Opposition Leader Delia Lawrie today called on Chief Minister Adam Giles to refocus on his broken promises to deliver for Central Australia and start by announcing what flood mitigation measures he will be funding in Alice Springs.

“Last month Alice Springs suffered some of the biggest floods in more than 20 years and many houses and businesses were inundated,” Ms Lawrie said.

“But the Chief Minister has earmarked no money for flood mitigation for Alice Springs in the $50 million package announced for Darwin and Katherine flood works using funds from the sale of TIO.

“The January floods showed there is a need for further flood mitigation works in Alice.

“In Government, Labor funded local flood mitigation works including successful rechannelling works in the Todd River.

“But the CLP Government continues to snub Alice Springs and ignore the wishes of the community.”

Ms Lawrie said that this week the Chief Minister tried to handball responsibility for escalating youth issues in the town to a Regional Coordination Committee.

“We don’t need further delays to deal with these urgent issues,” Ms Lawrie said.

“He has had months of warnings from youth workers, police and the business community about what’s going on but he ignored Alice Springs.

“Workers on the front line have said continually that funding has to be restored to a co-ordinated approach to after-hours programs.

“Alice Springs has been paying the price for the CLP’s cuts to after-hours youth services in town and now Adam Giles is finally admitting they got it wrong.

“The CLP Government needs to support existing services that are grounded in the community to do their job effectively, to get kids at risk of the streets at night and improve community safety.
“Adam Giles is more concerned with punishing the Member for Araluen than delivering real economic and social benefits for Alice Springs and the wider region.

“Sadly it’s Central Australians who lose out while the CLP plays its power games.”

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