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The Northern Territory Parliament has tonight acknowledged deficiencies in service provision in the Northern Territory.

Member for Goyder, Kezia Purick, moved a motion in the Parliament spotlighting a number of areas where the rural area misses out including mental health facilities and programs, aged care and youth services.

"Additionally, the rural area is continually overlooked in the provision of public transport services at special times," Ms Purick said.

"This includes Christmas, when the express bus service terminates at Palmerston, which leaves many residents high and dry.

"The tender documents supplied by Government specifically exclude any reference to the rural area.

"As the Government likes to point out, the rural area is one of the country's fastest growing regions. Why then is Labor not providing the most basic services such as reliable, secure public transport?"

"As well as the support of my Country Liberals colleagues, the motion was also backed by Member for Nelson, Gerry Wood.

"Tonight's vote should serve as a reminder to Labor not to take the rural area for granted."

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