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NT Govt hypocrisy at its worst

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The Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, John Elferink, today criticised the inconsistent approach being taken by the NT Government in relation to their attitudes to people's property rights.

“This week with the stroke of a pen the Territory Government moved to change zoning regulations devaluing 100 R3 blocks,” Mr Elferink said.

“The Martin Government has done this without consultation and without a second thought. The rational for this has been the public need of local residents.

"In Alice Springs a property right belonging to Native Title holders has been negotiated out ad infinitum and although there is still no resolution in sight those property holders are still being fawned over in spite of very generous offers to settle the matter. Compensation in this instance is just and reasonable.

"If you are a person with another property right, such as these R3 block owners, that right, according to the Martin Government, is limited to, 'get nicked we're doing what we want'.

"This government is engaged in rampant hypocrisy.

"What makes some Territorians' property rights a subject of nurture and other property rights the subject of abuse?

"There is a screaming public need for land in Alice Springs, it is about time the government treated all Territorians fairly and dealt with Territorians equally.”

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