The Henderson Government's scant regard for the needs of businesses and ordinary Territorians is on display again with its dull-witted decision to restrict public access to building files.

Opposition Leader, Terry Mills, said transferring access to building records and planning decisions from Cavanagh House in the CBD to Parap is great for a Government addicted to bureaucracy but bad for Territorians trying to get work done.

“For reasons known only to the Henderson Government, the move has drawn out the process of obtaining a file,” Mr Mills said.

“What used to take 15 minutes, now takes a minimum of three days – and potentially considerably longer.

“It's another bottleneck for the building, real estate and other industries which are already fuming about delays issuing titles and slow land release.

“Only the Henderson Government could think such longer waiting times are beneficial to the smooth operation of a business.

“The Chief Minister and Treasurer love red tape and taxes – but Territorians hate it.

“There's been no consultation with key stakeholder groups and instead an attitude that seems to be that if people don't like it, they'll have to lump it.”

Mr Mills said the Country Liberals’ business policy will slash red tape and look at streamlining processes so businesses aren't constantly being mucked around.

“The role of Government is to help business, not slow it down – and the Country Liberals will look at ways to improve service delivery for all Territorians,” he said.

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