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NIGHTCLIFF STILL IN THE DARK ON ISLAND PLANS

Local member for Nightcliff, Natasha Fyles, today said her local community is still seeking answers from the CLP Government on the proposed Nightcliff Island project.

“Local residents have approached me during the week and today at the Nightcliff markets with numerous questions and concerns about the proposed Nightcliff Island project,” Ms Fyles said.

“These residents are concerned that the Government has kept them in the dark and to date has still not provided our community with any information on what this proposed project entails.

“This project has the potential to have a massive impact on the Nightcliff area, and the people who live here.

“The local community wants information from the CLP Government so my Parliamentary colleague, Shadow Minister for Lands and Planning, Ken Vowles, has requested an urgent briefing from the Minister, Peter Chandler.

“To date we have received no response to this request.”

Ms Fyles said that a condition of the Crown lease granted by the Government is a requirement of community engagement and consultation before works begin in the leased area.

“We know that Halikos will be doing geotechnical drilling this weekend to determine feasibility,” Ms Fyles.

“To be able to do this the CLP Government has to create a lot and approve a Crown lease for Halikos to test this area.

“On what basis was Halikos granted a five year lease before Christmas last year?

“On what authority was that lease issued and who made that decision?

“It is incredible that acting Lands and Planning Minister, John Elferink, believes that a public notice in the newspaper just days before works are to
comments meets the lease conditions requiring public consultation and engagement before any works commence.

“The CLP Government set up the Planning Commission with a commitment to engage the community at the earliest stage.

“This is not happening and the local community is being left in the dark.

“Is this a case of the CLP Government cutting red and green tape and cutting corners to fast track development?

“The Nightcliff community wants to ensure no short cuts are being taken.

"It is time for the CLP to come clean and let the community know what they have agreed to."

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