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Delia Lawrie
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LABOR LISTENING TO AND STANDING UP FOR BUSH COMMUNITIES

Opposition Leader Delia Lawrie said a two day trip to Nhulunbuy and the East Arnhem region would be used to listen to the concerns of local communities and express Labor’s support for those who were being ignored by Chief Minister Adam Giles and the CLP Government.

Ms Lawrie and colleagues Nicole Manison, the Member for Wanguri, and Michael Gunner, the Member for Fannie Bay, would join local Member Lynne Walker in Nhulunbuy, Yirrkala and Galiwin’ku as part of Labor’s regular engagement with the bush.

At the same time Labor Deputy Leader Gerry McCarthy and the Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs will travel to Lajamanu to meet with the Central Land Council executive.

“The people of regional and remote Northern Territory have been abandoned by this CLP Government,” Ms Lawrie said.

“We look forward to supporting the efforts of our Member for Nhulunbuy Lynne Walker to let the North East Arnhem region know we won’t stop fighting for their jobs and opportunities.

‘We will be listening to the concerns of parents and the community in Yirrkala and Galiwin’ku about the CLP Governments education and teacher cuts as well as local views on the indigenous education review and school attendance programs.

“I will also meet with the Mala Elders to discuss social and economic aspirations for both the region and the future of Nhulunbuy after the refinery curtailment.

“Shadow Minister for Health Nicole Manison will be looking at health services in the region, including the work of Miwatj Health.

“Shadow Minister for Alcohol Policy Michael Gunner will be engaging residents about the on-going success of the local alcohol management plan, law and justice issues in the region and a visit to the corrections work camp facility at the Garma site.

“I look forward to meeting the many locals who will attend our community functions and will assure them Labor will always listen to their concerns and fight for their future.”

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