KICK IN THE GUTS FOR FAMILIES AND LOW INCOME TERRITORIANS

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says the Country Liberals announcement that it will increase water, sewerage and electricity prices will bring enormous financial and mental stress on families and low income Territorians.

He says that not only will there be direct pain suffered through increased charges but also through the increased costs of goods and services that will have to be passed on to consumers. Together with the certain increases in rent and less money to pay the home mortgage it will push some Territorians to the edge.

Gerry says the Government seems hell bent on having a budget surplus regardless of the impact on Territorians and it is not saying why this policy is a ‘must’ and is non-debatable.

He says the Government seems to be trying to write off debt in the shortest time possible instead of reducing debt over a longer period of time (as Territorians do when they pay off their mortgage) and so reducing the impact of the increases in charges.

Gerry says it seems the rationalists are running the Territory and the financial and mental impacts on families and low income Territorians is irrelevant when it comes to a Government hell bent on an instant surplus.

NOTE:
Gerry is currently travelling overseas and there is a considerable time difference. Please leave a message on his mobile and he will contact you as soon as he can at a reasonable time. He is back in Darwin Monday 26th.