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KILGARIFF STILL AS EMPTY AS GILES’ PROMISES

Deputy Opposition Leader, Gerry McCarthy, today said mismanagement and delays in releasing land in the Kilgariff subdivision were hurting Alice Springs residents and businesses.

“Adam Giles is desperate to divert attention from his Government’s lack of commitment and action to releasing land and stimulating the business economy in Alice Springs,” Mr McCarthy said.

“The reality is that in 18 months the CLP Government has not advanced Kilgariff beyond where the previous Labor Government left off.

“Under Labor Kilgariff was advanced to the stage where the main intersection and initial headworks were completed, and $3.5 million was budgeted for work on the entry and spine road.

“Despite Adam Giles saying he was ‘fast tracking’ the work, in the 18 months there has been absolutely no advancing of the work on Kilgariff.

“Adam Giles is all talk, with no plans of his own and no action in his own hometown.”

Mr McCarthy said the CLP Government had committed to 100 blocks being up for sale by July 2013 but had mismanaged the land release to the extent no private developer wanted to be involved.

“Now there will only be 33 blocks to be developed by the Government’s own Land Development Corporation and Adam Giles still has no idea when we will see houses being built,” Mr McCarthy said.

“How long will people who buy off the plan have to wait for the supporting infrastructure to get to the stage where they can build their homes at Kilgariff?

“The Alice Springs economy and local residents are hurting, with increasing power and water charges, petrol prices skyrocketing and long term local retailers shutting their doors.

“They are crying out for concrete plans and vision from their local Chief Minister, not hollow talk and no action.
“Alice Springs is running out of patience with Adam Giles and his empty promises.”

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