The refusal by the Labor Government to oppose the development of 250 square metre housing blocks at the Palmerston University Campus stands in stark contrast to the willingness by their MLAs to campaign against contentious projects in their own electorates.

Member for Drysdale, Ross Bohlin, said Labor has a history of intervention in Government held seats.

* In 2006, then Member for Fannie Bay and Chief Minister, Clare Martin, stepped in to force changes to a proposed development at the old Telstra site in Parap.
* In 2009 Member for Wanguri and Chief Minister, Paul Henderson, spoke out against a development at the old Bunnings site in Wanguri.
* In 2010 Member for Karama and Treasurer, Delia Lawrie supported protesters campaigning against a unit development near the local shops.
* In 2011, Member for Nightcliff and Speaker, Jane Aagaard, criticised a proposed retail and residential development in Nightcliff.

"The primary rejection in those cases has centred on over-crowding and density," Mr Bohlin said.

"It seems Government members have a double standard when it comes to developments outside Labor held electorates.

"In the case of the 250 square metre blocks in Durack, I would have thought issues of over-crowding and amenity would have brought a strong rebuke from the Government.

"The minimum house block under the Northern Territory Planning Scheme is 450 square metres and that’s only the case in a development that has an average block size of at least 700 square metres.

"The Government must listen to the overwhelming opposition to these lots – which are smaller than a standard tennis court – from residents and council.

"Labor members constantly talk about preserving the Territory’s lifestyle.

"Obviously, they only want the lifestyle preserved in Labor held seats."

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