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CLP HIKE UP COST OF LIVING

Opposition Leader Delia Lawrie today pointed to the Territory’s increasing inflation as further proof of tough times for Territorians under the CLP.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) September quarter figures show Darwin has the highest annual rate of inflation in the nation.

“Under the CLP, Darwin’s annual rate of inflation at 3.4% is the highest in the country,” Ms Lawrie said.

“CLP price hikes on utility charges and rising housing costs throughout the year has seen Darwin’s inflation rate top the national table.”

Ms Lawrie said the impact on Territorians of the nation’s highest CPI means many Territorians are finding it tougher than ever to balance the family budget.

“With a 3.4% annual CPI in Darwin, public servants are right now being offered a real cut in wages by the CLP Government,” Ms Lawrie said.

"With a mean-spirited government refusing to budget from their inadequate wage offer of 3%, our public servants and their families are going backwards under the CLP.

“At 3.4% in Darwin, the rise in the cost of living is going to be even higher in the bush where the pain is magnified.

“Territorians aren’t stupid, they know it’s more difficult to pay their power water bills, mortgage or rent under this CLP Government.

“While a posse of Ministers are overseas pretending everything is dandy the facts are revealed and Territorians are hurting.”

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