The CLP has today shown Territorians it is not interested in the future sustainable economic development of the Northern Territory.

Minister for Lands and Planning, Kon Vatskalis, labelled the Opposition hypocritical for supporting a motion by Member for Nelson, Gerry Wood, demanding the Government place a moratorium on industrial land development sites while conducting a public assessment of alternative industrial sites.

"Yet again, the CLP has shown Territorians it hasn’t learnt, hasn’t changed and is about the past, not the future," Mr Vatskalis said.

"The Opposition has spent the last few days crying crocodile tears over this Government plans for future economic development in the Territory, yet opposes the driving forces behind it.

"Unlike the CLP, this Government is about jobs and future economic development, and in achieving that, we will also strike a balance to protect the environmental interests of the Territory.

"Over the last 20 years Governments have looked at all possible land sites in the Darwin area for industrial development.

"It is clear land is very scarce. Existing possible sites are very constrained - they are too close to urban development, not large enough to provide for the necessary separation between large scale industry, have water and other constraints that mean they are too far away from transport nodes.

"This Government has closely examined all of our future development options. We are convinced that the land identified to date is the best and often the only real available land.

"The CLP now wants all development stopped while we do yet another fruitless search for industrial land sites. It’s just not on."

Mr Vatskalis said effective planning laws put in place by the Martin Government would ensure urban growth and industrial development shaped a prosperous future for the Territory, and clearly identified conservation zones to protect our unique lifestyle.