CLP MAKES IT HARDER TO HOUSE TERRITORIANS

Shadow Minister for Public and Affordable Housing, Lynne Walker, today slammed the CLP Government for making it harder for Territorians to buy their own home.

Ms Walker said that massive cuts to public housing budget were a cruel blow to many Territorians on public housing waiting lists.

“The CLP Government’s Budget is adding to the cost of living burden of Territorians by pushing home ownership even further out of reach,” Ms Walker said.

“The CLP is restricting the First Home Owners Grant to the construction or purchase of a new home from next year.

“This means hundreds of Territorians will no longer be eligible for the Grant and that home ownership will be even further beyond the reach of young people wanting to live in the Territory.

“First home buyers often look to established homes because they are more affordable and making it even harder for young people to enter the property market just doesn’t make sense.

“Infrastructure spending for public housing has also been slashed by $46 million, ensuring that many Territory families will be waiting even longer to access a home.

“Combined with the fact that proceeds from public housing assets sales is up by $9 million shows how little the CLP Government cares about providing adequate levels of public housing for Territorians.

“Adam Giles and Dave Tollner need to stop slugging Territory families with higher housing prices and address the chronic lack of affordable housing across the Territory.”

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