

OFFICE OF THE OPPOSITION

PUBLIC HOUSING STIMULUS SURVEY

(“Tradies survey”)

RESULTS



Message from the Opposition

The CLP Opposition has been concerned for some time about stories we've heard relating to the Northern Territory Government's so-called housing stimulus packages and procurement processes.

In particular, there have been allegations relating to favoured contractors, late payments by government, questionable procurement practices and work going to interstate contractors over locals.

The Government has been quick to promote their public housing construction programs as "stimulus packages" aimed at helping out local tradespeople.

On 24 January 2019, we launched a survey asking tradies about their direct experiences with the Government's public housing packages.

Our survey was to gauge directly from local contractors how deep the issues are and what sort of experiences – good and bad—have they had with the stimulus packages.

We promoted the survey through social media, free media and direct mail.

The 10 question survey was open until 11 February 2019 and yielded 191 responses.

The following pages contains the response data relating to each question and at the end the document we've included most of the comments lodged under each question.

Some comments have not been included as they feature allegations and claims which are possibly defamatory.

We release the results of the survey in good faith and hope the information it contains is constructive for both Government and industry.

Regards,

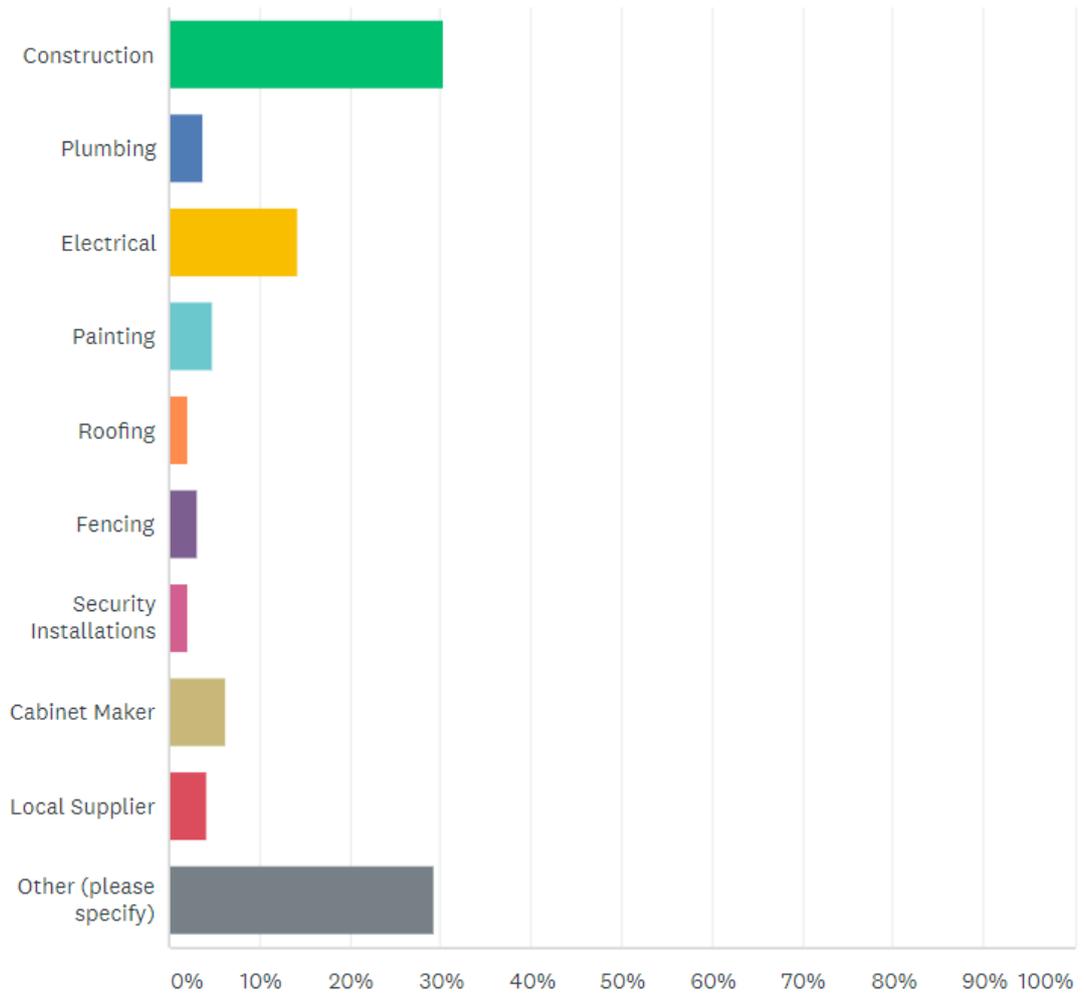
Gary Higgins, Leader of the Opposition

Lia Finocchiaro, Deputy Leader of the Opposition

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PUBLIC HOUSING STIMULUS SURVEY – RESULTS

What is your business / trade?

