Territory Schools will miss out under Liberals

Territory schools stand to miss out on new and improved facilities if a Tony Abbott-led Liberal Government wins the Federal Election.

Minister for Education and Training, Dr Chris Burns, said the Building Education Revolution (BER) would be scrapped by Abbott and yet to be completed NT school projects will miss out.

“Tony Abbott has continually opposed the BER and will slash the program if he wins the election,” Dr Burns said.

“That will mean if the Coalition are elected, then 101 yet to be completed BER projects in Territory schools will be cut.

“The BER delivers $269 million for more classrooms, science and language centres, libraries, school halls, and better facilities at our schools.

“It is hard to comprehend why the Tony Abbott and the Territory Opposition don’t support this significant infrastructure investment in schools in their own electorates.

“Not only will schools miss out, Territory businesses won’t get the contracts to do the work.

“There are 40,000 Territory students and families benefiting from better buildings and school facilities under the BER.

“School communities worked on their funding application and determined what new infrastructure and upgrades their school most needed.

“It was the Labor Commonwealth Government the delivered $574 million to the Territory under the National Building and Stimulus plan.

“As well as building better schools, this funding has helped secure Territory jobs and kept businesses going against the backdrop of the global financial crisis.

“I thank and congratulate the hard work of school councils, staff and community members that have worked tirelessly to secure funding and design projects that will benefit Territory students,” Dr Burns said.

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