Government cuts $36m of Infrastructure Projects for Central Australia

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The Independent Member for Araluen Robyn Lambley says the decision by the Gunner Government to defer and possibly cut $36m of infrastructure projects for Central Australia is a major blow to our economy.

“After 3 months of virtual silence from the Gunner Government, the first major funding announcement they make for Central Australia are cuts to planned infrastructure expenditure”, said Mrs Lambley.

The revised Government infrastructure plan involves two projects for Alice Springs - a $7m Youth Facility and a $6m new Women’s Shelter.

“Projects deferred include a $2.7m upgrade of the Ross Parliament Primary School; $11m storm rectification works for the Central Australia Health Service; and numerous road upgrades including an $11.5m upgrade of the Maryvale Road and $4.5m of Larapinta Drive head works.”

“The Chief Minister has let the people of Central Australia by removing $36m of planned Government contracts from the local economy over the forward estimates. This is bad news for Alice Springs. Businesses will suffer. People will lose their jobs and some will leave town.”

The Deferred Central Australian infrastructure projects have not been rescheduled, indicating that some of these projects may be scrapped.

“I am disappointed in this Government; they have prioritised Darwin, Palmerston and Katherine at the expense of Central Australia. I hope this is not a sign of things to come” said Mrs Lambley.

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