Answered: 191 Skipped: 0

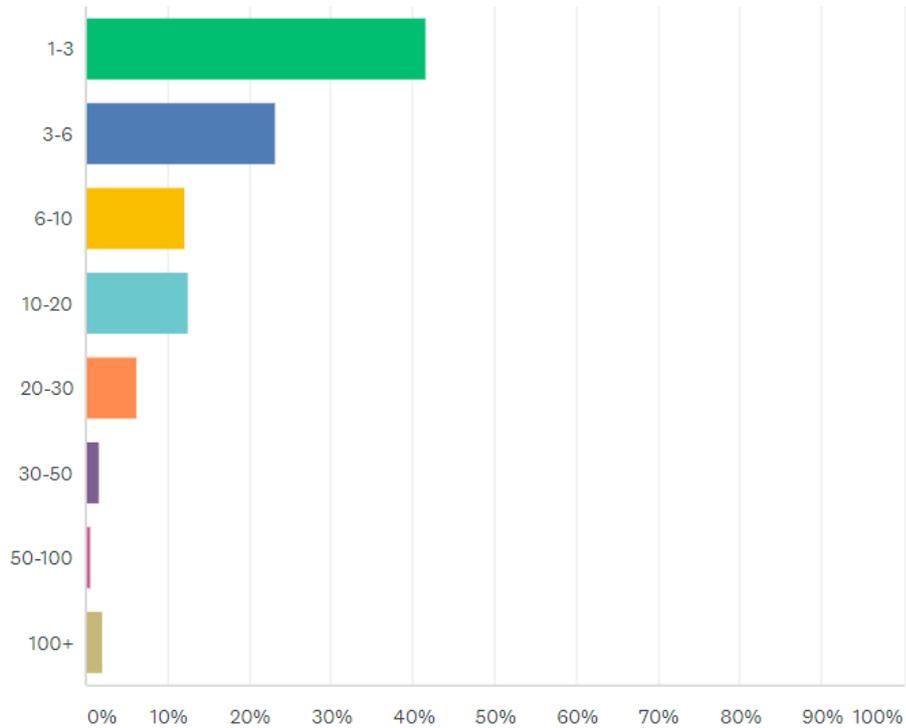


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Construction	30.37%	58
Plumbing	3.66%	7
Electrical	14.14%	27
Painting	4.71%	9
Roofing	2.09%	4
Fencing	3.14%	6
Security Installations	2.09%	4
Cabinet Maker	6.28%	12
Local Supplier	4.19%	8
Other (please specify)	29.32%	56
TOTAL		191

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How many people work at your business?

Answered: 190 Skipped: 1



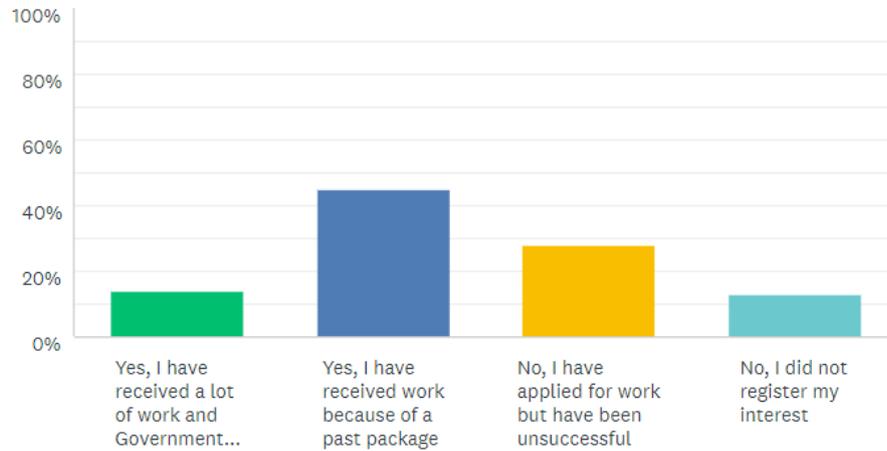
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ 1-3	41.58% 79
▼ 3-6	23.16% 44
▼ 6-10	12.11% 23
▼ 10-20	12.63% 24
▼ 20-30	6.32% 12
▼ 30-50	1.58% 3
▼ 50-100	0.53% 1
▼ 100+	2.11% 4
TOTAL	190

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Have you received work under a Government stimulus package in the past?

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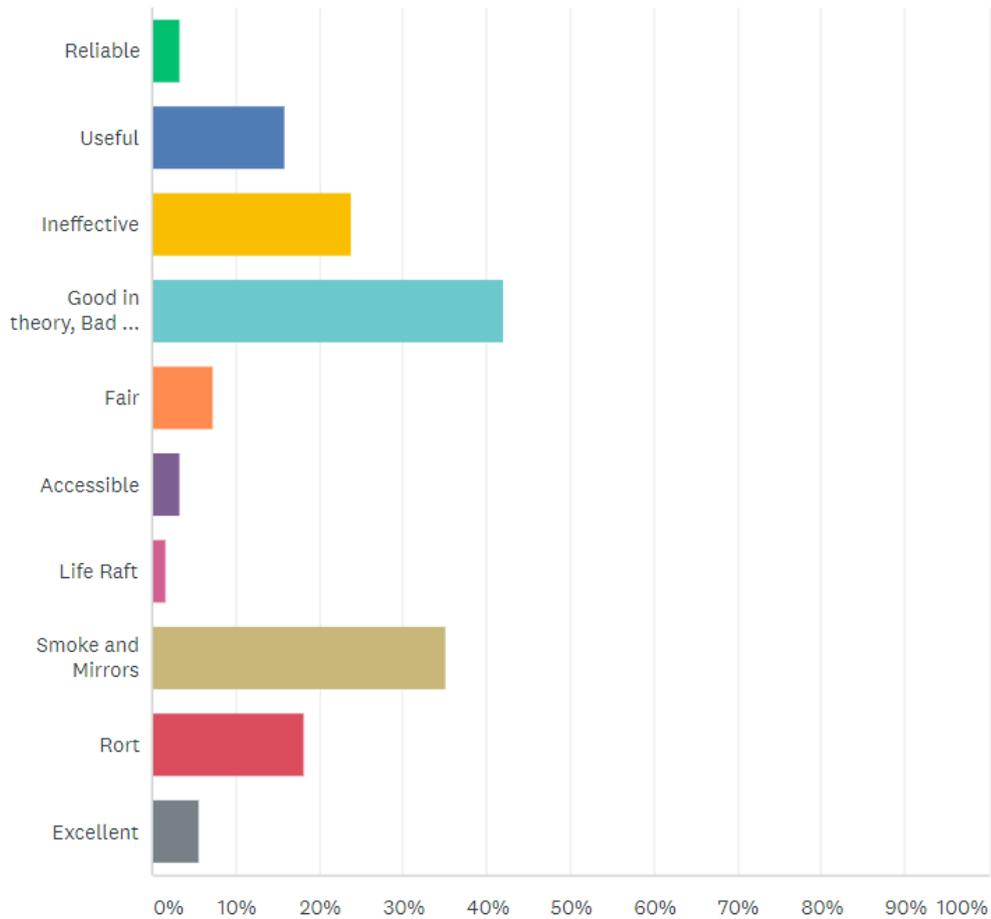
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Yes, I have received a lot of work and Government stimulus packages have been great for my business	13.76% 26
▼ Yes, I have received work because of a past package	44.97% 85
▼ No, I have applied for work but have been unsuccessful	28.04% 53
▼ No, I did not register my interest	13.23% 25
TOTAL	189

