CLP Mini Budget pain for every Territorian

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Territorians will feel pain of a doubling in the cost of living because of the CLP Government Mini Budget.

Leader of the Opposition Delia Lawrie said the CLP is taking CPI from 2.1% to 4.3%, hiking up PowerWater charges, motor vehicle registration and a raft of fees and charges while slashing concessions.

“Terry Mills has broken his promises to Territorians by introducing massive cost of living price hikes and mass sackings of public servants,” Ms Lawrie said.

“No one has been spared and all Territorians face a tougher future under this Mini Budget. Many people will have no choice but to pack up and leave.

“The pain that Terry Mills is inflicting on Territorians is not necessary, with our economic growth predicted to be the fastest in the nation and our debt levels serviceable at just 8% of revenue to interest – something the Treasurer in Question Time today agreed with as a strategy.

“Terry Mills promised before the election that public servants would not be sacked by a CLP Government – today he has broken his promise as many public servants will now lose their jobs with cuts public sector jobs while they fund an additional $9m in funding for CLP political advisors (page 20).

“It is now harder for first home buyers to buy a home as they the First Home Owners Concession has been scrapped and the grant capped at $600,000.

“Senior Territorians have been slugged with rent increases in public housing, PowerWater increases and the scrapping of free public bus travel.

“The CLP has taken the axe to the capital works program which will hurt small businesses reliant on this public spend to keep their doors open and Territorians in jobs.

“The CLP will hurt the bush, taking an axe to the Local Government budget with a slashing of $13.5 million – reneging on their promise to improve shire services. They are also reducing Indigenous Workforce Development.

“A raft of election commitments are missing – the new Katherine Hospital, sealing the Port Keats Road, new infrastructure for Borroloola just to name a few.

“Where is the promised $20 million for a new port on the Tiwi Islands?”

“Price gouging Territorians and doubling their cost of living while failing to deliver on the hundreds of millions of dollars in unfunded election commitments is a total failure.

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