The Chief Minister's call for the Opposition to release its climate change policy only serves to highlight that 22 months after announcing he would lead the way on climate change* he’s still yet to release a climate change policy.

“By way of contrast the Country Liberals unveiled a climate change policy to the last Territory election that included reducing NT Government emissions by 20% by 2020,” says Peter Chandler, Shadow Minister for the Environment.

“The Country Liberals also proposed promoting better house designs and establishing an annual Smart Home Design competition to reduce domestic energy consumption; reducing burn off emissions and introducing a $1,000 rebate for changing the family car to LPG.

“By way of contrast the Labor made no election commitment to an emissions reduction target.

“Questioned about getting around in a V8 whilst demanding others reduce their emissions the Chief Minister claimed he’d be switching to a ‘green car’ at the first opportunity.

“14 months later the Chief Minister still gets chauffeured around in a V8 and talks about his commitment to climate change.

“I think the Chief Minister should reduce the hot air that he emits every time he talks about climate change and release his long overdue policy whilst getting rid of his chauffeur driven V8.”

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