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Which of the following words would you use to describe the Government's new \$100 million dollar Housing Stimulus package? Select all that apply.

Answered: 176 Skipped: 15

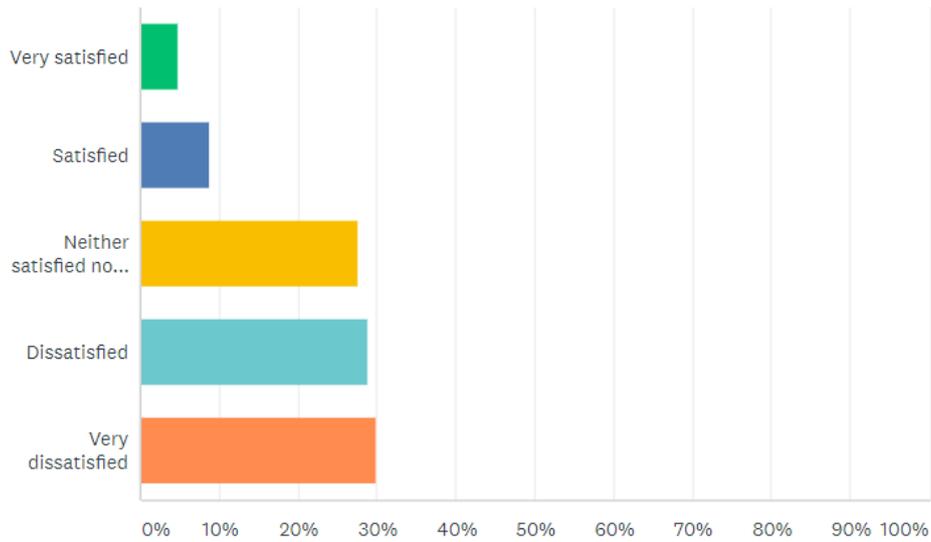


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Reliable	3.41% 6
Useful	15.91% 28
Ineffective	23.86% 42
Good in theory, Bad in practice	42.05% 74
Fair	7.39% 13
Accessible	3.41% 6
Life Raft	1.70% 3
Smoke and Mirrors	35.23% 62
Rort	18.18% 32
Excellent	5.68% 10
Total Respondents: 176	

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How would you rate your experience in obtaining Government Housing work?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 7



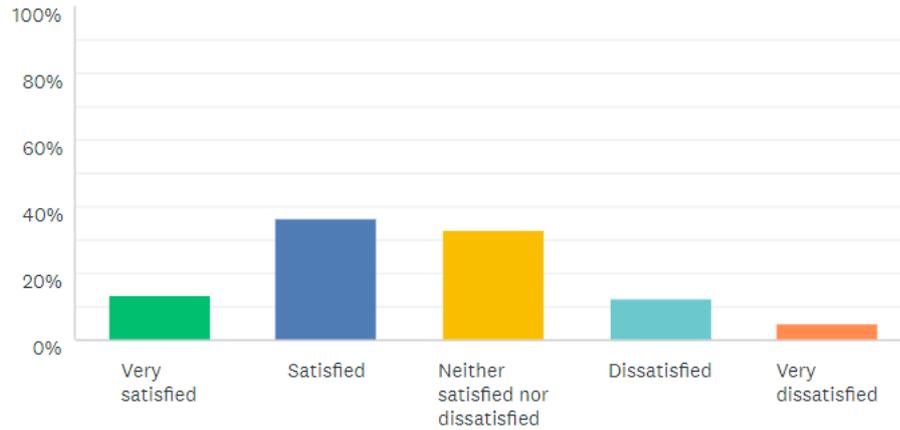
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Very satisfied	4.89% 9
Satisfied	8.70% 16
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	27.72% 51
Dissatisfied	28.80% 53
Very dissatisfied	29.89% 55
TOTAL	184

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If you have done Government work under a stimulus package in the past, were you satisfied with the time the Government took to pay you?

