CLP RECOMMITS TO INCREASE IN POWER COSTS

In a direct attack on the hip pockets of Territory families, CLP Spokesman for Essential Services, Richard Lim, has committed a future CLP Government to a massive hike in the cost of power and water services.

Under the CLP plan Power and Water would lose its Government subsidies and be forced to charge Territorians the real cost of power.

That would mean the average family would pay almost double – adding an extra $800 to the average bill – people who like air conditioning would pay even more.

In a statement yesterday Mr Lim said:

“PAWA is essentially a private company, although Government owned. It is a corporation by every measure so it needs to operate in that fashion. That means that it has to live by its own resources.”

Acting Chief Minister Syd Stirling said that means Territorians will be slugged with higher power prices under a CLP Government.

“The cost of power and water for Territory families is subsidised to the tune of $50m by the Martin Government,” Minister Stirling said.

“Under the CLP, Power and Water would be forced to “live by its own resources”, meaning an end to such subsidies.

“The CLP seem to have a maniacal obsession with slugging Territory families with increased power and water charges.

“Not content with making increases in power costs the centrepiece of their last election campaign, Richard Lim’s comments confirm that the hip pockets of Territory families would be hit hard by a CLP Government.”

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