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## **Cyclone season powers up**

Wet season clouds are beginning to gather, Darwin City Council is coordinating hard rubbish collection and Top End Territorians are reminded by our hardworking emergency services teams to commence preparation for cyclone season, but there is deafening silence from the Labor government on its planned undergrounding of power lines.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Lia Finocchiaro said that six months after Cyclone Marcus was ample time for the Labor government to plan for and unveil a staged approach to the undergrounding of power lines.

“In the current economic landscape, a staged approach could be a great stimulus for local employment and business.

“I continue the Opposition’s calls for a detailed, staged plan to underground power lines, commencing with the business suburbs of Darwin.

“In August Parliamentary sittings, the Opposition asked the Chief Minister which suburbs were first in line for underground power, when the project will commence and how the decision (on suburbs) was made.

“The Chief Minister failed to answer any aspect of this question.

“The Chief Minister couldn’t answer the question because he doesn’t have a plan.

“Rather than tell Territorians of his government’s plans to deliver his undergrounding power promise, the Chief Minister instead chose to blame the former government, despite now being in power for two years himself,” said Ms Finocchiaro.

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