



BERT VAN MANEN MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FORDE

MEDIA RELEASE - LABOR FORGETS FORDE'S FUTURE

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The Federal Member for Forde and Chief Opposition Whip, **Bert van Manen MP** has this week announced his extreme disappointment after the Federal Treasurer, **Jim Chalmers MP**, and the Prime Minister – **Anthony Albanese MP** failed to allocate priority funding to the **Forde Electorate** during their **2023 Federal Budget** which they handed down during Tuesday Night.

Mr van Manen said *“it seems the Federal Labor Government have once again forgotten the Forde Electorate and its future after releasing their second budget after taking office last year”*.

“With no funding allocation for the projects within my electorate, we simply will not be able to improve local infrastructure, provide continuation of funding for mental health services or provide further opportunities within the sporting arena and creative arts. These projects should have received priority funding by the government, but it seems they’ve put other projects first”.

Throughout the 2022 Election Campaign, the **Liberal National Party** committed to funding these and several other projects within the **Forde Electorate**. And **Mr van Manen** said that he is very disappointed that the projects were not funded by the Treasurer and Prime Minister.

During his **Budget in Reply** Speech on Thursday Night, Peter Dutton outlined the **LNP's** Plan for a stronger economy and a stronger Australia. A re-elected **Coalition Government** would:

- Incentivise the unemployed to work by increasing how much they can earn on Job Seeker.
- Restore Medicare-subsidised psychological sessions from 10 back up to 20 total sessions.
- Undertake a review of women’s health items available through Medicare and also the PBS.
- Impose more obligations on the digital companies to stop future scams and future fraud.
- Ban gambling advertising during sports broadcasts, for an hour each side of the game.

The **Federal Budget** has failed to deliver for Australian Families who are struggling with skyrocketing rents and the rising cost of living.

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