



**Karl Hampton**

MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RECREATION

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## **Chandler Slips and Slides around Palmerston Waterpark**

Minister for Sport and Recreation Karl Hampton has called on Peter Chandler to explain why he opposes a first-class Waterpark for the Palmerston community.

“This morning the member for Brennan once again showed that the CLP does not care about Palmerston families, going on ABC radio questioning this fantastic project,” Mr Hampton said.

“Mr Chandler’s carping negativity showed complete ignorance of the scope of the project and the tender process, leaving open the possibility that a future CLP Government would not complete the project.

“If Mr Chandler had bothered to take any interest in this major development, he would know that the original plan for the Palmerston water park was adjacent to the Palmerston pool, sharing services with that site.

“When this land became unavailable, a new site was selected which is a 'greenfield' parcel of land with no existing infrastructure, requiring additional resources.

“The NT Government committed an extra \$8.6 funding in this year's budget to deliver this election commitment for the people of Palmerston.

“Under questioning from Julia Christensen, Mr Chandler went to pieces, unable to explain how he expected to build the facility within its original budget, or whether he would like to see people charged for using it.

“Does Mr Chandler want to build half a Waterpark? Or no Waterpark at all?

“The CLP need to explain to Palmerston residents why they are so keen to short change Palmerston families who deserve a premier water park that will stand the test of time.

“The Northern Territory Government makes no apologies for delivering world-class recreational facilities for the people of Palmerston; not cheap and nasty alternatives.”

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