CERTAINTY NEEDED ON INPEX JOBS

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The Henderson Government should detail the size and make-up of the interstate and international workforce that will come to Darwin as part of the Inpex project.

Deputy Opposition Leader, Kezia Purick, said while Inpex will provide a massive fillip for the Territory economy, it will also place considerable pressures on local businesses to retain existing workers.

“Paul Henderson says he is in negotiations with the Commonwealth about the introduction of project specific 457 visas, but has been vague when pressed on how many overseas workers will be required,” Ms Purick said.

“As well, he should also detail how much of the workforce will be fly in, fly out and what his Government will do to alleviate workforce pressures on local businesses as a result of the Inpex project.

“During the 2008 election campaign, Paul Henderson shamelessly used the proposed Inpex development as a political tool.

“With that precedent set, he has an obligation to fully apprise the community about the project’s impact on the Territory.

“He owes it to business and the broader community to provide the certainty he promised during the 2008 election.”

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