Leaked documents in today’s NT News prove that Adam Giles is desperately trying to find and pay for the hundreds of millions of dollars of uncosted promises he made in the bush, Shadow Minister for Local Government Lynne Walker said today.

“Prior to the election Adam Giles promised everything to everyone in the bush. But Adam Giles and the CLP didn’t allocate a single dollar so their promises were completely uncosted,” Said Ms Walker.

“On bush roads alone Adam Giles promised billions of dollars worth of road projects without any funding. It’s time Adam Giles was held to account.

“Everyone in Wadeye knows Adam Giles promised to seal hundreds of kilometers of road though flood plains and swamps. Locals are now waiting for the road to be delivered.

“Today’s leaked documents demonstrate that Adam Giles wanted to create a $10 million slush fund to spend in the bush as he sees fit when he was the Local Government Minister.

“A $10 million bush slush fund makes a mockery of CLP claims that this has to be a “terrible” budget,” Ms Walker said.

The Deloitte Review of Shire Financial Sustainability commissioned by the previous Government did demonstrate that the shires are under financial pressure.

“The Opposition supports increased support for Shires but increased support should be done via a proper policy approach and based on need rather than just a political slush fund,” Ms Walker said.

“The question must be asked; will Adam Giles still support the funding increase he proposed if the woman who called him “a little boy”, Alison Anderson, will be the one roaming the Territory distributing the cash instead of him? Or will Adam Giles redirect the money to himself as Chief Minister instead of Local Government as he proposed.”

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