WHAT’S HAPPENING WITH OUR ARAFURA GAMES?

Shadow Minister for Sports and Recreation, Ken Vowles, today called on the Government to honour their promise to bring back the Arafura Games.

“The CLP Government scrapped the Arafura Games in 2012,” Mr Vowles said.

“Territorians want to know what is happening with their Arafura Games – the last Games were held in 2011.

“The Arafura Games were an important part of international engagement for the Territory.

“These friendly games provided the opportunity for athletes to build relationships with their international counterparts with bountiful economic flow on effects.

“Athletes and their entourages would stay in Darwin hotel accommodation, eat at Darwin restaurants and shop at Darwin shops.”

Mr Vowles is calling on the Territory Government to ensure that the CLP Government’s budget released in May allocates funding for the return of the Arafura Games next year.

“The CLP Government had promised to bring back the Games citing they would be bigger and better,” Mr Vowles said.

“Is the CLP Government going to make good on this promise and allocate funds in the upcoming budget?”

“How much longer is the CLP Government going to let the Territory miss out on the $10 million injection to the local economy that comes with the Arafura Games?”

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