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CLP Tears Up Cost of Living Promise to Territorians

Chief Minister Terry Mills is misusing taxpayer advertising funds to hike up power and water prices, rather than protecting the cost of living for Territory households and small businesses.

“Terry Mills is tearing up his promise to lower the cost of living for Territorians by putting profit before people,” Opposition Leader Delia Lawrie said.

“The CLP are breaching the Public Information Act to deliver political advertising in an attempt to justify their selfish stance that PowerWater should be a profitable commercial enterprise rather than the essential service it is.

“The decision to hike up power and water prices before an audit outcome is delivered is ludicrous.

“The CLP is inflicting pain on Territorians rather than doing the heavy lifting of driving efficiencies in PowerWater.

“Large households are already paying quarterly bills of about $1000 - another $500 a quarter would tip families into financial stress, leaving many with no option but to pack up and leave the Territory.

“Terry Mills’ decision to pass on massive power and water price rises instead of taking a responsible approach to managing PowerWater is occurring while he pays his own mates almost $1 million for six months work on the Territory’s finances.

“The CLP is trying to re-write history, ignoring the Reeves Report and the work that Labor undertook to establish a pathway to financial sustainability.

“Terry Mills is putting profits before people. He says the savings will help health, education and child protection. What nonsense as all of these agencies pay power bills and will be hurt by the price hikes too.”

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