GOVERNMENT MUST DO MORE

The Country Liberals have backed the Government’s move to shore up the corporate bookmaking industry in the Northern Territory.

Shadow Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing Peter Styles said ongoing support to the Northern Territory economy warranted the Government’s efforts to maintain legislative parity with other jurisdictions.

“Just as the Northern Territory tries to maintain synchronised taxation regimes with other interstate industries, so too should we stay in line with corporate bookies,” Mr Styles said.

“The industry employs approximately 250 people directly in the Territory, and countless others indirectly.

“The Country Liberals first paved the way for the gaming industry to come to the Territory, and we’re pleased Labor has stayed the course in that regard.”

Mr Styles said the Henderson Government should now try and make the cost of living in the Northern Territory affordable for interstate companies.

“The Henderson Government’s failure to release enough land for affordable housing or to reign in he high cost of electricity serves as a disincentive to people to move here,” Mr Styles said.

“Labor’s failure to plan isn’t just hurting Territorians, but also interstate workers hoping to move here.”

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