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Nudgee Electorate, Cost-of-Living Relief

 **Hon. LM LINARD** (Nudgee—ALP) (Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Innovation) (9.54 pm): Like communities across Queensland, my electorate of Nudgee is feeling the national cost-of-living pressures. I rise this evening to speak about the genuine difference the Miles Labor government's historic cost-of-living relief package is making to the people of my community. Whether it is knocking on local doors, holding weekend mobile offices or calling constituents, I have found that cost of living remains the No. 1 issue raised with me by locals in 2024.

Morgan in Northgate raised that affording a home is the biggest challenge he faces in his 30s. Morgan told me that stamp duty costs were a significant hurdle in buying a home. It is for people like Morgan that our government has raised the stamp duty threshold from \$500,000 to \$700,000—minimising the financial hurdle that stamp duty can present by up to \$17,000.

Darryl from Wavell Heights spoke with me in April. He is worried about the rising costs of household bills. It was my pleasure to knock on Darryl's door again in May to tell him in person that he likely will not pay an electricity bill for more than a year thanks to our government's \$1,000 energy rebate.

Minerva and Sigourney in Northgate and Stephen in Nundah raised how difficult the rising costs of petrol were to making ends meet. It is for everyday Queenslanders and Nudgee electorate locals like these that the Miles Labor government is committed to doing everything we can to lower petrol prices and bring competition back to the market. Capping fuel price increases to five cents, limiting price rises to once a day and ensuring fuel stations give a day's notice on price changes are a few of the measures we are committed to implementing if we are returned to government in October.

Chep and Cheng in Boondall, Ross in Northgate and Heidi in Wavell Heights all raised with me the real and positive impact that our energy rebate and rego reductions will make to them. Rebecca from Nudgee was thankful for our expansion of FairPlay vouchers to \$200 and making every Queensland family eligible for the initiative. Charmaine from Virginia is a healthcare worker who is enjoying our 50-cent fares and the savings that it has already brought and will bring. Commuters in my electorate doing the weekday commute into the city are saving more than \$100 a month thanks to this measure, and it was my pleasure to speak to locals at Northgate station recently about how this initiative is making a real difference to them and their household budgets.

I am proud to be a member of the Miles Labor government that is doing what matters for Queenslanders, and most importantly doing what matters for the people of the Nudgee electorate—reducing the cost of living and supporting local families.