

# Putting Australians First: Ending the Cost-of-Living Crisis

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## The Crisis at the Checkout

Every day in Moreton, working people are making impossible choices: pay the rent or buy groceries. Fuel the car or feed the kids. The system no longer works for the people it was built to serve.

This didn't happen by accident. It happened because governments at every level lost focus on what matters most: affordable living, national productivity, and the right to build a life on your own terms.

The cost-of-living crisis is the direct result of bloated bureaucracy, reckless energy policy, mass migration outpacing infrastructure, and government waste on a scale we've never seen before.

In the Division of Moreton, the pressure is visible: rising prices, overburdened services, and a growing sense that no one in power is listening.

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## Five Reforms to Restore Affordability

We believe government exists to serve the people—not to squeeze them. These five steps would put Australians first and restore dignity to working families:

1. **Cut government waste and reduce the tax burden.**

We will launch a top-to-bottom review of federal spending, eliminate unnecessary departments, and redirect resources toward real economic relief. Less bureaucracy. More results.

2. **Bring back affordable, reliable energy.**

Skyrocketing power bills are crushing families and small businesses. We support the restoration of baseload energy—coal, nuclear, and natural gas—and the end of taxpayer subsidies for unreliable energy that fails to deliver.

3. **Break the supermarket squeeze.**

Australians are paying more for less, while major retailers post record profits. We support competitive reforms to pricing, transparency, and supply chain dominance—so producers and consumers get a fair deal.

4. **Protect financial freedom and privacy.**

We oppose policies that increase government control over personal transactions—including Digital ID and Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) systems. Australians should have the right to use their money without surveillance, restriction, or discrimination.

5. **Prioritise Australian families in economic policy.**

Whether it's food security, housing supply, or infrastructure investment, we believe in putting Australians first—not foreign handouts, political vanity projects, or ideological distractions.

## **We Can't Afford More of the Same**

Australians are being taxed, regulated, and priced into dependence. That's not how a free country should function—and that's not the future we deserve.

I believe in a country where work pays off. Where families don't live in fear of the next bill. Where government respects its role and steps aside when it's doing more harm than good.

This campaign is about restoring that balance—and putting Australians back in charge of their own lives.

Let's fix this—before the damage becomes permanent.