Answered: 179 Skipped: 12



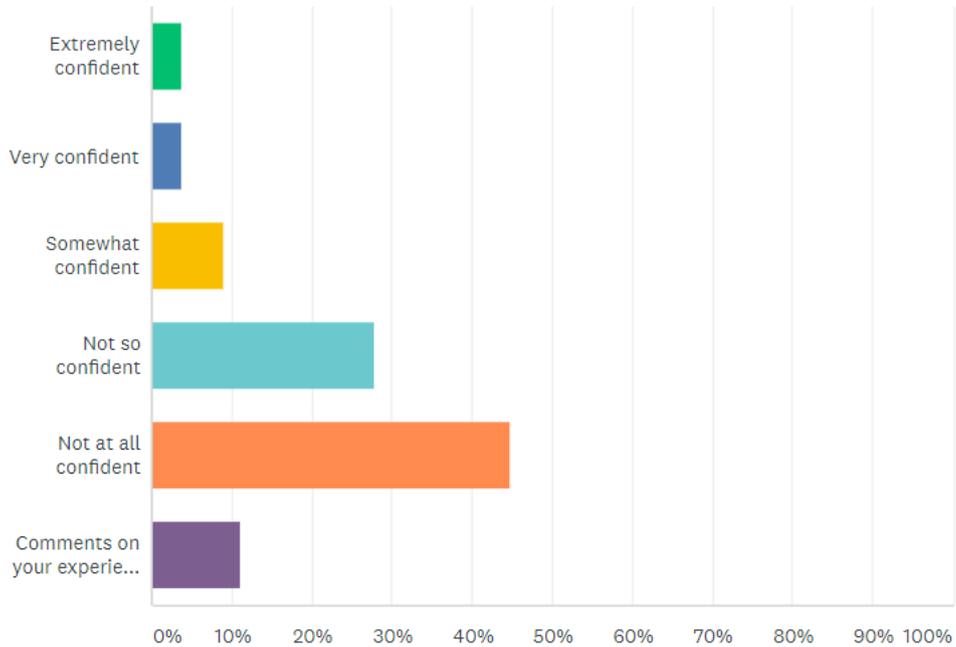
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Very satisfied	13.41% 24
▼ Satisfied	36.31% 65
▼ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	32.96% 59
▼ Dissatisfied	12.29% 22
▼ Very dissatisfied	5.03% 9
TOTAL	179

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PUBLIC HOUSING STIMULUS SURVEY – RESULTS

Are you confident the Government Tender process is fair and transparent?

Answered: 190 Skipped: 1



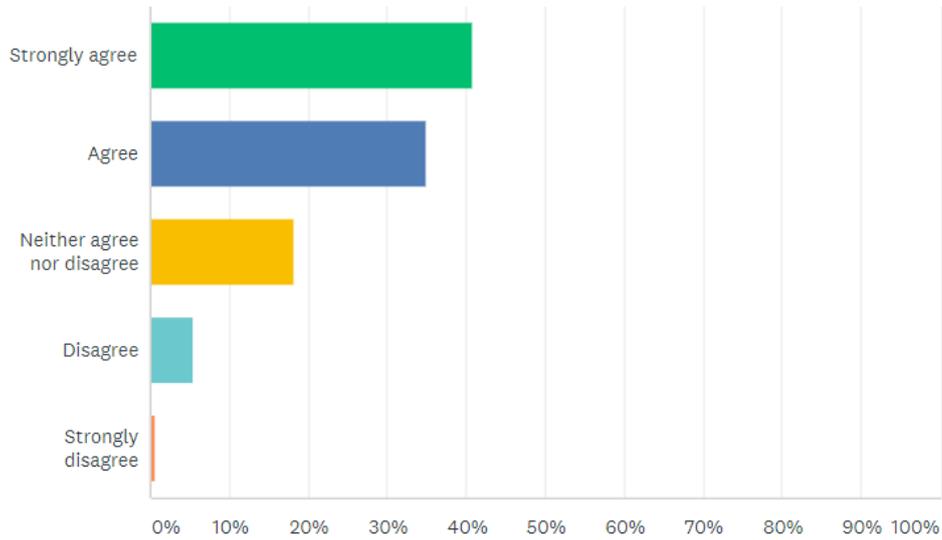
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Extremely confident	3.68% 7
Very confident	3.68% 7
Somewhat confident	8.95% 17
Not so confident	27.89% 53
Not at all confident	44.74% 85
Comments on your experience with Tenders:	Responses 11.05% 21
TOTAL	190

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PUBLIC HOUSING STIMULUS SURVEY – RESULTS

Do you feel interstate businesses are winning work over Territory businesses?

Answered: 186 Skipped: 5



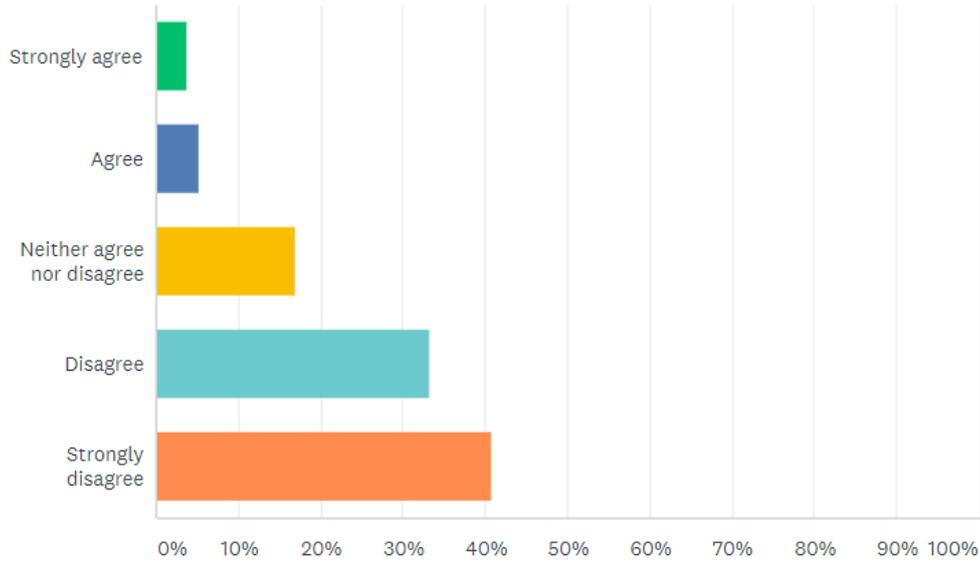
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly agree	40.86% 76
Agree	34.95% 65
Neither agree nor disagree	18.28% 34
Disagree	5.38% 10
Strongly disagree	0.54% 1
TOTAL	186

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Do you agree that the NT Government is doing enough to support small business?

