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Labor can't be trusted on Pinelands

The dismissive and contradictory nature of the Labor government continues, as the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics continues to muddy the waters on the future of the Pinelands industrial business precinct.

To the surprise of businesses in the vicinity, the site is earmarked for a new youth justice and alcohol treatment facility.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Lia Finocchiaro called on the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics to live up to her rhetoric and come clean on her plans.

“In her dismissive nature, the Minister has completely put the cart before the horse on this project, failing to advise, let alone genuinely consult with affected businesses.

“In a thinly veiled attempt to cover her lack of consultation, the Minister told businesses the consultation period would commence.

“Next, she admitted there was no other sites looked at or being considered.

“Labor can't be trusted.

“The Minister is wasting everyone's time with a fake and flawed consultation process that simply reinforces the disregard she had for the near 100 people who attended the meeting on Wednesday evening, and those Territorians who also stand to be affected.

“There was no consultation whatsoever prior to the site announcement and after Wednesday night's meeting it is pretty clear that the government still doesn't want to listen.

“I call on the Minister to front the businesses and unveil the plans for the site, including the alcohol rehabilitation facility.

“The Opposition believes there are better alternative locations including at Holtze,” said Ms Finocchiaro.

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