The Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP
Premier of NSW
Via email

8 February 2022

Dear Premier,

I write on behalf of my constituents who have signed my petition calling for a stop to the rising cost of living.

Household budgets are stretched under this Liberal Government and the cost of living is getting more and more expensive. Hip pockets are constantly being squeezed by ballooning house prices, higher tolls, more fines, tax increases and rising Government charges.

People who signed my petition are concerned about the Liberal Government's plan to impose a never-ending tax on the family home through changes to stamp duty.

They are also worried about your personal support for an increase to the GST which will make food and household bills even more expensive.

I wanted to highlight some of the real concerns shared with me by my constituents:

"Buy Now Pay Later is my description of land tax on residences - it will lead to higher house prices and less disposable income."

"Food, accommodation & transport are costing more than 90% of our income. Retail food is suffering with high food cost too."

"We are aged pensioners. Food prices are going up. Please do not raise the GST."

"Give us the cash back on the M5 tunnel."

"I recently visited a friend in Gosford and the return road toll was over \$40. What a disgusting disgrace! The Liberals are really saying new infrastructure is only for those on high six figure salaries like themselves. All their policies are for the benefit of the wealthy."

"As self-funded retirees with finite financial resources the continued oppression by the LNP government remains one of our greatest concerns. Their mindless agenda of increased costs, overdevelopment and complete contempt for our area must be stopped."

"It costs so much to live. A \$1000 a week goes nowhere."

"The cost of living just keeps going up but wages stay the same. It's a struggle without income for half the year due to COVID to continue making ends meet. I'm tired of living week to week and having to scrape by until next pay day."

"We live in a community which is struggling to survive financially and a lot of people are marginalised. I believe that the Government should do more to help the poor."

As you can see from the comments above, Liberal Government policies have a significant impact on households and families in my electorate who are already struggling financially.

All my constituents want is a fair go. I urge you to stop the Liberal Government's attack on household budgets.

Here are some of my suggestions to ease rising cost of living pressures on my community:

- Scrap the unfair M5 East toll;
- Abandon your plan for a never-ending tax on the family home;
- Reverse your support for an increase in the GST.

Yours sincerely,

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