SITTING ON THE WHARF WATCHING SMOKE BELCH

The Martin Government is making a mistake by ruling out Glyde Point as a future heavy industry precinct, says the Territory Opposition.

“Darwin Harbour is the jewel of the capital’s crown and Middle Arm is not a suitable site for heavy industry,” says Jodeen Carney, Leader of the Opposition.

“In effect, the Chief Minister is intending to showcase heavy industry to locals and tourists eating fish and chips on the Waterfront.

Perhaps the Chief Minister imagines people will be delighted by the play of the smoke belching from the giant stacks of the gas-based industries she is hoping to lure to Darwin.

“The use of Middle Arm will more than likely impact on the type of industry that is allowed to develop – resulting in an unnecessary restriction on industrial development around Darwin.

“The other significant problem is the potential for an industrial accident at Middle Arm.

“The location is vulnerable to a storm surge and the results could be catastrophic.

“Earlier this year Arafura Resources indicated its desire to develop a uranium processing plant near Darwin.

“As a consequence of the decision today, Middle Harbour would be the location of that plant.

“The risk to our lucrative tourism industry simply isn’t worth it.

“Glyde Point is where any future heavy industry in Darwin should be located.”

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