NO BREEZES THROUGH THESE LITTLE BOXES

The Henderson Government’s so called ‘affordable housing’ would be better labelled claustrophobic housing, says the Territory Opposition.

The blocks for this so called affordable housing range between 150 square metres to 360 square metres.

To put the block sizes into context a tennis court is 260 square metres.

“These places will literally be shoe boxes,” says Dave Tollner, Shadow Minister for Business.

“What’s more the development looks set to continue the recent trend of cheek by jowl housing -totally at odds with what living in the tropics is all about.

“The Northern Territory is 1/6th of Australia’s land mass with 1 percent of the population yet the Government is offering blocks little bigger than a backyard swimming pool.

“The fact the Henderson Government has decided to call the new housing estate Bellamack Gardens says it all – no room for kids to play footy on these blocks. In fact they’ll be lucky to get a game of ping pong, darts or quoits.

“The housing is not that affordable when the size of the blocks is taken into account.

“With a 3 bedroom house on a 360 square metre block coming in at almost $400,000 first home buyers will be digging deep for a long time to cover the mortgage.
“In a speech to the Parliament last week Minister Burns said the Government wanted to prove developers could make money from ‘affordable house’.

“With $6 billion of accrued debt and a budget deficit of $200 million, this announcement is less about decent affordable family housing and more about filling up government coffers.”

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