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HENDO’S LIFE-LINE FAILS TO PERFORM

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Despite it being the vehicle that helped him retain Government, Chief Minister Paul Henderson couldn’t even be bothered being in the Parliament when the first report by the Council of Territory Co-operation was tabled today.

Country Liberals council member, John Elferink, said had the Chief Minister attended, he would have seen that the committee he created with Independent MLA Gerry Wood to stay in office, was falling considerably short of initial expectations.

“The council is an emaciated shadow of what was promised to Territorians,” Mr Elferink said.

“The promise was of a responsive organ of Government that would be influential in shaping Government policy.

“What we actually have is a committee that inquires into a few things here and there and makes non-binding recommendations to a Government that doesn’t appear to listen.

“The Country Liberals are trying to make it work, but the Conservative members can’t go it alone. This is not what Territorians were promised.

“The Country Liberals’ dissenting report contained 25 recommendations, only 6 of which were accepted by the Council – two of them with amendments.

“If the co-operation component in the Council of Territory Co-operation means taking part in a committee-style love-in of the Henderson Government then the Country Liberals and all other participants are wasting their time.”

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