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CLP’S LITANY OF BUSH FAILURES

Deputy Opposition Leader Gerry McCarthy said the CLP Government has revealed its failure to deliver on promises to the bush, with more than $62.5 million in infrastructure projects.

Under questioning from the Opposition in Parliament today the Chief Minister Adam Giles was unable to explain why these vital infrastructure projects had not been delivered.

“Under Labor there was more than $125 million in capital works projects funded and ready to go in communities across the Territory,” Mr McCarthy said.

“There was $66 million earmarked for new health infrastructure; $15 million for barges and airstrips; $30 million for youth and early childhood projects; and $13.5 million for trade and vocational training works.

“By our analysis more than half of these projects are stalled with no explanation.

“Critical infrastructure isn’t being built in bush communities, jobs and training opportunities aren’t eventuating and local contractors are missing out.

“Many of these projects were being built under Commonwealth funding agreements.

“We don’t know if this money has had to be handed back because of the CLP Government’s failure to make these projects a reality.

“Adam Giles promised the bush the world in the lead up to the elections but now he’s left them high and dry.

“Interestingly three bush members did not ask any questions for their team during Question Time. The Members for Namatjira, Arnhem and Arafura’s silence spoke volumes.

“The CLP Government is in disarray and Territorians are paying the price.”

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