Parks Veil of Secrecy Finally Lifted

CLP Leader Denis Burke said today a few of the details of Chief Minister Clare Martin’s secret agenda surrounding the great parks handover have come to light and have vindicated constant Opposition calls for more information from the Martin government.

“Details in the Parks and Conservation Masterplan which will guide future management of all Territory parks, has come to light and the information has completely vindicated the Opposition in its calls for more information to be publicly released,” Mr Burke said.

“Since the Chief Minister announced her parks plan giveaway, she has given scant regard for the concerns of Territorians. We know nothing about the details of the handover and Clare Martin must tell Territorians.

“This 250 page secret Masterplan is the key document that outlines how parks conservation will be managed. The Chief Minister has continually stone-walled on releasing information and this has resulted in the people involved in writing the plan, actually leaking it.

“The Masterplan contains details of the government’s secret agenda on parks management and all Territorians must now be concerned. For too long, Clare Martin has hidden this secret document and it is now time to get it out to Territorians so that they can decide if they agree with it.

“In question time yesterday Clare Martin said, ‘This has been the most transparent negotiation’. It is clear that it hasn’t been because no-one in the public has seen this secret Masterplan. The Chief Minister must now come clean and apologise to Territorians for deceiving them.

“The future of the Territory’s parks is in this document and it must be available for all Territorians to look at.”