BELIEVE BARRA BUY-BACKS WHEN YOU SEE THEM

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The Henderson Government must be transparent about the cost of any future commercial barramundi license buy-backs, says Deputy Opposition Leader, Kezia Purick.

Ms Purick said the recycled promise, dredged out of Labor’s 2008 election campaign, was a case of easier said than done.

“It’s easy for the Chief Minister, Paul Henderson and Fisheries Minister, Kon Vatskalis to front the AFANT annual general meeting and recycle a promise they made four years ago,” Ms Purick said.

“It’s considerably harder to honour that promise – and I urge all fishos to treat this announcement with a grain of salt.

“If they do get the consent of commercial barra fishermen to buy their licenses, the Government must tell Territorians how much they’ve paid.

“The Government talks about transparency, but doesn’t practice what it preaches.

“The Chief Minister’s silence on the cost of the Daly River Blue Mud Bay settlement is an absolute disgrace.

“Territorians need to know how much this deal has cost – because they’re paying for it.”

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