Reward Depends On Labour Win

SYDNEY, Tuesday.—Two Darwin men will benefit by several thousand pounds if the Australian Labour Party is returned at the next national elections.

The Labour Party has pledged to pay them “a fair reward” for the discovery that led to the massive Gove bauxite project, about to be launched at the tip of Arnhem Land.

The men are the former Darwin Harbour master, Captain F. D. Wells, and veteran prospector Dutchy Waulkes.

The Member for the Northern Territory, Mr. J. Nelson, said today, “The most sickening feature of the bauxite story is the treatment meted out by the Government to the men who made the project possible.”

The two men discovered bauxite on Marchinbar Island, near Gove, he said.

Captain Wells was the first man to assess the Gove deposits and send samples to the Government.

“Five years ago, they were offered a paltry £500 which they wisely and properly refused,” he said.

The project would cost up to £50 million to establish, the men would receive only £250 each. Mr. Nelson said.