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RE: Northern Territory Parliament Estimates Hearings

I've been made aware of procedural concerns by the Independent and CLP Members of the Estimates committee. In particular, concern that the time for questions about the budget has been cut in half.

I hear these concerns and I want to understand more from all sides. I don't support a Parliament that operates by 'majority rules'. I come from an electorate and culture that when there is a decision to be made we sit down as leaders and try and find a pathway that is acceptable to all parties.

I share the concern of the cross bench that we are in danger of democratic process being eroded. In the Parliament I have made my own complaints about Freedom of Speech and the rushing of legislation through Parliament. The Westminster system is meant to separate the powers of Parliament (the law makers) and the Government (the executive). The Parliament is the place where all Members should be coming together to create good leadership for society. The Labor party has a strong majority in the Parliament and they can use this majority to support good leadership by allowing all Members to represent their electorates fairly and partake in parliament process as equals. This is what I support.

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