CATS OUT OF THE BAG ON DEVELOPMENT IN THE DALY

Sharon Hillien, the Labor candidate for Katherine, has let the cat of the bag regarding Labor’s plans for the Daly on ABC radio this morning.

Labor has claimed no decision regarding the lifting of a moratorium on land clearing will be made until more scientific information is available.

“But the Labor candidate today threw her support behind development in the Daly and said land clearing practices near the moratorium zone were ‘working really well in the other areas where there isn’t a moratorium.’

“The Labor candidate went onto say ‘So it’s not going to be an uncertain future for development in the Daly, it’ll be well planned.’

“The Labor candidate confirmed that Labor’s moratorium is a political strategy to get through the election before it adopts the County Liberals position of environmentally sustainable development in the Daly.

“Further Labor will open up the Daly to development without the protection of an independent EPA acting as a watchdog.

“The Country Liberals truly independent EPA will have the powers to investigate all issues it sees fit, including development in the Daly and will report to the Parliament.

“Labor’s EPA is under the direct control of the Minister and reports directly to the same Minister, who can suppress any embarrassing reports.
“Paul Henderson is trying to con the people of the Territory once again. As soon as the election is over so will be the moratorium.

“Paul Henderson has real form on broken promises - at the 2005 election he promised legislation to tackle street drunks and then dropped it as soon as Labor was returned to office.

“Cancer sufferers will also know how little faith to put in Labor’s election promises. In the 8 years since Labor has promised an Oncology Unit more than 3000 people have died in the Territory from cancer.

“The reality is very simple – you can’t trust Labor.”

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