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The CLP Can’t Be Trusted with our Natural Resources

Shadow Minister for Environment, Gerry McCarthy, today condemned the decision of the CLP to give away water from a Central Australian aquifer, despite strong opposition from the Power Water Corporation.

“This is an appalling decision and is further proof that the CLP can’t be trusted to properly manage our natural resources,” Mr McCarthy said.

“Water reserves in Alice Springs are finite and responsible management of the supply is crucial to the sustainability of Alice Springs and surrounding regions.

“The CLP’s decision smacks of total disregard for science and has been actioned without community consultation – a hallmark of the Giles CLP Government.

“This latest water allocation debacle follows on from recent and damning findings from the NT Supreme court which found that the CLP’s Land Resources Minister, Willem Westra Van Holthe, erred in the way he reviewed applications for water extraction licences and was ordered that the 18 water extraction licences be freshly reviewed.

“If elected, Territory Labor will review this latest decision and return to a consultative and science based water planning model in the interest of a sustainable Territory for the future of all Territorians,” Mr McCarthy said.

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