ANOTHER JOB FOR THE BOYS

Shadow Minister for Government Accountability, Ken Vowles, today said the appointment of Denis Burke as chair of the Development Consent Authority is another example of the CLP Government’s “jobs for the boys”.

“The CLP Government has just appointed the former CLP Chief Minister, Denis Burke, to the head of the DCA,” Mr Vowles said.

“This appointment shows the CLP Government is staying true to form by ensuring their mates are taken care of in high paying and powerful positions.”

Mr Vowles said the interests of Territorians and the importance that planning has in the future of Territory is obviously a secondary issue for the CLP Government.

“The lack of transparency and accountability favoured by the CLP Government has led them to appoint yet another “mate” into this position of power rather than an impartial individual with the relevant qualifications needed to carry out this position,” Mr Vowles said.

“The DCA is an important part of the planning process in the Territory. Planning and development decisions are vitally important to the amenity of our urban and rural locations and they should be made free from political influence.

“This is one of more than 20 political appointments which have cost Territory taxpayers millions of dollars to fund jobs for mates in the two years since the CLP came to office.

“The CLP Government is hell-bent on doing what they can for their mates as fast as they can and Territorians are going to be worse off for this reckless behaviour.

“Territorians are struggling with the high cost of living, their education system being dismantled, their hospital is crisis and all the CLP has done is propped up another mate.”
Mr Vowles said the appointment of Denis Burke adds to the long list of CLP appointments including the appointment of Terry Mills to a lucrative position as the Northern Territory Commissioner to Indonesia and ASEAN.

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