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CLP Sells Out Darwin and Palmerston

The CLP Opposition has sold out Darwin and Palmerston to the tune of about $300 million by voting against the Rudd Government’s $42 billion stimulus package.

The defeat of this legislation has cost the Territory more than $450 million – the CLP Opposition should be ashamed of itself.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson said Senator Nigel Scullion’s vote could have saved the package and the hundreds of millions of dollars for Darwin

“In the end it came down to one vote – and the CLP’s Nigel Scullion sided with his Liberal mates – instead of Darwin and Palmerston,” Mr Henderson said.

“The decision by Mr Scullion – which has been proudly supported by the CLP Opposition Leader Terry Mills has cost $170 million in infrastructure, $76 million for defence housing and another $62 million in payments for people in the Top End.

“Senator Scullion and the CLP Opposition have supported higher unemployment and less infrastructure investment in the Territory.”

Under the stimulus package, every primary school will have a large scale infrastructure project, such as a library or hall, built or upgraded. There will also be 500 new science labs and language centres across Australia and up to $200,000 for every school for upgrades and maintenance.

The Territory will also benefit from the other measures in the package including road maintenance, energy efficiency for houses, tax breaks for business, public and defence housing and $950 one-off bonus payments for Territorians.

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