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Less talk...More action

As Parliament wraps up for another year, it is very clear that the rising cost of living is one of the issues that dominated the 2011 sitting year. In fact, Christmas is when most people living on the edge really feel the social isolation and stress that comes from having more bills to pay than money to spend.

That is why, the Liberals have announced, and will continue to announce, sensible policy initiatives will address cost-of-living pressures facing Tasmanians now, including introducing competition into electricity market to put downward pressure on power prices, merging the water and sewerage corporations to keep bills down, planning reform to reduce fees and costs, handing back the carbon windfall to Tasmanians, and increasing jobs and growing the economy.

Tasmanians are hurting from cost of living pressures already – they need action now, not in a couple of years time. The Liberals will therefore continue to push for less talk and more timely action on Cost of Living.

117 Labor-Green
Promises Broken

The Labor-Green Government have broken 117 promises.

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Reducing Child Abuse through Education?

As Shadow Minister for Children, I am always keen to promote new options that are known to be effective at keeping our children safe and secure. One such program is run by the Bravehearts Foundation.

Bravehearts' "Ditto's Keep Safe Adventures" school-based program is a way of reducing child sexual abuse rates by focusing on prevention through education and awareness. For the cost of approximately \$10 per child to deliver, this is a positive early intervention program that will reduce the social and economic cost of sexual abuse in Tasmania for years to come.

With this in mind, The Tasmanian Liberals will provide [up to \\$200,000](#) in annual funding to allow Bravehearts to implement their student safety program into Tasmanian primary schools statewide.

This is just one of many policies that the Liberal team are working on. If you have any ideas or policy suggestions then please don't hesitate to contact me for a meeting or a chat.

Kind regards,

Jacquie Petrusma

In other news...

EMRS Poll November 2011

After asking respondents which party they were "leaning towards", only 15% of all those surveyed were undecided on who they would vote for. Support remained highest for the Liberal Party with 46%, the Labor Party received 20% support and The Greens were preferred by 15% of all respondents.

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Government drops the ball on youth justice

The Green-Labor Government is continuing to fail our children and it's no surprise that the Commissioner for Children has been forced to remind the Government of its obligations to our people.

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Waiting lists sky rocket under Minister's watch

Vulnerable Tasmanians are now bearing the brunt of Labor and the Greens' budget cuts, with waiting lists for Individual Support Packages skyrocketing.

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Green-Labor Government Stalls on Changes to Child Sex Laws

Sexual Assault Support Services CEO, Liz Little has confirmed she handed the Green-Labor Government a raft of recommended changes last year in relation to children giving evidence which she says would improve the prosecution process for child victims.

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Liberals' savings figures on merging water corporations are validated by Deloitte report

The Liberals' announced in our alternative budget back in June that the four water and sewerage corporations should be merged. The Deloitte report into the financial implications of the merger confirms our projected savings of \$20 million over the forward estimates.

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Giddings refuses to hand back Carbon Tax windfall to struggling Tasmanians

The Green-Labor Government has refused to hand back any Carbon Tax 'windfall' received by Hydro to struggling Tasmanians, with Ms Giddings instead flagging that she will use this unaccounted for new tax to try and plug her billion dollar budget black-hole.

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The NILS Network of Tasmania - *One option you might find useful when experiencing living pressures...*

The NILS Network of Tasmania provides interest-free loans for household essentials, car maintenance

educational essentials, and medical and dental services for individuals or families on low incomes. is no interest, charges or fees. You only pay back the cost of the item or service. You must have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pension Card.

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Out and about...

It has been another busy few months, with the Liberal Party members out and about door knocking “Turn Tasmania Around”, in locations such as East Devonport, Shorewell, Clarendon Vale, Risdon Ravenswood, Newnham and Invermay. The Liberal Party stand at the Huon Show was certainly kept busy with everyone asking when the next federal and state election was going to be held! A few of the many highlights of the last few months has been the pleasure of attending the *One Community, One Lunchbox, 400 Futures* community event on Franklin Oval with 400 local school children, as well as opening of the Kingston High School, doing the St Giles fundraising walk, trying very hard to be co-ordinated doing Zumba at Rokeby Neighbourhood Centre and the ABC Giving Tree launch.

Below are a few pictures that I thought I would share with you:



Out and about in Ravenswood and Risdon Vale with Turn Tasmania Around Campaign



Official Opening of Kingston High School



Liberal stand at the Huon Show



St Giles Fundraising Walk



One Community, One Lunchbox, 400 Futures



Risdon Vale Neighbourhood Centre



ABC Giving tree Launch



Zumba at the Rokeby Neighbourhood House

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