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Who speaks for Palmerston?

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The two community members who will represent the Palmerston Community on the Development Consent Authority do not live in Palmerston, CLP Member for Brennan, Denis Burke said today.

“The government should have been more pro-active than placing a couple of newspaper advertisements to ensure Palmerston was represented, before they looked elsewhere,” Mr Burke said.

“I am yet to speak to anyone from Palmerston who was aware that nominations had been called including, Council aldermen.

“I am certain that the Palmerston Regional Business Association would have found a number of nominations amongst their 360 members had they been approached.

“It certainly makes a joke of Labor's claims that they want greater community representation on the DCA regional divisions, yet they have made no real effort to select representatives who live and pay rates in Palmerston.

“I know both Michael Kilgariff and Bob Lee personally. Both are fine individuals, however that is not the issue.

“The Act provides for community representation specifically to ensure that those who have to live with DCA decisions are part of the process. The community representatives for Palmerston should be just that – Palmerston residents

“This is just another example of issues that were so important to Labor when in Opposition, now have little priority.”

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