Terry Mills Must Support $42 billion Nation Building and Jobs Plan

Treasurer Delia Lawrie today called on Opposition Leader Terry Mills to put Territorians ahead of his Liberal colleagues in Canberra and support the Rudd Government’s $42 billion Nation Building and Jobs Plan.

“Liberal Party leader Malcolm Turnbull has already said his party will not support this vital $42 billion Nation Building and Jobs Plan yet Mr Mills remains silent,” Ms Lawrie said.

“It is time that Mr Mills put the interest of Territorians ahead of his Liberal mates in Canberra and shows his support publicly of the Rudd Government’s $42 billion plan.

“The Henderson Labor Government strongly supports and welcomes the Rudd Government’s $42 billion plan and I call on Mr Mills to do the same by urging Mr Turnbull to reconsider his position.

“If the Rudd Government’s $42 billion plan is defeated Territorians will lose

- $950 one off cash payments to eligible families, single workers, students, drought affected farmers and others;
- Capital funding for essential new buildings and upgrades for each one of our primary schools;
- Rebates of up to $1600 for solar hot water installations or free insulation in the family home;
- The construction of more social and defence housing in the Territory; and
- More money for maintenance works on our national highways.

“By not supporting the Rudd Government’s $42 billion Nation Building and Jobs Plan Mr Mills is simply not supporting Territorians during these tough economic times,” Ms Lawrie said.

“While the Territory is well placed to withstand the effects of the global financial crisis we have always said we are not immune and many Territorians have already started feeling the pinch.

“Territorians will miss out on many of the key features of the Rudd Government’s plan to protect jobs and help ward off nationwide recession if it is not supported by the Liberals in Canberra.

“Jobs, education and the environment are all key features of the Rudd Government’s plan and it is vital that the Liberal Party in Canberra and the Country Liberal Party in the Northern Territory support it as a way of supporting Territorians.”

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