chose to omit this in your last story regarding your opinion of the complex — I would have given you a big tick but without it, you were seemingly just pushing the government barrow.

However, that is your opinion and choice.

I do question, however, the length of the "full environmental impact statement". How can a thorough assessment be made on just one example of one wet and one dry season? What model will that be based on? I was under the impression a "thorough EIS" can take between 3-5 years of data collection to evaluate "seasonal variations".

Will the EIS be undertaken by a fully independent body, so drafts cannot be manipulated by ministers who wish to achieve a more favourable "go-ahead outcome"?

Ray Medlicott, Nightcliff

Punishment not adequate

RE: "One month in jail for cop caught with child porn" (*NT News*, April 2). One month's prison for a dirty copper looking at pics of little kids doing bad things and blaming post-traumatic stress disorder!

This was a disgusting act that was perpetrated by a supposed citizen of the police force who is there to protect little children from such acts. This person deserves what ordinary people get for the same crime and no less.

At the end of the day, any person can go out and do the same crime and get only one month.

I would put my hand up to be the

person who metes out the punishment for crimes like this — it certainly would not be a month in jail, probably in isolation, with three meals a day, telly, etc. etc.

Maybe he might like to bring some of his videos in to watch while he is whiling away his time!

Rick Brown, Moil

Teach kids about crocs

RE: CROC rducation in dchools.

I agree with Dr Bob Palmy (TXT The Editor, April 6).

Why not introduce a program into our schools' curriculum? Until then, a presentation from an "expert" or even a Parks and Wildlife guide at a school assembly may be a very worthwhile exercise.

N Roth, Leanyer

Stop laughing, this is serious

THANK you for the good old cack on April 1.

A megamarina that swallows up Ludmilla Creek? Ha! A lock that gouges through one of Darwin's most loved beaches? Hilarious!

"Affordable housing" in a marina complex? Stop it, you're killing me!

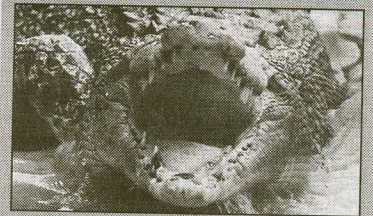
Todd Williams, Rapid Creek

placed \$300 on it at \$151 to land the wooden spoon — and collect a payout of \$45,000.

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Voteline



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

DO YOU agree with the NT Government's plan to kill or capture every saltwater crocodile within a 50km radius of Darwin?

YES

1900 969 562

NO

1900 969 563

PREVIOUS QUESTION

SHOULD a \$1 billion marina be built at East Point?

YES: 22% - NO: 81%

(22 votes) (91 votes)

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