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A DEATH MASK FOR ALICE IN 10?

"The Territory Opposition is puzzled as to whether the Chief Minister's announcement today, launching the project 'Moving Alice Ahead?', is actually a death notice for the Alice in 10 project," says Opposition Leader, Jodeen Carney.

"In December 2005, Clare Martin invited Alice Springs residents to have their say about their 'future vision for Alice' to the Alice in 10 (2005 - 2015) project.

"Now, less than two years later we have the 'Moving Alice Ahead' project to 'guide the development of Alice Springs into the future'.

"So, are there two Government funded futures for Alice Springs, or have we witnessed the demise of Alice in 10?

"I suspect the later, although the Chief Minister remains predictably coy in her media statement.

"Of course both projects are more about creating an impression of the Government working for Alice rather than actually delivering the goods.

"After all, one of Alice in 10's top priorities was "Safety in the Community - law and order, substance misuse and improved school attendance - three strikes on that commitment.

"Given the palpable level of fear in the community I'm sure locals would have preferred to see a re-commitment of "Safety in Our Community", albeit with a promise of a youth curfew and a permanent Police presence in the Todd Mall.

"Alas, no such luck."

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