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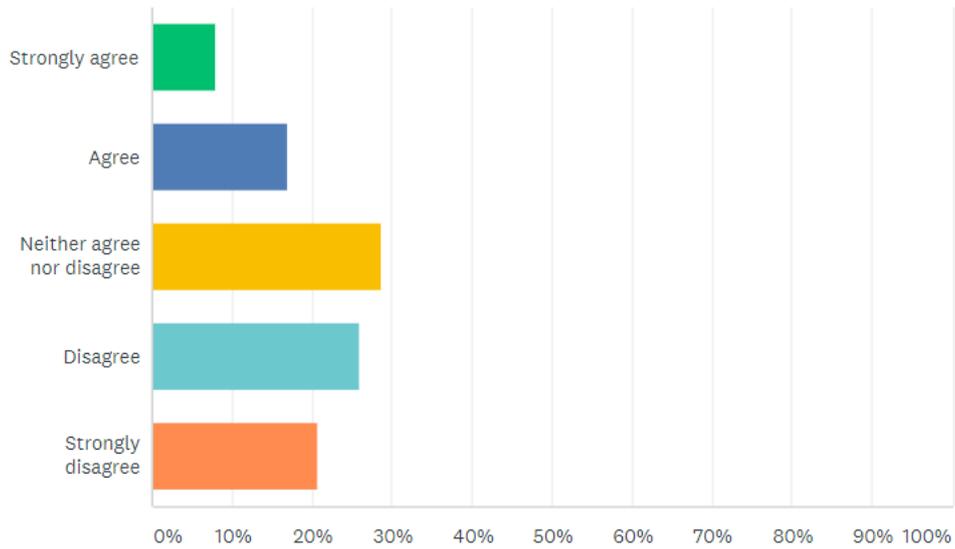
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly agree	3.70% 7
Agree	5.29% 10
Neither agree nor disagree	16.93% 32
Disagree	33.33% 63
Strongly disagree	40.74% 77
TOTAL	189

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PUBLIC HOUSING STIMULUS SURVEY – RESULTS

Is the public housing stimulus package a good use of taxpayers' money?

Answered: 189 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly agree	7.94% 15
Agree	16.93% 32
Neither agree nor disagree	28.57% 54
Disagree	25.93% 49
Strongly disagree	20.63% 39
TOTAL	189

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Have you received work under a Government stimulus package in the past?

What a dumb meaningless question - when nanny state hands out lollies of course people are going to grab a handful

we are on every government list and still havent even been asked to tender

No feedback nor news from scheme at all. Tried to contact them and no one answers the phone

During the \$69mil we were awarded two reroofs of unit at Moulden; only after prompting - we were registered from the outset but received no invitations prior to prompting. Work then went according to plan, payment was prompt.

there has not been a single person come into our tile shop asking for tiles from the stimulus package

This scheme is a joke! I ate all my meat and now i want my pudding

registered but haven't had a thing

We tendered on the works package bu were unsuccessful.

we registered for the tradie grants, which was a hit with our sub contractors (installers)

only had 2 jobs in the last package & very little work since

Would be worth bringing this back for a longer period. Generally found a lot of contractors however overcharged and in one incident found the lower charged contractor completed works at below standard finish.

Did get one job wasted my time

We were shut out by indigenous organisations who wanted the work, but were rehired to fix their work

Dont Frack our precious Territory! I hope that you DO realise that the MAJORITY of Terratorians are opposed to Fracking

We were in contention for a work package but were told that a third of our staff must be indigenous

I have registered but have not seen a package to tender yet.

no communication from NTG, I have called offices and have not seen any works to price on

Tradie Scheme - built a custom lounge worth \$8000, was knocked back because the lounge could be taken out of the house. But hey plants and ceramic pots from a nursery were fine!

We received a job to quote right at the end of the last package, as I had been making a lot of noise about receiving nothing even to quote .

We are employed by contractors to spray grass and temporary irrigation around the government houses that have been repaired.

Government work is base only on price. If you make a mistake in a tender, you will win! If I make a mistake in a tender, I will win!

We got a lot of work out of the home renovation pckage but have not recieved 1 request for goverment housing past and present.

signed up for this work but as usual nothing is coming through to any local businesses seems to all be going interstate

We haven't registered because of common knowledge in the industry the work only goes to the bigger companies, so therefore the time and resources invested in the tendering and quoting isn't worth it for us smaller guys

I have registered multiple times and never have been invited to tender

I'm a roofing background construction company. And from what I know not heard certain roofing companies used sub contracting employees on their books to register and pay those subbies a commission and reap the benefits of the profits. I'm born and bred Darwin guy that has to relocate my family due to no work.

Hi I only registered for the tradie scheme a couple of years ago. I never registered for the housing stimulis last year as I was ok with work but that stopped in the middle of the year. I'm a roofing background construction company. And from what I know not heard certain roofing companies used sub contracting employees on their books to register and pay those subbies a commission and reap the benefits of the profits. I'm born and bred Darwin guy that has to relocate my family due to no work.

Have applied but have yet to even see a job or even a quote request come through.

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Which of the following words would you use to describe the Government's new \$100 million dollar Housing Stimulus package?

Not everyone gets a go at this

Socialist crap and that's how you should be describing it

Never had an opportunity.

