



CORANGAMITE BUDGET NEWSLETTER

Federal Budget 2023

Delivering for Corangamite

A message from your Federal member **Libby Coker MP**

The Albanese Labor Government is working hard to deliver the positive change that Australians voted for. This Budget is part of our plan to deliver a strong foundation for a better future for all Australians.

We know family budgets are under pressure. That's why we're making child care cheaper, strengthening Medicare, cutting the cost of medicines, and delivering targeted energy bill relief to help families and businesses save money on their power bills.

We know vulnerable Australians need more support. That's why we're lifting the cut-off age for the single parent payment from 8 to 14. And we're increasing Rent Assistance, study payments and JobSeeker to help make sure no-one is left behind.

And we are planning for the future and laying the right foundations for our economy and country. That's why we're delivering 300,000 fee-free TAFE places, and powering tomorrow with investments in renewables, industry and skills and technology.

In just under a year, we've come a long way. But we know there is a lot of work still to do.

I am proud to be part of a Government that has handed down a responsible and practical Budget that will deliver targeted relief to the people who need it most. I'll keep working hard every day to deliver for Corangamite.

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A message from your Treasurer Jim Chalmers and Finance Minister Katy Gallagher

This is a responsible and practical Budget that will help take the pressure off Australian families.

After a wasted decade under the Liberals and Nationals, the Albanese Labor Government is working to provide Australians with security, while setting our country up for the future.

This is a Budget that delivers for Australians. From targeted bill relief to help families and businesses with rising electricity bills, to supporting single parents, to the largest investment in bulk billing in the history of Medicare – the 2023 Budget lays the foundations for a stronger and more resilient economy.

That's what Labor Budgets are always about: tackling today's challenges and building for tomorrow. Making responsible and disciplined choices that put our economy and our society on stronger footing.

We know that households and businesses are feeling the pressure. We know there is a lot of work to do. We're getting on with the job.



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**Our top priority
in the Budget is
providing responsible
cost of living relief.”**



Rebuilding trust in the NDIS

Many Australians have described the NDIS as life changing when it works.

However, in committee hearings I have heard the anxiety, frustration and exhaustion with the system from participants, families, carers, and advocates from across our region and the nation.

The evidence was not easy to hear.

That's why, through this Budget, the Albanese Government has committed more than \$732 million over four years to improve the effectiveness and delivery of the NDIS.

We are committed to rebuilding trust in the NDIS for those who need it now and for generations to come.

Cheaper energy bills in Corangamite

I know the anxiety that many households face when receiving their quarterly power bills.

That's why I am pleased to share with you that residents and businesses in our community may be eligible to receive rebates off their electricity bills under the Albanese Government's Energy Price Relief Plan.

Households and businesses may be eligible for a rebate of up to \$500 off their power bills.

The scheme will be delivered in partnership with the Victorian Government, and will come into effect from the 1st of July.

This is responsible and targeted cost of living relief, and I know it will make a meaningful difference to households and businesses in our community.

Cheaper child care

5800 families in Corangamite are set to benefit from the Albanese Labor Government Cheaper Child Care scheme, from the 1st of July.

The changes will cut costs by about \$1,700 a year for the average family on \$120,000 a year, who have a child in care three days a week.

96% of families in the system will be better off under Labor's changes, and no family will be worse off.

Cheaper Child Care will help ease cost-of-living pressures on families, and make it easier for parents to return to paid work, or work more paid hours, if they want to.



We're strengthening this



medicare

At the last election, Labor said we would strengthen Medicare, and we are delivering on that promise. We're strengthening our health care system, making sure Australians can access the care that they need when they need it most.

We're already saved Australians money through our cheaper medicines policy, and now Labor is taking the hassle out of filling your script and making medicines even cheaper.

Patients will no longer be required to attend a pharmacy every month, and will now be able to fill a script for two months at a time.

That's fewer visits to the doctor each time you need a prescription, fewer visits to pharmacies, and fewer fees.

We've cut the cost of medicines, we're helping GPs to invest in their practices, and we're opening Australia's first Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain Clinics and Medicare Urgent Care Clinics across the country.

The Albanese Labor Government is strengthening our health care system for all Australians.

Climate Action

Our region is home to so many leaders in renewable energy, sustainable manufacturing, and environmental conservation groups.

Recently, I held a Climate Forum with the Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen MP for all of these leaders to come together and ask the questions that matter.

Many of those questions have been addressed through this Budget.

We are delivering:

- \$1.3 billion to establish the Household Energy Upgrades Fund,
- \$2 billion for a renewable hydrogen industry,
- \$300 million to improve the energy efficiency of social housing.

Through these initiatives and more, the Albanese Labor Government is taking action to unlock the potential of renewable energy for Corangamite.



“As your Federal MP, I'm striving to represent you with integrity and compassion, both locally and in Parliament.”



Scan me for more information about Corangamite.



This is Kat from the EndoHelp Foundation!

Thanks for joining me to celebrate our region's new Endometriosis & Pelvic Pain Clinic.

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