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National Aboriginal Art Gallery – no consultation

The Opposition supports the exciting development of a National Aboriginal Art Gallery, to be built in Alice Springs, however notes that the government has failed to genuinely consult with the community in relation to the site on which the gallery will be built.

Speaking from Alice Springs today, the Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins said that the Art Gallery is an exciting landmark project for Alice Springs.

“This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build an iconic national landmark and we would expect that the Labor government communicated the full details of the proposal to the community, prior to making a decision on the location for the gallery.

“We would have expected that in-principle terms of agreement with key stakeholders, including Traditional Owners, Alice Springs Town Council and the sporting community would have been done prior to the announcement.

“This would have provided a detailed and true understanding of the proposal, supported by key stakeholders, upon which the broader community could have had its say.

“I am disappointed that the government has not taken the Alice Springs community on the journey to achieve this important project.

“We also note the government has ignored the recommendation of the project’s Steering Committee, which recommended Alice Springs Desert Park as the location for the gallery,” said Mr Higgins.

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