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*Stop acting shonky with Wharf Development EIS - how do you comment on its impact if Govt wont let public see what developers are proposing?* 

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The Martin Labor Government is being driven by its election agenda rather than what is honest and proper for Territorians, CLP Shadow Business Minister Stephen Dunham said today.

Mr Dunham said asking the public to comment on its draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Darwin City Waterfront project without anyone being able to see what the project contains is more shonky behaviour by the Martin Government.

“This is a $600m project that the CLP supports and worked hard to develop as a concept. But we don't support the Government keeping secret what is being proposed. How can anyone be expected to give an informed comment on the Environmental Impact of this project without knowing what developers are proposing for the site,” Mr Dunham said.

“It is shonky and absurd behaviour by a Government being driven by an election agenda rather than what is the right and honest thing to do for Territorians.

“The waterfront project will permanently change the face of Darwin and the wharf precinct area.

“Territorians have a right to see what developers are proposing so they can then make proper comment.

“The Martin Government has not been the honest and open Government it promised Territorians.

“It's behaviour raises serious doubts, not only about the way it is going to manage this project, but also whether or not it is actually interested in what the public has to say about it.”

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