

**SENATOR TRISH CROSSIN**  
**SENATOR FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**MEDIA STATEMENT**

22 January 2013

On Monday evening I was told by the Prime Minister of her intention to seek to endorse Nova Peris OAM as a candidate for the Senate in the Northern Territory from the National Executive of the Australian Labor Party.

This action has been taken without consultation or negotiation with the NT branch of the ALP or my input as the long-serving Federal Labor Senator for the Northern Territory.

It has been my long held belief that preselection should always be a matter for NT Labor branch members to decide.

NT ALP Branch members determine who will represent them in the NT and Federal parliaments and it is those members of the party whose opinions and trust must be respected in terms of determining who can best serve the diverse interests of the NT electorate.

As an advocate and Federal representative for the NT, I will not be making further comment until I have spoken with and consulted NT branch members and my colleagues.