LABOR’S SECRET POWER PRICE PLAN

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Correspondence exchanged between the former Treasurer Delia Lawrie and then Chair of the PowerWater Corporation Judith King shows Labor had a secret agenda to hike-up Territory power prices after the 2012 election.

Treasurer, Robyn Lambley, has released an exchange of correspondence between the now Opposition Leader, Delia Lawrie and Ms King which highlights the Labor Government’s duplicitous behaviour on power prices.

“Delia Lawrie stood in Parliament today and questioned me about Northern Territory power prices,” Ms Lambley said.

“What she didn’t mention was her own Government’s secret commitment to Ms King and the PowerWater board, written in April last year.

“Ms Lawrie wrote:

‘The tariffs for retail electricity, water and sewerage are to be reviewed during 2012-13 on the basis of financial and commercial sustainability’.

“In recognition of PowerWater’s parlous financial state, the former Treasurer even granted the PowerWater board indemnity from civil actions.

“The Labor Government and Treasurer Delia Lawrie held back increasing power prices for base political reasons.

“If Labor was still in Government they would be preparing to honour that commitment to Ms King – despite what Delia Lawrie now says.”

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