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CULTURE OF COVER-UP

The Henderson Government’s deep seated culture of cover-up has again been exposed by a senior Northern Territory public servant. In an article in the Sydney Morning Herald today, Mr Bob Beadman the Territory’s Co-ordinator-General for Remote Services, states that the public is being deceived about just how bad conditions are in many remote communities.

Mr Beadman is quoted as saying: “Consequently parliaments and the public alike develop a skewed picture because the broader truth has been suppressed.”

“The Henderson Government has form in regards to misleading Territorians about its performance in Indigenous Policy,” says John Elferink, Manager of Opposition Business.

“The Henderson Government wasted tens of millions of dollars on consultants on the SIHIP program all the while claiming that the program was on time and within budget.

“Had the former Labor Minister Alison Anderson not had the courage to expose the massive misuse of funds a great deal more money would have been wasted.

“It is outrageous that the Henderson Government simply never learns from its past mistakes.

“The Minister for Indigenous Policy issues a media release after the Mr Beadman’s report was release claiming “The Coordinator-General’s first report shows a great deal of work has been done, and the Working Future policy has made a positive and productive start.”

“The Minister should have taken that opportunity to commit to a more honest dialogue with all Territorians about conditions in remote communities “Until that happens progress will be compromised.”

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