P ETROL PRICE HIKE ANOTHER UNWELCOME IMPOST

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Shadow Treasurer, John Elferink, says the most recent increase in the pump price of petrol re-enforces Darwin’s status as the cost of living capital of Australia.

Mr Elferink said motorists are paying $1.58.9 cents a litre at some Darwin outlets, an increase of 3 cents a litre over the past few days.

“This is another hit to household budgets, already stretched by Labor’s policies,” Mr Elferink said.

“Darwin residents already pay 10 cents more a litre for petrol than their counterparts in most other Australian capitals.

“While the international wholesale price of fuel is rising, the Chief Minister should be pursuing the petrol wholesalers to find out why there is such disparity between Darwin and other capital cities.

“The Henderson Labor Government is the most costly administration in the country.

“As well as its support for the Federal Government’s carbon tax, which will begin jacking up prices in July, Henderson Labor has introduced policies such as the plastic bag ban and container deposit legislation which have also increased household costs.

“It’s failed land release policies mean Territorians pay the highest capital city rents in Australia.

“A Country Liberals Government will view any new legislation against a back-drop of its impact on prices.”

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