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20 YEAR PLAN TO WHERE?

"After two days of the Opposition dwelling on the negative, the Chief Minister's statement on Indigenous affairs is a disappointing series of generalisations and rhetoric".

Loraine Braham, Independent Member for Braitling, said "Too many Aboriginal people have said to me how shamed they feel by the media portrayal of them over the last few weeks".

Mrs Braham said the majority of Indigenous people are law-abiding and family-oriented responsible residents.

"I thought now would be the right time for the Chief Minister to give explicit details to these people on how we can collectively work to overcome the social disadvantages facing Indigenous Territorians".

"If the Government is sincere then tell us how they will do it. Instead, the Chief Minister's 20 year plan gave no details, vision, or commitment to resource support".

"There was not even a mention of what Indigenous people themselves say they want within the next 20 years".

Mrs Braham has identified at least 30 positive and immediate actions that aim to overcome many issues whilst ensuring Indigenous involvement at the grassroots level.

"For instance, a stocktake should be taken of camps and communities to identify urgent actions to show the government is genuine in its desire to give these people a better life."

"If the Government was serious, they would establish a Department of Indigenous Development and make it operational, not just policy-based".

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