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Consultants doing the Chief's job

Almost eighteen months after coming to power, the Chief Minister has realised he's not up to the task of steering the failing Territory economy back to prosperity, and neither are his Cabinet colleagues.

Today's announcement of 'Team NT,' an initiative of the previous CLP government announced in 2015 and led by the then Minister for Business and department heads, reinforces that the Labor government has no idea about business, about the economy, and about jobs.

The Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins said that today's reinstatement of a former Chief Minister, who was able to get deals done when she was in the role reinforces that the Chief Minister is not up to the task.

"Well into year two of the Labor government's term, it seems the light has finally switched on that the Territory economy is failing and the Chief Minister has failed in his vain attempts to fix it.

"Despite having a large team of elected representatives as well as heads of departments, Labor now has to employ consultants to do their work for them.

"The Chief Minister has allowed the Labor government to drop the ball on the Territory economy.

"Why isn't the Chief Minister working alongside Darwin's Major Business Group, made up of 14 business leaders and captains of industry, two of which have taken their \$50 million private investment interstate, due to the Labor government's inaction.

"The existing Major Business Group, is a conglomerate of Territory business people who are kicking goals today.

"They're in the mix with business leaders across Australia and around the world, is the Chief Minister not listening to them either?

"In November, the government announced with much excitement its intention to spend \$4 million on a rebrand of the Territory.

"The cohesive brand strategy, that was to unite government, industry and business has seemingly been forgotten, just like the Chief Minister forgot about the economy," said Mr Higgins.

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