



# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## **UPCOMING STATE BUDGET LAST CHANCE FOR LIBERALS TO HONOUR KEY ELECTION COMMITMENT**

The upcoming State Budget will be the last chance for the Barnett Government to show their commitment to the Ellenbrook rail line.

Ms Saffioti said after two and half years of weak excuses Mr Barnett had one last opportunity to show his promise won't be broken.

"Despite making the key election commitment to begin construction of the Ellenbrook train line the Government has made no moves to deliver on this commitment," she said.

"The 2011-12 State Budget will be the last chance for this Government to show its commitment to the election promise."

Mr Barnett and the Liberals committed to begin construction of the Ellenbrook rail line in 2012 during the 2008 State Election.

"The Government had originally injected over \$50 million in the Budget and the forward estimates to build the rail line," Ms Saffioti said.

"That money disappeared and now there is no money or even a mention of the Ellenbrook rail line in the Budget.

"The Government blamed the Global Financial Crisis for withdrawing this money and now they haven't put that money back in."

Over the past year the Barnett Government has found \$64 million to spend on a new "Emperors palace" for the Premier and new Ministerial Offices.

"Mr Barnett has not been honest with Ellenbrook residents nor has been honest with all residents living in the north-eastern corridor," Ms Saffioti.

"To spend money on a new palace and a waterfront development, without considering the rail line shows the lack of respect this Government has for the north-eastern suburbs.

"Mr Barnett needs to lose the arrogance and honour his key election commitment."

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