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Simpson to Ripper: Show us the money!

Local State MP Tony Simpson has called on the Carpenter Government to get its priorities straight and put the money from the boom back into our local communities.

“There are Government services that our communities need that this State Government is not delivering,” said Mr Simpson.

“The Carpenter Government is continuing to neglect the communities we live and work in to pay for its big ticket items, like a \$2 Billion railway line, a \$50 million performing arts centre in Northbridge and a \$600,000 skylight at Perth train station.

“All this is paid for while our communities lose out.

“Byford’s schools are full to the lid, yet the Government refuses to even start planning to build a new one.

“Our police officers in Mundijong are forced to work in sub-standard conditions, in a 50 year old building, with no commitment from the Government for a new police station.

“Byford, Roleystone, Serpentine, Mundijong and Jarrahdale suffer more frequent and longer power outages than almost any other communities in Perth, yet the Minister for Energy will not make any commitments to fix that problem either.

“All of this while the State Government sits on a surplus of \$2 Billion.”

Mr Simpson has laid out a list of priorities he would like to see from the State Government in the coming budget. They are:

- **A new police station for Serpentine Jarrahdale;**
- **Better power supply for the Hills and other outer suburban communities;**
- **A new primary school for Byford;**
- **The completion of the Tonkin Highway, so that it is extended south of Byford and Mundijong.**

“These are some of the key projects that our communities need the State Government to invest in right now,” he said.

“Mr Ripper, we want our money back. Spend it on our schools, our police, our power system and our roads.

“I will not stop working until our community receives the services they deserve from this State Government.”