CLP Opposition Sells Out East Arnhem

The CLP Opposition has sold out East Arnhem to the tune of more than $28 million by voting against the Rudd Government’s $42 billion stimulus package.

The defeat of this legislation has cost the Territory more than $450 million – the CLP Opposition should be ashamed of itself.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson said Senator Nigel Scullion’s vote could have saved the package and tens of millions of dollars for East Arnhem.

“In the end it came down to one vote – and the CLP’s Nigel Scullion sided with his Liberal mates – instead of for the Territory,” Mr Henderson said.

“The decision by Mr Scullion – which has been proudly supported by the CLP Opposition Leader Terry Mills has cost $20 million in infrastructure and another $8 million in payments for the people of East Arnhem.

“Senator Scullion and the CLP Opposition have supported higher unemployment and less infrastructure investment in the Territory.”

Under the stimulus package, every primary school will have a large scale infrastructure project, such as a library or hall, built or upgraded. There will also be 500 new science labs and language centres across Australia and up to $200,000 for every school for upgrades and maintenance.

The Territory will also benefit from the other measures in the package including road maintenance, energy efficiency for houses, tax breaks for business, public and defence housing and $950 one-off bonus payments for Territorians.

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