CLP PLANS TO DAM BREAK PROMISES

Shadow Minister for Lands and Planning, Ken Vowles, today said the CLP Government has broken a core Blain by-election commitment by continuing with plans to dam the Elizabeth River.

“The draft Greater Darwin Land Use Plan shows the CLP Government may dam the Elizabeth River against the wishes of Territorians and their own CLP Colleagues,” Mr Vowles said.

“The CLP Government will be breaking the promise that “the Elizabeth River will not be dammed under a Country Liberals Government” made by the Minister for Lands and Planning, Peter Chandler, during the Blain by-election.”

Mr Vowles said damming the Elizabeth River will not only have drastic effects on the environment but will destroy access to fish on the Elizabeth River and trash a popular pastime for Territorians.

Mr Vowles said the CLP Government is hell-bent on dusting off old rejected plans from the 1990s and reviving the former Labor Government’s plans for Weddell rather than coming up with their own vision for the future of Darwin.

Mr Vowles said the CLP Government’s own Member for Goyder, Kezia Purick, has expressed her concern about the dam plan, labelling it "completely unacceptable".

The Member for Nelson, Gerry Wood, has also been ignored with plans to carve up Darwin’s rural area, despite strong community sentiment against the CLP Holtze plans.

“The CLP Government needs to listen to the concerns of Territorians during the consultation process,” Mr Vowles said.

“Territorians will have to live with the results of planning decisions under the CLP Government – their wishes for the future of their hometown need to be respected.”

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