I've heard about it, but I haven't heard anything further. Who is it available to and how much?

wastefull

Absolute Rort !

Not sure who has won the packages , but we have seen nothing in terms of business

biggest waste of money ever, for so few recipiant

Titanic looks good but is flawed

if they follow through! lets see the contracts rolling out

no jobs came through even though we are registered

The works were rolled out in a large tender and only four companies were successful, trouble is over 20 companies tendered and only 4 received work. I feel the way it was rolled out was just lazy and a political stunt by the Government, they've essentially hand balled it out the door and walked away from it.

i would imagine that the larger businesses with obtain most of the packages, smaller operations are more a "quote & do" arrangements, IMO .

not enough work for small business

will only help those few companies already doing the works and will not provide all round assistance to others

Is it happening

Helping a select few and not fair.

This package has only helped a small number of business. A stimulus like this should be assisting quite a number of businesses in the LOCAL community not a select few who are not even local.

Not sure I believe taxpayers should be subsidizing this

Possibly upto 80m is already taken up in the general maintenacnce contracts for NT Housing so there 100m claim is rubbish.

it needs to be spread out to the smaller business's no use giving it all to the big guys as all the small business's need cash flow too

The houses being repaired are for people who add very little to the economy. Its doubtful any small business owner is currently living in any Territory Housing, unless they maybe sell Tupperware or have a cash only stall at the markets

Next to nothing for Katherine, and what did make it mostly went to the 3 panel contractors

I would not complain about a new stimulus package. I believe the grant presents further opportunities for work. Even though i only received 1 job from the previous stimulus package, more people are activity searching for contractors to take advantage of the stimulus.

The big five that have got most of the work have already made a lot of money in the past and don't need it. The money is coming from our tax payers which is a waste, would be better used to house owners.

This is an unfair system. We have to wait for someone in a government department to email us and ask us to quote for work. Every business who registers for a category should be emailed and asked to quote. Then the best quote accepted. EG If fencing is required and there are 10 businesses registered for fencing they should all be contacted and asked to quote. This does not happen.

Would be great if us small business got a taste of it, would really help us as business to stay afloat. If it's not the big players getting work then it's going to remote work.

You would be aware that there is a terrible staff shortage in the NT. There is absolutely no point in dishing out cash if we can't get staff to do the work.

Giving jobs is a great thing, Sharing the work around would be even better. Every company having 5 jobs is better than one large company having work for months.

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How would you rate your experience in obtaining Government Housing work?

Stop pandering to their nonsense - what are you trying to do, make socialism better? for goodness sake

Need to indigenous to get any work

Its disgusting

Been in the game a long time you learn not to be disappointed with the bs.

The packages do not allow me to tender directly for wardrobes, rather they are given to a large business & I have no idea who has won the contract .

we do not have the indigenous factor in our business therefore we are not considered in most of the processes.

nightmare of bureaucracy and bias

Dont bother as all work is given to non skilled businesses

we currently tender on remote housing and there is some work out there . thank god

Me loves it

we sourced it ourselves by building a relationship with Elders who manage some of the government properties - but otherwise the government has not offered anything under the scheme directly with us

In our opinion the work goes out to a select few, or possible people who have cried to their local member. We lost a job where we were \$200,000 cheaper on a \$400,000 package. We went in for a review and sat there dumbfounded as they said "we can't comment to much on your tender because this is the first time we've looked at it, we're very busy you know" (edit)

not enough work for the small builders

Haven't has any work or even a chance to quote work under this package.

To be offered 3 quote in the past stimulus i am not to optimistic that it will be evenly spread between businesses.

Very corrupt

Did 2 jobs and they came up great, employed a few subbies under me and got the job done quick and was promised more work but got nothing

The only type of work would maybe be shades. All Govt shade sail work goes to the one particular company, that is not me

Its been hard to win work with currant pricing

Waiting 30 days to be paid in a recession is hard. We still have to pay our bills IMMEDIATELY

only seems the big boys are getting the works and getting bigger. either that or there is a race to the bottom and this is to try and push out the little guy.

builder not paying there sub contractors and then goverment still awarding tenders to them

It's who you know not the quality of work

No work at all and lost valuable time registering for it

Tenders go to big business, CAL is flawed - you have your competitors assessing your suitability to do work that you are competing with them for.

Don't worry about pricing it as find it a waste of time, they have there favorites.

Always goes to the same contractors

As mention this work only goes to the bigger guys, the actual tradies doing tough are even getting a look in better off doing the tradie scheme, this way the public choose their own LOCAL tradie and improve their own homes, as Public housing will be in the same state in 12 months after the refurbishments

Jobs for the same boys

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If you have done Government work under a stimulus package in the past, were you satisfied with the time the Government took to pay you?

It got better towards end

Not had a chance to quote let alone complete works.

We did the Homeowners stimulus. It worked well

As Per comment above. 1 greek company completed 5 houses in our street near our home under the previous stimulus. It seems to be who you know in the department

Very happy with how quickly invoices were paid

They pay fairly promptly

From memory the payment was at least 2 weeks late. I had to call up to find out why i had not received payment and i was advised that it would be payed on the next payment cycle.

we hanen't done any stimulus work

We got paid within 7 days , and nobody even inspected the job !! \$130 000 job not inspected!

Home renovators and first home buyers was good

I can say that the kids sports voucher scheme has been a mess for quite a while

We have completed works for the Waterfront, they were fine to pay.

Under previous Govt payment regularly delayed

paid on time

Most payments were late

The two Major parties will lose a lot of votes to independants who oppose fracking

The same as ever body else.

30 days

10 weeks to pay invoices. Our suppliers are all 30 days so I lost money after paying interest on the loans.

At lest it's work and you will get paid , private jobs you don't always get paid as people get work done knowing they aren't going to pay.

