Today’s auction of two parcels of land set-aside for medium density housing in the proposed suburb of Johnston again highlighted how badly the Henderson Government is failing would-be home-owners across the Territory.

Opposition Leader Terry Mills said the two parcels of land, which would have provided about 200 additional dwellings during the worst housing crisis in the Territory’s history, were passed in at auction.

“The Government’s profiteering has again worked to the detriment of Territorians,” Mr Mills said.

“Prospective developers bid what they believed was the appropriate market price.

“The Government rejected the bids, but then failed to disclose what its own minimum requirements would be.

“Prospective bidders at today’s auction say that the timely release of land has again been thrown into disarray.

“The Government should explain what it intends to do to resolve this impasse at the earliest possible time and to get this land ready for residential development.

Mr Mills said today’s debacle was the second time the Government had botched the sale of land in Johnston.

“In October, the Government tried to slug developers 26% on top of the sale price for two parcels of land.

“Not surprisingly there were no bidders at that auction and Territorians continue to miss out on affordable housing.”

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