The CLP Government is continuing to recognise the success of Labor initiatives in Central Australia but is struggling to develop its own plans for the future of the region, Opposition Leader Delia Lawrie said today.

Ms Lawrie said the new Alice Springs Hospital Emergency Department, upgrades at Acacia Hill School, the Kilgariff subdivision, relocating the Alice Springs Police Station, youth camps, bush health clinics and new police stations are all initiatives put in place by the previous Territory and Federal Labor Governments that continue to deliver for Central Australia.

“While it’s nice to see Chief Minister Adam Giles and his CLP colleagues in Alice Springs recognise the significant contributions these Labor commitments are making in the Centre, I’m concerned there is next to nothing happening in terms of new investment and projects,” Ms Lawrie said.

“We all know the Alice Springs Emergency Department was a project delivered by Territory and Federal Labor Governments and all the CLP did was cut the ribbon.

“Kilgariff was started by the previous NT Labor Government but stalled and significantly reduced in size by the Giles CLP Government.

“Youth justice and diversionary camps were successfully operated under the previous Government and Acacia Hill School received multimillion dollar upgrades, including the commitment for a hydrotherapy pool.

“Redeveloping the Greatorex Building to house a new Alice Springs Police Station was another Labor initiative, with $3.9 million committed in our last Budget in 2012, that has stalled under the CLP.

“Coming up to their two year anniversary, I would have expected the Giles Government to have clear priorities and runs on the board in terms of work to stimulate economic development in Central Australia.

“Instead we have a CLP Government that continues to ride on the coat tails of Labor initiatives while not having any ideas of their own.

“Adam Giles has failed to secure any significant Federal investment in Central Australia in more than two years.

“Instead, funding has been slashed to vital projects and services. The CLP Government is failing Central Australians.”

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