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#### ABBOTT'S BUDGET CUTS HIT POOREST HARDEST

New analysis by the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM) shows that low income suburbs will be hardest hit by Tony Abbott's cuts to families.

This is the definitive proof of how unfair Tony Abbott's Government actually is.

Households in Mount Druitt in Western Sydney will be the worst off, losing an average \$1066 by 2018-19.

By contrast households in Darlinghurst in Malcolm Turnbull's blue ribbon Liberal seat of Wentworth will be \$177.90 better off in 2018-19.

Why should a family in Mount Druitt suffer these sorts of cuts while those in Point Piper are better off? What planet are Tony Abbott and Joe Hockey living on if they think that's fair?

Tony Abbott and Joe Hockey are forcing families who can least afford it to do all the heavy lifting.

Nine out of the 10 suburbs worst affected by the impact of the Abbott Government's two budgets are in Labor-held seats.

The closer you look at the second Abbott-Hockey Budget, the worse it gets.

Tony Abbott's second budget has the same unfair cuts from the last budget and more.

Tony Abbott and Joe Hockey are ripping money from the pockets of the most vulnerable families across Australia.

Tony Abbott just doesn't get fairness.

He doesn't get that families are already struggling to make ends meet.

The last thing families need is savage cuts that make it even harder to get ahead.

Importantly the modelling takes into account any benefit families receive from the Government's new child care package.

NATSEM <u>analysis</u> indicates that one in four families in the child care system – over 270,000 families – will be worse off as a direct result of the Government's child care changes.

Labor will continue to fight Tony Abbott's cuts to Australian families.

Families will always be better off under Labor.

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