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WANGI FALLS CONTRACT GOES INTERSTATE

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Another contract for an iconic Territory construction project has been awarded to an interstate company.

Shadow Construction Minister, Adam Giles, said the new Wangi Falls visitor centre at Litchfield National Park will be built by TCS Queensland.

“This is a $2.8 million contract and one that I would have thought a local company would have been well equipped to manage,” Mr Giles said.

“Operators of local construction companies would be justified in asking why this contract has been awarded to an interstate builder.

“This appears to be happening all too often and seriously compromises the Buy Territory campaign.

“It sets a very poor example if Government won’t support local businesses.

“TCS Queensland built the Bombing of Darwin Museum at East Point and has now been awarded another iconic Territory construction contract.

“Loyal Territory builders have endured a tough time over the past few years as private investment and housing construction have slowed – so it's frustrating that Government contracts are going across the border.

“Minister Rob Knight didn’t mention in his media release that the successful company was from interstate, which leads me to believe the Government is embarrassed.”

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