Not directly paid by government

Quicker payment times would be appreciated

didnt do any work under this package.

Yet to be awarded works

Bananas

this was the previous stimulus package which was introduced by the CLP . Yes that was great

wasn't happy that the home owner had to pay all of there portion before the government would consider paying anything as it left contractors open to be out of pocket with a huge accounts receivable list

government infrastructure was no in place quick enough

Past packages have been great!!

Didnt have a chance

And if they were satisfied that makes socialism good? goodness me, what are you trying to achieve with this non-sense?

Why dont you ask questions which cause people to think?

People who know people....relatives etc on the inside

it is discriminant towards non indigenous businesses

Its not that fair because its too easy to change the original tendered documents to a "or equal" which is price driven and lacking equal quality

as it is difficult to obtain CAL Accreditation for small businesses it does not allow us to go for tenders which is a shame, a different way for small businesses to be able to get Govt Tenders would be a great help

Interstate builders win too many tenders ie : ri-con

It's not fair at all to many rules.

Have Not Tendered before

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To much control given to public servants on selecting opportunities. tenders should be given to all businesses registered for that categories. It is common practice that tenders that are select are given to those with stronger past working relationships. If they were distributed to all resisted parties sure it is more tenders to look at but also more competitive pricing.

seem to go to the same companies alot and if you are not in there pocket get nothing waste of time Quoting
Haven't tried

No, most jobs lack quality, because being the cheapest.

Darwin is a small circle and some tenders are won because they already know the competitors price etc. Unfair...

A chaos of Independants will rule the next parliament and the only people you can blame is yourselves.

Select few win then dish out to smaller businesses they make the bulk and we collect the crumbs

Haven't had a chance to tender to much corruption.

Any tenders I would be going for would have to be through a major contractor who is tendering. You have to know the contractor so they ask you to quote on the job. I don't have time to be smooching with govt advisers and large business owners.

I would like to see greater opportunity for smaller businesses.

It's hard to tell depends on who u bribe

A lot of work for no reward. The same big businesses seem to get all the work. CAL is totally flawed with a panel of your competitors assessing your level of accreditation. There is no consistency on who is awarded a tender - you go to one Tender Debrief and are told one thing, you go to another and are told something completely different.

Don't bother tendering because same stubbies have had it tied up for years

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Do you feel interstate businesses are winning work over Territory businesses?

I'm can't be sure

Why ask that? Do you feel NT businesses should not win business in other states?

Havent heard sorry

We had to change our whole business structure away from big construction as interstate companies were winning stuff the job the up, then hiring us to fix & then not paying and moving onto another business

Can't complain.

not sure as we stopped trying for government tenders as it is a sham

currently quoting on 1 at presant for a sydney base company for Robertson Bks

In areas of civil , health aboriginal housing there is a strong presence of interstate builders /contractors.

I know this guy, who said to me over a pint that the jobs are all going to the mexicans. we should build a wall

there are so many interstate businesses moving in taking work away from the local workers that can not compete with the bigger companies

Of course that are , they wouldn't be here otherwise

I even just this week went on the government site to get quotes for solar power on my own house and suddenly I'm getting calls from a guy in QLD claiming to be a local business. Bullshit.

You get knocked back if you don't pay the unions.

Keep it local

Don't know. I hope not.

Are'nt you supposed to represent the will of the people?

this has been happening for years to my knowledge as the small business dont stand a chance against larger busi-
nesses

Tindil

No information to assess - there doesnt seem to be any works approved - at least by hte NTG tenders website.

its a contradiction to have a stimulus package designed to benefit territorians and then award the works to inter-
state companies!

They only need a po box and rent a small shed and call themselves local. even though they employ fifo on alot of
contracts. They underquote then the gov end up paying more in extras or the company goes bust

Yes 100%

Take a look at the number of consultancies that are interstate

I was the only Territorian on the Westpack bank site at the Gateway doing all the comms cabling.... so.....

stone work at Parliment House interstate builder

Really should put territorians first. Other states may be cheaper but have they taken into account fuel, living expens-
es and freight, time to get things freighted, wet season stoppages, when they quote. They come here do the job and
end up going broke taking local contractors down with them. There work is sometime shonky as they try to cut costs,
they leave and locals have to clean up their mess. I am refering to the smaller companies. When companies go broke
its the goverment who have to pick up the bill to get the job finished (more money spent on the job then was actual-
ly budgeted for) At least being territorian it is your reputation at stake so you do a good job. Darwin is not a big
place and word gets around when your work is shonky.

Palmerston North Water Tower awarded to Victorian Company.

Don't know who is getting the work

while some of these packages are above the capabilities of companies here the required workforce that is supposed
to be NT based is very lacking and not goverened

I have 38 years in the building industry in the Territory, its a plane fact interstate and only large companies are re-
ceiving these packages (also large business employeeing backpackers not locals)

interstate still means larger business with head offices down south, a local office or post box does not make you a
local, if money is going interstate it is not local and getting back in to the little guys economy

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see it all too often in Katherine, classic is all the work at Tindal that has sent 3 Darwin companies to the wall due to no/late payments

i do not think interstate businesses should be eligible for the stimulus

I vehicle doing concrete structure in cav street interstate plates

No just interstate businesses but large businesses as well. Small businesses struggle to supply and meet unrealistic tender requirements and hours go into submitting just the tender (something small businesses cant afford to do). Tenders also have supplier choice and plans which effectively block businesses to apply for as these suppliers have reps and refuse to sell to others.

