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MARSHALL INSULTS NORTH EAST OF ADELAIDE

Frances Bedford, Independent MP for Florey, is shocked by the latest cuts being inflicted on the people in the north east of Adelaide.

“This State Budget has revealed proposals for some very hard measures – no one mentioned closing Service SA at Modbury and the Tea Tree Gully (TTG) TAFE in the lead up to the March state election. There has been no progress at the Modbury Hospital – the community is telling me enough is enough.”

“There is a groundswell of opposition to bad government decisions that really impact on people. We’ve made our share of sacrifices here in the north east. Over the years, too many services have been whittled away. Modbury Hospital has lost maternity services, paediatric services and the capacity to look after patients needing higher care. Patient transfers to the Lyell McEwin will be privatised.”

“We saw the closure of the Families and Communities office and then the Holden Hill Courthouse. Savings from the court closure were minimal – but it means people in the north east now must go to either the city or Elizabeth for legal proceedings.

“And when the amazing hospitality course closed and was amalgamated with Regency Park, our TAFE was gutted. All these closures mean that it takes longer for residents to access services, conduct business or get medical attention. They are forced to travel further and that usually means a whole day off work – something most people can’t afford.”

“This hollowing out of services effectively transfers costs to the residents of the north eastern suburbs.”

“Now we see some bus routes will be cancelled and the ‘re-prioritising’ of the extension to O-Bahn car parking and concourse work – this insults the residents of the north east. It really means funding promised to the people of Florey and Newland is cynically being moved to the government seat of Hartley.”

The closure of the Service SA office in Modbury, which services all learner drivers in the area is the latest blow. “Young people are now victims, too – older people or anyone without access to the internet have been punished in the past and now youth and people relying on social housing and low incomes are the latest in the firing line.”

“It’s pretty obvious the new State Government is going to make all sections of the community suffer – so it’s time to let them know we will not take any more.”

To see residents’ reaction to the government’s announcements and sign the on-line petition visit www.francesbedford.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/pdf-PETITION-Modbury-Service-SA.pdf and ‘like’ the Facebook page www.facebook.com/FrancesBedfordMP/ to keep in touch with latest activities to reverse these awful budget measures.

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