The on-going bungling by the Henderson Government on upgrades to the Hidden Valley drag strip are hurting motorsport fans and racers across the Top End.

Shadow Minister for Sport and Recreation, Ross Bohlin, said the Henderson Government has failed to honour a $3million Federal Labor funding commitment to upgrade the drag track.

The money was announced before the 2007 Federal election and made available in July 2008.

Since that time the project has seen nine project managers come and go and a series of unexplained delays all overseen by Sports Minister Karl Hampton.

In the latest fiasco, the contract has been terminated because the timeframes for the tender lapsed, requiring the company chosen to carry out the development to re-submit its paperwork.

"Work’s now scheduled to go ahead in July, after the V8s, which means the Hidden Valley circuit will have to be closed.

"This is the peak of the domestic motorsport season, and not only will the drag races be seriously disrupted, but also the motorcycle racing season and our circuit racers.

"Thousands of motorsport fans and of course the drivers who bring us all the action will be affected.

"If the re-development had been properly managed, the works would have been done in the off-racing season, meaning minimal disruption to local motorsports.

"But now, on the eve of a Federal election, the Henderson Government’s going to push the project through come hell or high water.

"On the back of SIHIP, it’s another example of the Henderson Government botching an infrastructure project paid for with Commonwealth money."

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