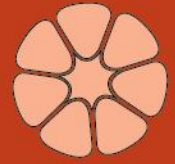




## MEDIA RELEASE

**Delia Lawrie**  
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION



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### **CLP DECEPTION ON COST OF LIVING EXPOSED**

Opposition Leader, Delia Lawrie, said the latest Cost of Living report shows Darwin is the most expensive city in Australia and Oceania for the first half of this year.

The ranking is calculated by the world's largest database of user contributed data about living conditions in cities and countries worldwide, Numbeo.

Not only is Darwin Australia's most expensive city, it comes in as the 12<sup>th</sup> most expensive city in the world, out ranking Paris, London and even New York.

"This result exposes as ridiculous Adam Giles' attempt at estimates to try to convince Territorians that Darwin was the cheapest city in Australia," Ms Lawrie said.

"The CLP promised at the last election to cut the cost of living, but the basics of life, from power, housing, and petrol just keep rising, making it harder for Territorians to make ends meet."

Ms Lawrie said the cost of living pain deepened yesterday with a range of fees and charges being introduced with the new financial year.

"The cost of registering a car jumped almost \$20 to \$531.40, the cost of a practical drivers licence test almost tripled to \$86.90, while registering a motorbike went from \$752 to \$782," Ms Lawrie said.

"It's time for the CLP to stop adding to the burden of Territorians and playing the blame game. If Adam Giles thinks an extra \$33million on policy and advice co-ordination is more important than reducing the cost of living then he has his priorities all wrong."

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