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No compensation for pool owners and no appeal
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The Martin Government has made it clear there will be no compensation for pool owners other than a grant for those people who have built a fence under the failed Pool fencing laws, Shadow Community Development Minister John Elferink said today.

People who will not be eligible compensation are:

• People who have removed pools rather than fence them,
• People who have incurred financial loss for time spent complying with the legislation,
• People who have incurred financial penalties during property transfer delays,
• People who have lost value on their property for loss of amenity
• Any other person who has incurred any financial loss other than those people who erected fences.

“To get any form of compensation you now have to go cap in hand to the Minister.

“The Minister has made himself the final arbiter and there will be no compensation or appeal if he says no. Even his own review process cannot be appealed to.

“We now have a swimming pool god in the Territory, and his name is Jack. On the first day Jack said ‘there is no compensation’, and there was none.”

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