HANDS OFF OUR ASSETS GILES

Speaking at a rally at Parliament House today, Leader of the Opposition, Delia Lawrie, condemned the CLP Government's plans to split up Power and Water Corporation.

"Territorians are concerned that if the CLP goes ahead with its plans to carve up Power and Water that this will just be the first step before selling off this vital public asset," Ms Lawrie said.

"What we know from other states is that this is a bad move and will mean even bigger power bills for Territorians, increased blackouts and job losses.

"Dave Tollner has already speculated that about 600 jobs would need to go from Power and Water.

"Families are already going to feeling the pain of the whopping $2000 already imposed on the average family's yearly power bill.

"And to make matters work, as of 1 January the CLP tariff increase of 5 percent comes into effect which means adding more than $300 on top of that.

"Privatisation of Power and Water would send Territory power prices through the roof."

Ms Lawrie said the implications of selling off the Territory's public assets will be irreversible and was worried the CLP refused to rule out the sale of Darwin Port.

"The Opposition supports the campaign to keep the CLP's hands off of the Territory's public assets," Ms Lawrie said.

"The Chief Minister, Adam Giles, needs to stop and listen to the needs of Territorians who are already struggling under the weight of the cost of living.

"Adam Giles needs to stop putting profits before people."

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