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THE DOGS ARE BARKING

With the future of the Northern Territory Parliament resting on a knife’s edge, the Labor Party’s lap dogs have started barking as they do the bidding for their Henderson Government masters.

Deputy Opposition Leader Kezia Purick said the Northern Land Council’s attack yesterday on Alison Anderson showed how low Labor and its cohorts will stoop if there is an early election.

“These were the first shots in what will be a very dirty campaign by the Labor Party,” Ms Purick said.

“The Northern Land Council’s attack was nasty, personal and without foundation and sends out a very disturbing message as to how Labor will stoop to retain power,” Ms Purick said.

“It’s offensive in the extreme that the Northern Land Council would attack Alison Anderson for standing up for the interests of Aboriginal people.

“It’s noteworthy that NLC chief executive Kim Hill, who once stood as a Labor candidate for the Senate, has been mute on the Henderson Government’s failure to build houses under SIHIP.

“I would have thought his energies would have been better served trying to get to the bottom of how much money has actually been spent under SIHIP than being supplicant to the Henderson Government and attacking someone who has been prepared to take the fight up to Labor.”

Ms Purick said the criticisms of Ms Anderson by the Laynhapuy Homelands Association were self serving.
“They didn’t say boo when Marion Scrymgour quit the Labor Party. Because Alison has supported changes to the structure of homelands, the LHA now decide to speak out.

“Their attitude is hypocritical in the extreme.

“It says volumes for the Henderson Government’s lack of courage that it’s prepared to load the gun – and then let others fire the bullets.”

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