5000 oppose Govt's plans for Little Mindil

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The Martin Government is making a hash of its proposed plans for Darwin's development and the 5000 people who have put their names to a petition opposing the Government's plans for the development of the Little Mindil beach are proof, CLP Leader Terry Mills said today.

Mr Mills said the hostility surrounding the Government's plans for both Little Mindil and the Darwin Wharf precinct is another demonstration of the inept way the Martin Government has gone about its business.

"Territorians won't cop the Martin Government's deceit and attempts to pull the wool over their eyes. There are 5000 people saying no to the Martin Government over Little Mindil and there will be many more that are angry over its plans for the Darwin wharf precinct," Mr Mills said.

"The CLP is all for development. When the CLP left office it left behind detailed plans put together by our planners for the future development of Darwin. These plans were the result of 18 months of consultation," Mr Mills said.

"The Martin Government has made a mess of it by tossing out what Territorians had wanted.

"The CLP worked long and hard to get to a stage where the wharf precinct would be developed in a manner conducive to the feel and look of Darwin and provide an exciting, vibrant area for everyone's enjoyment.

"We support the wharf precinct's development but we don't support the dishonesty of the Martin Government and the significant changes it is trying to slip through under the noses of Territorians.

"The public does not feel confident that the Government submission process will protect the coastline and open spaced areas into the future. Already Government officials have made it public that Little Mindil including the escarpment and Nurses walk has been zoned for development without proper public consultation.

"The Chief Minister herself has already made it very clear that she wants the sites developed even though the plans are supposedly still at the consultation
stage. I will use the Parliamentary sittings to present the petition to Parliament in the hope that it might go some way to encouraging the Chief Minister to take notice of what residents and the wider public really want and not simply follow through with her own personal agenda."

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