Terry Mills
Leader of the Opposition

Power increases, rising violent crime and park bans focus of CLP attack in Parliament

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The Government's increases in the cost of power and the Chief Minister's refusal to rule out bans being applied in Territory Parks similar to those in Kakadu when she hands over control of 20 Territory Parks to Aboriginal elders will be the focus of the CLP's attack in Parliament this week.

CLP Leader Terry Mills said both issues, along with the increase in violent crime in the Territory, have a major impact on the lives of Territorians.

"It is now accepted that the increase in power costs did not have to happen as claimed by the Government," Mr Mills said.

"The people who will suffer because of this are cash strapped Territory families at a time when our population is already in decline because more and more people can no longer afford our high cost of living.

"In terms of our Territory parks soon to be given away by the Chief Minister the CLP intends to fight all the way to protect the rights of Territorians to hang on to what has always been theirs and not the possession of a chosen few.

“More and more under this Government the lifestyle we used to enjoy is being eroded.

“We are losing our edge and much of it is to do with the Labor administration and its decisions of Government.”

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