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## **PEGASUS SAFE UNDER LABOR WITH NO DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL MOLONGLO**

Minister for Planning, Andrew Barr, has today re-assured the Pegasus Riding School for the Disabled that its future is safe under a re-elected Labor Government, with the Labor Government earlier this year ruling out development of the Central Molonglo area.

Mr Barr said that in contrast the Opposition Leader and Liberal Party planning spokesperson on ABC radio this morning would only commit to a 20 year moratorium on development of Central Molonglo – giving little certainty to Pegasus and seriously jeopardising the environmental significance of the area.

“In August this year I tabled a variation to the Territory Plan that permanently removes Central Molonglo from being a future area for urban development, acknowledging its environmental importance and giving the Pegasus Riding School certainty for their future,” Mr Barr said.

“Interestingly, the Labor Government made this decision following a report by the Planning and Environment Committee, of which the Liberal Environment spokeswoman is a member, that recommended this action be taken.

“It was surprising, then, that the Opposition Leader only committed to a 20 year moratorium on development on ABC radio this morning.”

Mr Barr said Mr Seselja’s comments this morning raise the question of whether he is simply unaware of his own position on this issue or whether the Liberals are now back flipping and proposing the development of this area in the future.

“I can’t believe Mr Seselja, as the shadow planning minister, would be unaware of his own position on the development of Central Molonglo – a position his party advocated only 6 weeks ago in the Legislative Assembly,” Mr Barr said.

“I can only assume that he has changed the policy position of his party and will now develop Central Molonglo.

“Mr Seselja needs to clarify the Liberals’ plans for developing this important area of environmental significance. I urge him to support the Labor Government in guaranteeing no development of this area into perpetuity.”

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