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No consultation the only sport being played at Richardson Park

Today's announcement in relation to the \$25 million tender for Warren Park reiterates the Minister's lack of consultation with grassroots rugby league clubs.

It also begs the question as to the future of Richardson Park, which is currently derelict and has been unused since 2014.

Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins said that the Labor government has been stubborn in its clear ignorance of the rugby league fraternity, including 80 per cent of clubs who do not want the project to go ahead.

"A petition of 1,200 signatures was received, that too has been ignored.

"The Minister did not engage the local clubs in this project, and has proceeded to award the tender prior to meeting with grassroots, community rugby league clubs as promised.

"Which 'associated clubs,' referenced in today's media release, has the Minister actually met with?

"Two weeks ago, the same Minister claimed that the government provided grounds maintenance to a number of sporting facilities across the Northern Territory.

"Why then, has Richardson Park not been maintained or a clear future plan for it been communicated to the local and rugby league communities?"

"The Labor government has now been in office for 17 months, yet the Minister continues to draw on the previous government's consultation, when she herself is yet to meet with the local, grassroots community rugby league clubs like Nightcliff and Brothers.

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