Stop whinging, start doing

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The Gunner Labor Government should stop whinging and put up its hand for the hundreds of millions of dollars available through the State and Territory Growth and Innovation Fund and Building Better Regions Fund.

Opposition Leader Gary Higgins said the Gunner Labor Government’s begging bowl mentality is holding back the Territory economy.

“Instead of Territory Labor whinging and moaning about Canberra, it should be seeking out Commonwealth funding that will deliver infrastructure and create jobs,” says Opposition Leader Gary Higgins.

“The Commonwealth has billions invested in the Territory through its $20 billion defence spend and projects such as Barneson Boulevard and the PET scanner.

“By contrast, the Gunner Labor Government’s on-shore gas ban and Dan Ban stop economic growth.

“The Chief Minister hasn’t even met with the Prime Minister since announcing the Productivity Commission’s cuts to our GST grants. He’s a yapping dog on the sidelines but lacks the bottle to meet with the Prime Minister in person.

Opposition Leader, Gary Higgins, has written to the Federal Government urging it to review the new Foreign Worker Levy, which could cost the Territory’s small business owners up to $1200 for every overseas worker.

“Inherent skills shortages means the Territory economy relies heavily on an international workforce and I will work with the Commonwealth and local business to ensure the Territory can still find the workers we need,” Mr Higgins said.

“The problems faced by Sydney or Melbourne are vastly different to those we face in the Territory.”

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