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The Henderson Government should put a swift end to the secrecy surrounding its alternative site for industrial development.

Resources Minister Kon Vatskalis told this morning’s Northern Territory News he had chosen a new site for future industrial development, but in keeping with this Government’s approach to consultation, is keeping the location to himself.

Shadow Infrastructure Minister Adam Giles said while it suits Labor to keep secrets from Territorians because it minimises protest – it doesn’t always result in the best possible outcomes.

“The Country Liberals have led the campaign to have industrial development moved away from Darwin Harbour,” Mr Giles said.

“The devil of this alternative site will be in the detail.

“That’s why the Government should remove the veil of secrecy and tell Territorians where it plans to put future industrial developments.

“And instead of the Minister unilaterally choosing a site that suits him, why not consult with Territorians to come up with a location that suits everybody?”

The Country Liberals plan was to short-list three sites and after a consultation process, isolate one for future development.

“The Government’s been badly burnt by the non-existent consultation process it used to select Weddell for the next prison,” Mr Giles said.

“In its arrogance, the Henderson Government looks set to repeat the mistakes form that process again.”

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