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COME ON FRANK – PLAY FAIR IN REDFERN

Planning Minister Frank Sartor should stop hiding behind his Department and waive the \$60,000 development application fee for the Aboriginal Housing Company immediately.

“Minister Sartor needs to play fair and give the Aboriginal Housing Company a real chance to redevelop Redfern for the future,” Shadow Minister Redfern Waterloo, Brad Hazzard said today.

“For years the Aboriginal Housing Company and Mick Mundine have worked tirelessly for the betterment of the Block and its residents,” he said.

“To now charge them a \$60,000 development application fee – it’s dirty and not fair.

“Minister Sartor has the discretionary powers to waive the fee and should do so on this application.

“It is laughable that Minister Sartor is now trying to play by the rules – when he knows he’s made decisions on major projects for donors to the Labor Party.

“Is there a rule for the Aboriginal Housing Company which doesn’t donate to the Labor Party, as opposed to the favourable treatment of developers who do donate to Labor?”

“The Aboriginal Housing Company should be given a real chance to develop its vision for Redfern.

“The Aboriginal Housing Company want what’s best for Redfern and the local community – Minister Sartor should exercise the same discretion as he does for other large developments he calls in.

“The NSW Liberal/Nationals call on Minister Sartor to waive the \$60,000 development application fee for the Aboriginal Housing Company and let them get on with the Pemulway Project in Redfern,” Mr Hazzard said.

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