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CLP HIGH COST OF LIVING HITS COUNCIL RATES

Shadow Minister for Local Government, Lynne Walker, today said the cost of living in the Territory is set to rise even further with the Alice Springs and Darwin Councils raising their rates by 5 per cent and 4 per cent respectively next year.

“Territorians are already struggling with the high cost of living,” Ms Walker said.

“The CLP Government has done nothing to ease this burden since coming to power and their Budget earlier this month only made matters worse.”

Ms Walker said the Councils in the Territory are facing the same expense burdens and are having to pass on cost increases to Territory ratepayers.

Ms Walker said the rate increases, which were higher than the CPI, were a direct result of the failed policies of the Giles Government.

“The CLP Government have their hands in the pocket of every Territorian,” Ms Walker said.

“Power and water bills in the Territory are at all-time high, petrol prices are going up with the fuel excise and a 4 year freeze on financial assistance of councils from the Commonwealth Government. Councils have to factor in these financial burdens and ratepayers are ultimately bearing the brunt.”

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