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GILES IGNORES HOMETOWN PAIN

Deputy Opposition Leader, Gerry McCarthy, has urged the CLP Government to put in place real plans to stimulate economic development in Central Australia.

Mr McCarthy said Chief Minister, Adam Giles, was ignoring calls from local residents and businesses to ease the economic downturn facing the region as shops close their doors and businesses lay off workers.

“Adam Giles and his colleagues, including the MIA Minister for Central Australia, should be listening to their home town and developing proposals that will stimulate investment in Alice Springs and strengthen and diversify the regional economy,” Mr McCarthy said.

“As Cabinet will shortly move to finalise Budget allocations, I would have thought Adam Giles and his Central Australian colleagues would be pushing for real projects and action in the Centre.

“The truth is the CLP Government is still attempting to ride on the back of plans and investment put in place under the previous Labor Government.

“They have nothing – no new plans, nothing to stimulate the economy and they are turning a blind eye to crime and drunkenness causing havoc on the streets.

“Sadly many families are voting with their feet and leaving town because, for the first time for many years, jobs opportunities are drying up in Alice.”

Mr McCarthy said the Government had completely ignored the Barkly region since taking power 18 months ago.

“Adam Giles and the CLP Government promised the regions the world and have delivered precisely nothing in growth and development,” Mr McCarthy said.

“Their promises for a new regional economic focus and three hub economy seem to have been abandoned.

“Central Australia and the Barkly are hurting and Adam Giles just isn’t listening.”
“With the total inertia of this Government, I'm very much afraid the pain is only going to worsen for our regions.”

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