Member for Braitling, Adam Giles, says the Territory Government’s financial mismanagement shouldn’t come at the expense of upgrading infrastructure that supports communities.

Mr Giles said Labor’s stand-off with Macdonnell Shire over repairs to Santa Teresa pool is petty, petulant and pathetic.

“The Government should provide the necessary resources to fix the swimming pool at Santa Teresa so that it can be re-opened,” Mr Giles said.

“Swimming pools in Aboriginal communities provide significant health benefits to young Aboriginal children, particularly in areas of skin, ears and eyes.

“The Santa Teresa swimming pool used to be managed by the old community Government council, but when the Territory Government introduced the Shire Council model, Labor provided insufficient funding for repairs and maintenance.

“As a result, the Santa Teresa pool remains closed because the council can’t afford to repair damaged cracks and pipes.”

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