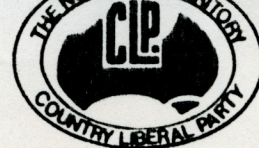


NORTHERN TERRITORY COUNTRY LIBERAL PARTY



NIGHTCLIFF/MILLNER BRANCH

17th May 1988

Dear Member

I am sorry that you had to find out about the Party President's resignation in the N.T. News, 16th May 88.

I was disappointed and to put it bluntly, bloody angry, that once again the C.L.P. is splashed across the media.

The circumstances surrounding Grant Heaslip's resignation reflect a long running personal battle between himself, as Party President, and John Hare & Bob Brough who didn't want him. In the end Grant Heaslip was unable to function.

Regardless of the versions portrayed by both sides about the circumstances, the timing was politically stupid. Both the Secretary and the Treasurer should have known better.

The proper place to discuss the matter is at Central Council, and I hope this will occur at the June meeting.

I publicly disassociated myself and the Branch from a hurriedly convened meeting of Branch Chairman of the Darwin Area, at lunch time on 16th May 1988.

The purpose of the meeting was to justify the actions of the Secretary and Treasurer and I was not prepared to be involved in "back room jack ups"

As far as I am concerned, the President was elected by the Party, and a couple of political hucksters have no right, no mandate and no moral justification to launch personal attacks upon him, knowing that that would be the only way they could defeat him.

Engineered back stabbing, such as this, belongs in Third World Dictatorships, not in a conservative, democratic party that purports to long term responsible Government.

HARVEY FEWINGS
CHAIRMAN

THE TERRITORY PARTY