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Not immediate stimulus

The Government’s latest infrastructure package ignores homeowners and fails to provide the stimulus tradies need during tough economic times.

“Once again the Government has put the interests of a few ahead the interests of many,” says Deputy Opposition Leader, Lia Finocchiaro.

“The Home Improvement voucher scheme gave all Territorians who owned a home the opportunity to improve their properties and tradies the opportunity to do a wide range of works.

“It meant money flowed into the economy immediately and in just a few months more than 5000 applications for works had been approved.

“Instead of implementing shallow imitations, the Government should re-introduce the Home Improvement voucher scheme and get money flowing into the economy immediately.

“There has been an excellent response to our petition to bring back the Home Improvement Scheme and Government needs to listen to Territorians and re-open the scheme.”

Mrs Finocchiaro said the Government’s plan also hits the budget and the Treasurer should explain where from where the funds to pay for it are coming.

“We had the extraordinary situation last week where one of the Government’s own ministers described the economy as ‘stuffed’,“ she says.

“Racking up more Government debt is not the way to go about fixing the economy.”

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