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Media Release – Miles’ “media stunt” a dry argument

Member for Burdekin, Dale Last, has labelled the Deputy Premier’s pledge to assist a school in the Burdekin electorate a “media stunt”.

In response to a media article revealing the school had run out of water, Steven Miles pledged to “seek answers” and described the situation as “concerning” but Mr Last said neither the Deputy Premier nor other senior ministers had acted on their concern since he brought the issue to light in March.

“The fact is the Labor government has had over three months to seek answers on this,” Mr Last said.

“The Education Minister, the Resources Minister and the Water Minister are all well aware of this issue and, if they haven’t updated the Deputy Premier, then we clearly have a serious communication problem in the Labor government.”

“In fact, the Deputy Premier himself was in parliament on March 10th when I spoke about the issue. So, what is really concerning is the fact that the Deputy Premier has done nothing except to fake concern when questioned by the media.”

Mr Last said the “crocodile tears” over the Valkyrie school’s water situation were just the latest in a long line of what he calls fake interest.

“The only time the Deputy Premier seems to care about regional areas is when he is caught out,” Mr Last said. “I’ve repeatedly requested meetings with him on other issues in regional centres and those requests have basically been ignored.”

“The very future of one centre, Glenden, is at stake and the Deputy Premier refuses to meet with the local Mayor or myself to discuss it. There’s also a major development proposed near Bowen that the Deputy Premier overlooked and now that’s caught up in the legal process.”

“It would be a nice change to see Steven Miles actually take some action. The Department of Education is proposing testing of a water source so, if Steven Miles actually wants to help, maybe he can fast track that testing and ensure students at Valkyrie finally have access to water.”

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