



**GARY HIGGINS**  
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**Powering up a Christmas present no one wants**

The Territory Labor government has delivered a Christmas present no one wants, in the form of potential job losses and power price hikes.

Leader of the Opposition, Gary Higgins said today's delivery of the *Territory Generation Financial Performance Review* by the Acting Chief Minister has done nothing to assist Territorians with their ongoing and valid concerns on the increasing cost of living.

"Whether it's an increase on their power bill, or an increase to the subsidies funded by the public purse, either way, in the long run, Territorians will foot the bill.

"Prior to being elected 16 months ago, Territory Labor constantly referred to power prices, including in the then Opposition Leader's speech at the Territory election campaign launch in August 2016.

"It would be yet another embarrassing backflip for this government to increase power bills to Territorians, who are already struggling under the current economic climate.

"We would expect that Labor would stand by its election promise to not raise prices above CPI.

"The Labor government has not been open nor transparent about this, and the timing of today's announcement says a lot," said Mr Higgins.

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