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# **LAND TO GROW, LIKE LABOR'S NOSE**

The Henderson Government tonight twice refused to debate claims it misled Territorians and the Assembly over the Land Development Corporation.

Shadow Business Minister David Tollner moved two censure motions when the Assembly resumed to vote on Labor's Budget – only for debate to be gagged both times by the Government.

The first gag coincided with a taxpayer funded event in Parliament's Main Hall to welcome visiting V8 Supercar teams.

"This Government makes Parliamentary democracy a sham," Mr Tollner said.

"In response to a question I asked on Thursday during debate on changes to the Land Development Corporation, the Government maintained that the number of lots in the so-called Bellamack Area C had not been decided.

**David Tollner:** *Just going back to Bellamack Area C. Can you tell me how many blocks of land in Bellamack Area C will the LDC be taking on?*

**Dr Burns:** *As I said, it is very elemental work that needs to occur, and Government should be in a position in a number of weeks to make some basic announcements around that.*

*The first step for us ... is to pass this legislation to allow the LDC to continue those very important discussions with DPI and other agencies to put more details and to take those first steps.*

*I have not said this is a major development that is stretching from Palmerston down to Adelaide River; it is a first step within Bellamack Area C. The number of lots is yet to be identified.*

Less than a week later, the Chief Minister was at Bellamack Area C – now known as Bellamack Gardens – announcing the release of 32 shoe-box sized blocks of land for low income earners.

“I firmly believe that if this announcement had been made during the debate, Independent member Gerry Wood would have voted against the Land Development Corporation Amendment Bill,” Mr Tollner said.

“In all likelihood, former Labor member Marion Scrymgour would have also voted with the Opposition.

“Nobody in their right mind, except Labor, would support 150 square metre house blocks.”

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