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Ripper needs to get priorities straight

Once again the Labor State Government has let down the people of the outer Metropolitan Region, with another budget skimping on the needs of those people South of the River in favour of big-ticket political items.

Local MLA Tony Simpson has said he is sad but not surprised that Treasurer Eric Ripper has once again gotten it wrong.

“Ripper lost his sense of priorities years ago and we can see from the budget that he still hasn’t found them,” said Mr Simpson.

“Communities in the outer suburbs like Serpentine Jarrahdale, Canning Vale and Roleystone have been neglected in this budget.”

Mr Simpson has stated that he is disappointed that outer metropolitan areas received only a small part of the \$16.1 Billion State Budget.

“From an initial read of the budget, I could find only just over \$23 million in direct spending in the electorate of Serpentine-Jarrahdale” Mr Simpson said.

“\$23 million from \$16 Billion is not a lot.

“This is less than half the \$50 million the State Labor Government has decided to spend on the new performing arts centre in Northbridge.

“The Government has not given the people of our area what they need.

“There will be no new police station for Mundijong and the Tonkin Highway will not be extended south.

“Instead trucks will continue to drive down the Highway, through Byford and Mundijong.

“The residents of Serpentine-Jarrahdale and all of the outer metropolitan area have been ignored by an out of touch State Labor Government.

“The average person in Western Australia gets nothing from this budget.

“The Treasurer should get his priorities straight and spend our money where it is most needed.”

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