



MEDIA STATEMENT

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MLA: WA LIBERALS HYPOCRISY ON COST OF LIVING, BREATH-TAKING

Local West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti said she felt compelled to speak out on the complete hypocrisy shown by the WA Liberals attack on cost of living pressures.

Ms Saffioti said many WA families and pensioners are struggling with cost of living pressures caused by the actions of Colin Barnett and the WA Liberal Party.

Ms Saffioti said it was the Liberal Government led by Premier Barnett that had been the single biggest contributor to electricity price hikes in Western Australia.

"I cannot believe we have the Liberal Party in Western Australia now pretending to care about families and pensioners," she said.

Over the past three years in Western Australia, the Barnett led Liberal Party has:

- Increased electricity prices by 57 per cent;
- Increased water prices by 45 per cent;
- Increased public transport costs by 8 per cent;
- Increased the landfill levy by 300 per cent; and
- Abolished the \$200 *It Pays to Learn* allowance, which assisted families with secondary students.

"The Barnett Government has been one of the biggest contributors to the cost of living pressures being felt by many Western Australians," Ms Saffioti said.

"At least the Federal Government is providing compensation to low and middle income families and pensioners, which is a lot more than Mr Barnett did to help families cope with his massive price hikes."

Ms Saffioti was surprised to hear comments made by Hasluck MP Ken Wyatt regarding cost of living impacts.

"I am shocked that any Western Australian Liberal would have the audacity to talk about cost of living pressures," she said.

"It is blatant hypocrisy."

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