PRICE HIKES AND THE CARBON TAX

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The Territory Opposition does not support a carbon tax that increases the cost of living in the Northern Territory or impacts on our key industries.

Mr Mills said the Country Liberals are opposed to any tax that detrimentally impacts on the Territory economy.

"I note the Chief Minister restricts his concerns about the carbon tax to its likely impact on the price of electricity," says Terry Mills, Leader of the Opposition.

"No doubt that concern is rooted in the fact he has jacked up the price of electricity by 25% in the past two years."

"I also challenge the Chief Minister’s assertion that the carbon tax will have no impact on the agricultural sector."

"The Cattlemen’s Association believes that the Federal Government's Carbon Farming Initiative will not benefit northern Australian cattle producers."

"The Opposition would not tolerate any negative effects on key industry such as primary producers, mining, tourism and construction."

"What the Gillard Government is proposing will increase the price of goods and services across the board."

"It’s expensive enough to live here as it is; Territorians simply can’t afford higher prices."

"Territorians pay the highest prices in any capital city for groceries, rents and petrol."

"Add the fact we are paying record house prices and making ends meet is getting tougher all the time."

"The Country Liberals are committed to keeping costs low, and do not support any measures that would lead to cost increases."

"The Labor Party’s shameless backflip on a carbon tax must not hurt Territorians already struggling under the weight of the highest operating costs in the country."

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