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CHANDLER PUTS INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPERS BEFORE LOCALS

Opposition Leader Delia Lawrie says she is appalled that Planning and Lands Minister Peter Chandler is promoting international developers above our experienced and competent locals for the Berrimah Farm suburban development.

Ms Lawrie said there were significant Territory developers with the necessary expertise and labour force to redevelop Berrimah Farm.

“Twice in his media release Peter Chandler refers to international developers which is a slap in the face to our local developers that have literally built the Territory,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Why doesn’t the CLP support the companies that have supported the Territory?”

“At a time when Territory developers are crying out for Government projects, it’s insulting to see that the Government is looking overseas for developers.”

Ms Lawrie said that the CLP had dusted off Labor plans to redevelop Berrimah Farm but failed to do the job properly by decanting and dismantling Berrimah Gaol due to their failed justice policies.

“Berrimah Farm will not be a quick redevelopment because it is known for its levels of contamination and the possibility of unexploded World War II ordinances,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Will the Berrimah Farm redevelopment include plans for a transport hub to ensure a bus depot and interchange given the importance of its location to the transport corridor?

“The CLP Government was foolish to scrap the City of Weddell which had gone through the consultation and strategic planning phases.

“The CLP missed the chance to have a yield of 10,000 lots by 2016 and instead are chasing the Berrimah Farm redevelopment that won’t avert a housing crisis by 2016.”

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