CALL FOR ABBOTT TO VISIT NHULUNBUY

The Member for Nhulunbuy, Lynne Walker, is calling on the Prime Minister, Tony Abbott, to visit Nhulunbuy during his current visit to the Top End.

“The Prime Minister promised to visit Nhulunbuy, he’s made it to Darwin on his VIP jet so the least he could do is fly on to Nhulunbuy and meet with the thousands of residents affected by the Rio Tinto refinery curtailment,” Ms Walker said.

“The Nhulunbuy is a community feeling abandoned by the Prime Minister and a visit by Mr Abbott is long overdue.

“The community has just been rocked by the tragic death of Darryl Manderson on top of grieving the loss of 1100 jobs, the loss of family and friends that have had to leave and the shutdown of businesses and industry.”

Ms Walker said in that today marks three months since the announcement by Rio Tinto to curtail their alumina refinery operations in Nhulunbuy and since neither the Federal of Territory Governments have offered the people of Nhulunbuy hope or direction in the way of a structural adjustment package.

“The Abbott Government has joined the Giles Government in their inaction and silence since the announcement by Rio Tinto to curtail their refinery in Nhulunbuy,” Ms Walker said.

“Come and visit us now Mr Abbott.”

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