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JOB VACANCIES DECLINE

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Labor’s one-dimensional approach to economic development is exposed in the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics jobs vacancy data.

Shadow Treasurer, John Elferink, said there were just 2300 job vacancies in the Northern Territory during the May quarter – the lowest figure for a number of years.

“The previous quarter there were 3200 vacancies and before that 2600 vacancies,” Mr Elferink said.

“Of the 2300 job vacancies, 900 of those are public service positions.

“If the economy was booming in the way the Treasurer likes to present it, there’d be a substantial surge in job vacancies.

“The fact is, there has been a decline.

“Labor’s dependence on the Darwin LNG plant for economic direction is quite frankly frightening.

“Without the project, there would be precious little economic activity to speak of.

“Delia Lawrie and Labor have created a one pillar economy – with the LNG project supplanting traditional economic drivers such as the pastoral sector, mining and tourism.”

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