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Building it anyway at Warren Park

Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins, has condemned Lauren Moss' admission in parliament that the Warren Park redevelopment is going ahead without ensuring security of tenure to the ground.

"It is inconceivable that the government is going to spend \$25 million before they know they have access to the land and before the specific arrangements for the use of the ground are worked out.

"Territorians and the club know that there are many issues to address before this project proceeds: How much will Souths charge the NRL? How much will Souths charge other clubs? What will the admission fees be? Who will pay the ongoing costs of running the ground? Will clubs be compensated for the fact that they will have to use Warren Park?

"Lauren Moss has had 14 months to get an agreement with Souths, and to ensure access to the ground.

"Instead she is in the ridiculous situation of spending \$25 million of Territorian's money on someone else's land with no agreement in place that anyone else will be able to use it.

"Before progressing, these issues will need to be agreed with Souths, and those agreements will need to be made public for the league community to have faith in the process.

"Lauren Moss can't open her mouth without improving Souths' negotiating position. The best thing the Minister can do is focus on concluding those negotiations on behalf of Territorians and making those arrangements public as soon as possible."

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