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Will Labor apologise for Wild Rivers?

Labor must come out of hiding and explain its position on Wild Rivers laws to Cape York communities following yesterday's Federal Court decision.

Deputy Premier Jeff Seeney said the Federal Court ruling that a number of wild rivers declarations were 'invalid' proved Labor's flawed laws were all about politics not good planning.

"This Federal Court judgement exposes for all to see that Labor was more interested in cutting green preference deals in Brisbane than they were in the future of indigenous people in the Cape," Mr Seeney said.

"In contrast, our Government has been working with local communities and traditional owners to develop a Cape York Regional Plan that protects the environment while still allowing sustainable development to occur.

"Our Government is committed to giving indigenous communities a real say and real job opportunities, but what about Labor?"

"Does Annastacia Palaszczuk still support the wild rivers laws she voted for under the Beattie and Bligh Labor Governments?"

"What about Labor's environment spokesperson Jackie Trad who claimed in her maiden speech that the laws were one of Labor's 'key achievements'?"

"Traditional owners on the Cape had to fight a long legal battle against these flawed laws and they deserve an apology and some answers from Labor."

Mr Seeney said taxpayers were continuing to pay for Labor's poor planning with the Queensland Government ordered to pay all legal costs.

"Queenslanders have paid a heavy price for Labor's poor planning through the health payroll debacle, the Traveston Dam fiasco, the 'white elephant' water grid and they are paying again for Labor's flawed wild rivers laws," he said.

"Labor's Annastacia Palaszczuk should come out of hiding today, say sorry to the people of the Cape for putting them through years of heartache, and support our Government in repealing these laws once and for all.

“While it’s clear Labor has no plans and no policies to take the state forward, our Government has a strong plan for a brighter future for all Queenslanders, including indigenous communities on the Cape.”