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A Very Dishonest Start to 2013

Shadow Minister for Government Accountability, Michael Gunner, today slammed the CLP’s first press release for 2013 saying it was further evidence the Government is completely out of touch with reality.

Michael Gunner said that while the CLP continues to claim their drastic price hikes are necessary, Territorians have seen though their weak political spin, and realise Terry Mills is in a desperate struggle to find hundreds of millions of dollars to pay for his unfunded election commitments in the bush.

“As a result of the CLP Government’s irresponsible price hikes, families must struggle to find an extra $2000 each year for the power and water bills, pay increased car rego costs, and also foot the burden of increased prices for a wide range of goods and services - even though the CLP promised to reduce the cost of living if elected,” Mr Gunner said.

“I have never seen a Government break so many promises so quickly in all my time.

“Terry Mills signed a written contract prior to the election promising to reduce the cost of living. The contract said that if he broke this contract, Territorians could throw him out.

“Terry Mills has well and truly broken his contract, broken many promises, and is putting profit before people, fattening up PowerWater for sale.

“In an effort to further showcase their arrogance, the CLP’s Peter Chandler recently stated to media that Territorians are like children who have had it too good for too long.

“The real kick in the guts, however; is arguably the recent announcement by the CLP Government to work towards giving themselves a $50,000 pay rise.

"It is simply grotesque for the CLP to pursue politician's pay rises at a time when Territorians are suffering unnecessarily under the CLP Government.”

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