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CANBERRA CUTS DEEP INTO NEW TERRITORY

Opposition Leader, Delia Lawrie, said today Territorians have been dealt a double whammy by the Territory and Federal Government bad news Budgets.

Ms Lawrie said the double dose of pain from the CLP and Coalition Governments would set back growth and development in the Territory and hit families and businesses hard.

“Today makes a mockery of the CLP and Liberal Governments’ claims of supporting development in northern Australia,” Ms Lawrie said.

“These cuts and new taxes in the Federal Budget will hit Territorians and Australians in regional and remote areas particularly hard in terms of health, education, jobs and economic and social development.

“The CLP must reveal how the savage cuts from the Federal Liberals are going to affect key areas in the Budget they released earlier today.

“What will be the hip-pocket impact of the twice a year hike to the fuel excise for a Territory already paying above average at the bowser and relying on freight for everyday items?

“How much funding has been lost to Territory schools and health services with the revelation that Joe Hockey and Tony Abbott are cutting $80 billion in funding to States in these two vital areas?

“How many programs will shut down and how many Territorians will lose their jobs as a result of cutbacks to the Commonwealth public service?

“And what impact will the $500 million cut to Indigenous programs have in the Territory, where some of the most disadvantaged people in the country rely on these services?

“Adam Giles’ and Tony Abbott’s claims of support for northern development have been revealed to be as empty as the promises they made to Territorians.

“How much extra will be piled on to our cost of living thanks to increases in taxes and charges and cuts to vital regional service delivery?

“Today’s slap in the face Budget from the CLP Government has been followed up by a sucker punch from their mates in Canberra.
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Delia Lawrie
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

“Territorians aren’t sharing the pain – they are copping the brunt of it from two governments who just don’t care about the Northern Territory.”

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