Ross Bohlin  
Shadow Minister for Communications  
Media Release  

April 7th, 2009  

GOVERNMENT MISSING IN ACTION  

The Henderson Government has failed to exhibit even a trace of leadership as tens-of-thousands of Territorians come to grips with the collapse of their telecommunications system. 

Shadow Communications Minister Ross Bohlin said if Territorians had been hoping to get leadership from the Henderson Government during the communications melt-down, they’d be sorely disappointed. 

“The Chief Minister’s on holidays, but surely another Minister could step up to the plate and liaise with Territorians about what is happening,” Mr Bohlin said. 

“The Government should be using the media to tell Territorians exactly what they know. 

“I fronted one of the local talk-back radio stations urging Territorians to remain positive and surely a senior Government minister could also have stepped up to detail what high-level discussions it’s had with telecommunications providers. 

“It needs to identified what contingencies are in place in case the break-down was not able to be rectified.” 

“Instead it’s put its head in the sand and left it to others, like the police, to do the work for them.”
“That said, local Telstra executives have made themselves readily available for briefings and should be commended for getting technicians on the ground as quickly as possible to Marla with part being flown in to effect permanent repair.

“Telstra’s pulled out all stops to ensure telecommunications were restored as quickly as possible.”

Further comment: Ross Bohlin 0413 339 417