That's a myth when you look at who is being awarded what, however there are large businesses such as Hutchies setting up offices then being awarded some work. I think, to be fair, the majority of the tenders being awarded outside the NT are because the expertise isn't here in the first place. What do have a culture, though, of these big businesses winning tenders, then screwing the local business down to a price where you can't make money. It's not about being awarded jobs or not, it's whether you can, as a small business, afford to take a job on and make a loss - which is rampant.

They can pack up and go back to where they come from.

Interstate company has just been awarded management of the palmerston tip,

I attended a 2 days conference about 4 months ago and asked how were the government going to ensure that local businesses won work over interstate businesses. The reply at this conference was" If an interstate company puts in a tender and meets all the criteria and they have the best price they will win it over local businesses.

Interstate mob have been winning NT work for a long time.

They come up take the work go broke don't pay the local stobbies just happened to fence factory

Our hourly rates are much higher than interstate businesses, so of course we are behind the eight ball before we even submit a tender

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Do you agree that the NT Government is doing enough to support small business?

nother dumb question suggesting they ought do more, when in fact the evidence is, the less a government does the better the lives of the peoplee it governs, silly socialist questions

We are another small company with 10 people and thinking of shutting down and moving down south

The past stimulus packages have been good, but for construction sector the government have been giving the work to interstate company's which just send the money down south

They are simply throwing money at the problem; typical left politics answer. There doesn't seem to be any growth/wealth creating incentives - moratoriums, studies, inquiries, public ideas, blocking private investment, no incentive for existing businesses only the handouts for new startups, how much time do you have.

all businesses need to be assess on equal merit regardless of indigenou influences

Its not up to the government it is up to the contractor to sell his business to clients and grow it

Worried the budget crisis will impact this but they should be giving work to small and medium businesses from the NT not elsewhere

This question is a travesty. Its so bad that the government is spending money hiding the truth about the damage the economy has done to small business . Its surviving on a knife edge .Bordering on catastrophic

there are incentives on offer for new business's to employ apprentices but what about the older established business that are struggling to keep 2nd, 3rd and 4th year apprentices. Help the old business's before they shut down as we are stuggling to keep our technicians employed.

I feel this current government is all talk and very little action, I can see as a business owner that there is very little work out there and a lot of people are struggling, I think that if my company breaks even this financial year i'll call it a win.

Although i think that alot of small business dont like "looking for work" they are probably have been used to work flowing in without much of a plan, we cant blame the govt for everthing.

Why does the government has to support businesses, it's there own fault they are shutting up shop due to their relaxed attitude and the fact they won't change to suit the current market they work or supply in

The population cant sustain the housing market. Need more people to want to live here.

They are rapping us for everything they can.

Must be Hard to Help Everyone

Nope.

from 20 years experience Running a business has never been harder. Transient staff / Safety compliance audits / constant renewing of every ticketed staff . I am not sure what support business have ever been give unless your indigenou then you have the upper hand.

We are struggling to keep work happening and clients are not confident it is going to turn around know lots of people leaving

Past gov stimulus pack for territory business only

They are trying to help.

Private enterprise incentives for locals. Not dumb money wasting projects organised by corrupted politicians. Let the people have the money and we will make better decisions as it is our livelihood.

Eveybody know that there is a great risk of polluting our waterways

with the work to one tender winner all the other businesses are still in the same boat as before. Need to share the work around

It is imperative to protect small business from contractor insolvency.

Michael Gunner is useless as is his party

Its a Labour Government! They have no idea about business - big or small!

Bring back the home reno scheme and give every business a piece of the 100million not just halikos and sunbuild

NOT AT ALL

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PUBLIC HOUSING STIMULUS SURVEY – COMMENTS

Workplace laws are a joke. NT worksafe needs to pull its head in. Reactive decisions like Biz Secure is not addressing the reason why we have to put security in the first place.

The current Government has no idea about business and in particular the cost of doing business in the NT. Their Public Service has the same ignorance and the general attitude is that if you are in business you must be rich or making a bundle. Business is and Contractors are treated with contempt and arrogance by DIPL and the Government.

To many tenders awarded interstate builders

Its easy to give the work to one big company

the government would prefer to bring new players to town than look after existing long term territory businesses.

Small business is supported when our governing bodies have an idea of how to keep the economy growing, we do not have this at the moment

Definately not looking after the small business

As a small business owner, we have not paid ourselves a proper wage for the last 18 months. Our employees have more rights than we do. We are heavily taxed,

you only have to see why this survey is going out to answer that one

I think the NT Government supports large businesses more then they do small businesses.

I think all govts thought the 20 billion gas project was going to spent in Darwin. Or at least a good part. When they say local they mean australians

What the hell does business expect the Government to do? You can't set up a business then expect Government hand outs. You either make money and make your business a success, or you don't and close down. Why expect anyone, including the Government, to hand it to you on a platter??

Not at all helping the big ones which will give them under the table bonuses to get the work

Stimulus to bring people to the NT, but no assistance for struggling existing businesses.

The smaller guys need more of a fair go at the process

The current govt schemes really only benefit 20 to 30% of the community. I used to do business with these bigger companies but it nearly sent me broke being screwed down on price then strung out between 90 to 120 days on payment

for 1, who did the government select for our "Boundless Possible " advertisement? 2) How many "southern Companies" have either left or have have gone bust in the past 10 yrs?

Not at all

So over them we are allsinking doing jobs for prices of twenty years ago so we cab support our families

We have accessed the Business Growth program a couple of time and it was fantastic for our business. We are also participating int he Master Builders Defence Support assistance program. However, in terms of generating more employment in the private sector, they really need to review the Tradies scheme, that created so much work for so many tradies and people had to put their own money into as well so it may have been the persuading factor for those people to do a job they otherwise would not have done.

No, and throwing money at people that dont' deserve it is certainly not the correct thing to do either
