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CARBON TAX HURTING TERRITORIANS

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Prime Minister Kevin Rudd needs to grant the Northern Territory a 50 year exemption from the carbon tax which is already crippling local families and businesses, Attorney-General John Elferink said.

“Territorians are tired of feeling the pinch of the carbon tax that was introduced under the Federal Labor Government,” Mr Elferink said.

“The Northern Territory is a growing economy compared to the rest of Australia and the carbon tax is threatening our future potential to expand.

“The Country Liberals Government is optimistic about growth in the Northern Territory, however, requires an exemption from this tax to continue down this road.

“Not only has the carbon tax been widely criticised, it has also done very little to reduce carbon emissions; exactly what it set out to do.

“The foundations for the bungled tax were faulty from the get-go when former Prime Minister Julia Gillard promised Australians that there would be no carbon tax under a Government she led.

“Territorians want an honest and stable Federal Government, which they are yet to see under Labor.

“The introduction of the carbon tax is estimated to have added 0.7 per cent to inflation in the year June 2013.

“The additional inflation caused by the carbon tax is something Territorians do not want, nor need.

“Territorians can be free from unnecessary financial pain if Mr Rudd recognised the warnings and realised that the Northern Territory is worse off with the carbon tax,” Mr Elferink said.

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