



Mr Stone

## **CLP talk ignores Lib plan**

Moves to form a branch of the Liberal Party in the Territory appear to have been thwarted by the CLP Central Council.

The CLP president, Mr Shane Stone, said this morning the proposal had not come up for discussion at a weekend council meeting at Tennant Creek.

However, he admitted a speech by the party's former secretary, Mr John Hare, about establishing a Liberal Party branch was debated only in the context of Mr Hare's propriety in raising the issue.

"If anything I am extremely grateful Mr Hare's speech galvanised party members behind the CLP," Mr Stone said.

He said: "The CLP Government is in fact the best government in Australia but we're failing to sell that message to the Territory electorate.

"We will see a much more aggressive and open CLP in the future."