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Amanda Rishworth MP
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LABOR HELPING HOUSEHOLDS IN SOUTHERN ADELAIDE

The Gillard Labor Government is taking action to tackle climate change by putting a price on pollution and ensuring all money raised will go to assisting households, supporting jobs and building a clean energy future.

Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston said the Government is acting on climate change to put Australia in a strong position in the future for our children and grandchildren.

The carbon price is not a tax on households — around 500 of the biggest polluters in Australia will be required to pay for their pollution under the carbon pricing mechanism.

Ms Rishworth said more than half of the revenue raised by the carbon tax will go to helping households make ends meet.

Ms Rishworth said “I understand that balancing the family budget isn’t an easy task for many local families in our community.

“As we move towards a clean energy future, the Government will look after those people who don’t have a lot of room to move in their budgets, like families on low incomes and pensioners.

“Tens of thousands of people in Southern Adelaide will receive household assistance through increased payments and tax cuts. These local families and individuals are some of the nine out of 10 households across Australia that will receive assistance through a combination of tax cuts, higher family payments and increases in pensions and benefits.”

Ms Rishworth said “On average, prices will rise by \$9.90 per week for households but Labor has made sure they will get \$10.10 per week in assistance.

“From day one of the carbon price on 1 July 2012, every taxpayer with income below \$80,000 will receive a tax cut, with most getting at least \$300 a year.”

Ms Rishworth said these tax cuts will be permanent, and they will increase. On 1 July 2015, a second round of tax cuts will apply, increasing the benefit to at least \$385 a year for most taxpayers earning under \$80,000 compared to now.

“For the first time in this country’s history, Australia’s big polluters will have to pay for the pollution they create and every dollar raised will go to assisting households, supporting jobs, and investing in our clean energy future,” said Ms Rishworth.

Further information about the Gillard Labor Government’s plan for a clean energy future is available at www.cleanenergyfuture.gov.au.