

Jeff Seeney MP eNewsletter 2016 - edition 10

Welcome to the latest edition of my eNewsletter. I hope you find this eNewsletter informative and of interest to you.

Topics covered in this issue include; car registration increase, renewables will pump up energy costs, community leaders call for end to Adani Mine delays and auction of Ministerial gifts.

Labor still slugging Queenslanders for car rego

- **For two years running, Labor has slugged Queensland families with a car rego cost rise more than twice the inflation rate**
- **Today's CPI figures show Queensland's inflation rate is sitting at 1.5 per cent, while car rego costs have risen 3.5 per cent**

The LNP Opposition said today's release of official inflation figures had again confirmed Queensland families are being slugged by the Palaszczuk Labor Government every time they go to pay for car registration.

Shadow Transport Minister Andrew Powell said that under Labor Queenslanders always ended up paying more to cover for the government's total fiscal incompetence.

"For the second year running this Labor government has increased family car rego costs by 3.5% - more than twice the inflation rate," Mr Powell said.

"Where's Anastacia Palaszczuk's commitment to the battlers now? Queensland families are struggling to cope with spiraling household costs but she doesn't care.

"Don't forget under the Bligh Labor Government we saw car rego costs soar by 30 per cent in their last four years and at the same time public transport fares increased by more than 50 per cent.

"Fast forward a few years and it's just the same bad old Labor."

Mr Powell said under the Palaszczuk Government, car registration costs for a four-cylinder vehicle had increased by \$20 per year, and for a six-cylinder car by almost \$32.

"The LNP froze car registration costs for the three years we were in government and we've committed that any future rises are kept in line with CPI - not double the inflation rate like we've seen under Labor," he said.

"Under Anastacia Palaszczuk, state taxes have increased by \$59 per Queenslanders.

"This desperate Labor Government will look for any opportunity to raise revenue, with car rego now costing more than \$300 per year for a four-cylinder car.

"Only an LNP Government has the experience and competence to power up the economy, generate jobs and manage the state's debt."

Labor's reckless rush to renewables will pump up power prices

- **Annastacia Palaszczuk keeping Queenslanders in the dark about the real costs of its energy policy**
- **Labor's 50 per cent renewable energy target by 2030 will cost Queenslanders billions not millions**
- **Palaszczuk's reckless rush to renewables could cost 1165 Queensland jobs**

The Palaszczuk Labor Government has again failed to guarantee Queenslanders that their power bills won't sky-rocket as a result of her unrealistic push to have 50 per cent of Queensland powered by green energy by 2030.

Opposition Leader Tim Nicholls said Labor's "*Credible Pathways to a 50 per cent Renewable Energy Target for Queensland - Draft Report*" tried to deceive Queenslanders about the true costs of its energy policies.

"The Renewable Energy Taskforce report seeks to justify Labor's ideological obsession with green energy rather than tell the truth that it will add billions of dollars to Queenslanders power bills," Mr Nicholls said.

"This flawed report seeks to downplay the true cost to Queenslanders of an over the top renewable energy target that will put Queensland's energy security at risk and hike up household power costs.

"This report estimates taxpayers will have to pay \$900 million in subsidies to bring in green energy, but the Queensland Productivity Commission says the real cost will be a massive \$10.8 billion.

"So when Labor says the cost will be "somewhat neutral", Queenslanders can bet their bottom dollar they will be paying more.

"Annastacia Palaszczuk needs to guarantee Queenslanders their power bills won't rise as a result of her policies - a promise she won't make because she knows she can't keep it."

Shadow Energy Minister, Michael Hart, said Labor's green energy targets put thousands of Queensland jobs at risk and jeopardised energy security.

"This report forecasts Queensland's coal-fired power generators will face a bleak future beyond 2030," Mr Hart said.

"Labor's policy will slash billions from the value of Queensland's government-owned power plants, putting the jobs of their 1165 Queenslanders at risk.

"It also places Queensland's energy supply at risk from the sort of blanket blackouts experienced in South Australia recently.

"Labor cannot be trusted to keep the lights on or keep power bills down."

LNP backs community call for Labor to end Adani delays

- **LNP repeats calls for Anastacia Palaszczuk to guarantee no further delays to Adani project**
- **Anastacia Palaszczuk must listen to business and community leaders who say Labor's groundwater laws will kill vital job-creating projects**
- **Labor can't keep changing the goal posts on advanced projects that have already received state and federal approvals, including the Acland coal mine**

The LNP Opposition has repeated its calls for Anastacia Palaszczuk to guarantee the people of North and Central Queensland that Labor's new environmental legislation won't delay Adani's Carmichael mine, following the release of an open letter from regional community leaders and businesses today.

Shadow Mines Minister Andrew Cripps said the open letter - signed by business and community leaders from Rockhampton, Townsville, Whitsunday, Charters Towers, Mackay and the Central Highlands - was a clear message that Labor must guarantee an end to further roadblocks and delays.

"When community leaders right across North and Central Queensland publicly plead with the government not to allow its new environmental legislation to kill this project, surely Anastacia Palaszczuk and her local Labor MPs must listen and act," Mr Cripps said.

"These industry and civic leaders are on the ground in these regions and will be left to pick up the pieces in their local communities if these projects are jeopardised by further lengthy court appeals.

"These 17 recognised leaders from business, industry and local government all agree that Adani's project will deliver thousands of much-needed jobs and investment to their region.

"Labor must put an end to the uncertainty and guarantee their latest green tape scheme won't delay this project, which has already been subjected to lengthy and stringent environmental assessment.

"If Ms Palaszczuk doesn't give that guarantee, she is straight out ignoring the Central and North Queensland community leaders who have put their name to paper today and she is putting local jobs at risk."

Mr Cripps said other vital projects were also being held to ransom by green activists who have replaced resource sector unions as the primary drivers of the Palaszczuk Labor Government's mining policies, threatening the security of the jobs of their members.

"The last thing we need is major projects like New Hope's Stage 3 at Acland, which has overwhelming support from the local community, facing further delays because of the Palaszczuk Labor Government's proposed groundwater laws," he said.

"With Labor's State Conference this weekend, it will be interesting to see if the CFMEU puts up a fight for the jobs of its members at Acland, or if the union is silenced to preserve Labor's preference deal with the Greens."

Charities benefit from Government gift auctions

Three Queensland charities will receive a share of the \$11,598 raised at the recent public auction of Ministerial gifts.

The three charities receiving funds in this round are:

- Cystic Fibrosis Queensland
- Starlight Foundation
- Leukaemia Foundation

Gifts received by Ministers are often put on public display. Those that are not displayed are held by Ministerial Services on behalf of all Queenslanders. Once more than three years have passed these gifts are then auctioned off and the funds re-directed to various charitable organisations.
