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GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO RELINQUISH GRAVY TRAIN

Independent MLC Ann Bressington today lashed out at the House of Assembly's rejection of her amendments to the *Statutes Amendment (Energy Efficiency Shortfalls) Bill*

The Bill requires energy providers to reduce the greenhouse gasses of their household consumers to a set target each year. Where they fail to meet this target, a significant monetary penalty is imposed. Ann's amendment, which passed in the Legislative Council, would ensure this money is reinvested in green initiatives, instead of general revenue.

"The Government is again attempting to boost the State's coffers by siphoning off money into general revenue under the guise of responding to climate change," Ms Bressington said.

"The Rann Government's refusal to invest money in green initiatives again demonstrates that all this Government can contribute to climate change is hot air."

Ms Bressington said her amendments were common-sense and would assist low socio-economic households to play their part in responding to climate change.

"All Members of the Legislative Council except those on the Government benches saw the value of these amendments, and I am confident of their ongoing support.

"The fund created to invest this money in green initiatives would be low cost to administrate, and achieve real benefits - which is, quite simply, a much more fitting outcome than it swelling Government coffers."

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