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Where does White stand on NEM Exit?

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Ten days after the Liberals announced our NEM Exit policy Labor still hasn't said whether they support it.

Despite energy experts saying that households and business would be the real winners under our plan to de-link from mainland prices and lower prices by up to 10 per cent, Labor has so far sat on the fence as they have done on so many important issues.

On the day we announced the NEM Exit, Ms White conceded that Tasmanians had been getting a bad deal under the link with Victorian prices that Labor put in place. Despite knowing this, Labor doesn't have a plan to do anything about it, making the lame excuse that they couldn't come up with a policy without the help of the bureaucracy.

It's now been 10 days since we unveiled our plan. Ms White has had plenty of time to develop and explain their position on the NEM Exit. Last time Labor was in power electricity prices rose by 65 per cent in seven years, Tasmanians will not accept lame excuses from Labor that they need the bureaucracy to tell them what to do about power prices.

The pressure is on Ms White to explain how they will lower power prices for all households in the next term of Government.