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CLP silent on Palmerston infrastructure requests

Palmerston residents deserve Northern Territory Government infrastructure funding support in the upcoming budget, Leader of the Opposition Delia Lawrie said today.

“Our fastest growing city deserves better than to be left swinging in the breeze wondering if the Territory Government will support critical infrastructure,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The CLP Government has failed to respond to a Palmerston City Council request for $6 million to enable it to proceed with upgrades to Goyder Square, the Boulevard and plan the future of the Palmerston pool.

Ms Lawrie said that Palmerston Council requested the funding late last year but the silence had been deafening.

“Despite the CLP being in government thanks to the support of Palmerston residents they are left wondering when infrastructure upgrades will occur and they are now watching the Palmerston hospital construction blow out by years,” Ms Lawrie said.

In its last term of Government Labor delivered about $50 million, working in partnership with Palmerston Council to upgrade and build major infrastructure including the new Palmerston waterpark, and state-of-the-art sport facilities including AFL, tennis, netball, soccer and rugby league. “Labor recognises that Palmerston needs infrastructure funding support from the Territory Government to meet the needs of this dynamic city,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Under the CLP there is just a void of uncertainty, it’s getting so bad that the council is considering shelving these infrastructure projects.”

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