$2000 POWER HIKES FOR BLAIN - $1500 A DAY FOR TOLLNER MATE

Opposition Leader, Delia Lawrie, says that Blain residents can send the CLP a message tomorrow that they reject deals for mates while Territorians suffer increasing cost of living pain.

Ms Lawrie has called on Treasurer, Dave Tollner, to reveal the contract for a former Howard Government staffer reaping $1500 a day to spin the CLPs plans to split up and sell off PowerWater.

Ms Lawrie said today’s media reports of Deane Russell’s PowerWater spin deal would be a bitter pill to swallow for the thousands of Blain residents suffering crippling power price rises and blackouts.

“This outrageous behaviour shows how little Adam Giles and the CLP Government care about Blain families struggling to make ends meet,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Why is Adam Giles slugging Territorians with an extra $2000 on power bills and at the same time secretly employing Dave Tollner’s mate to advise the CLP Government on how to spin their plans to split up PowerWater?

“What are the circumstances which led to this arrangement and why has it been kept secret from Territorians?

“How can Adam Giles and the CLP Government ask people to pay an extra $2000 on power bills and then find $77 million to pork barrel in a desperate last minute attempt to buy votes?”

Labor candidate for Blain, Geoff Barhnert, said Palmerston families needed to send Adam Giles and the CLP Government a strong message that this outrageous behavior won’t be tolerated.

“Tomorrow is your chance to say no to more power price rises and more jobs for CLP mates,” Mr Bahnert said.

“A vote for Geoff Bahnert is a vote against the PowerWater split and higher power prices and a vote for someone who cares about the pain being inflicted by the CLP Government.”

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