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Palmerston Hospital must go ahead

Leader of the Opposition Delia Lawrie said the CLP Government have put the Palmerston Hospital on the chopping block to pay for their unfunded bush commitments.

Ms Lawrie said the upcoming Mini Budget will make the future of the Palmerston Hospital clear.

“The CLP made millions of dollars of election promises in the bush without any funding,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Projects like the new Katherine Hospital and sealing the road to Wadeye will cost hundreds of millions and the CLP didn’t allocate a cent to them.

“And these are just two of the many uncosted promises they made in almost every bush community.

“The people of Palmerston are now being forced to pay for them.”

In less than 100 days of the new CLP Government, the people of Palmerston are now facing cost of living increases through:
- PowerWater bills up for families by $2000
- Rates increased by 6%
- Rents increases to pay for rate increases
- Child Care fees increases of up to $5 per day
- Private School fee increases to pay for PowerWater increases

“Many people are now saying what’s next? The CLP promised to duplicate Tiger Brennan Drive all the way into the city with or without federal funding. Will that be in the Mini Budget or has it been scrapped also,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The Palmerston Hospital is ready to go. The Federal funding is sitting there and the location is right.

“CLP claims about cyclone coding are nothing more than a desperate attempt to get out of the project to pay for their bush promises.”

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