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LAST CHANCE TO SAVE PENALTY RATES: LIBERALS PLAN TO RIP \$23.5 MILLION FROM TERRITORY WORKERS

After Scott Morrison plans to rip \$23.5 million out of the Territory economy, United Voice members are rightly asking “are my penalty rates next?”

New figures released today by [The McKell Institute](#) show that because of Scott Morrison’s cuts to penalty rates more than 8,000 people in the Territory will be **\$23,500,812** worse off over the next three years, if the Government is returned.

Over the next three years of Scott Morrison’s cuts to penalty rates, \$14,516,360 will be ripped from workers in the Darwin-based seat of Solomon, and \$8,984,452 in Lingiari.

It raises huge questions for any Country-Liberal candidate as to why they support this money being ripped out of the Territory economy.

“How does Senate candidate Jacinta Price look any bartender or shop assistant in the eye?” Erina Early, Branch Secretary, United Voice NT, said.

“Why is she chomping at the bit to be part of a Government that slashed workers’ pay by hundreds of dollars a week?”

“It’s not possible to look at people working hard in pubs and shops in the Territory and justify ripping \$23.5 million from their pockets and the local economy.”

“We know Scott Morrison and Jacinta Price will bend over backwards to do whatever big business wants, and we know big business won’t stop attacking penalty rates for every Australian worker.”

“The thousands of aged care workers, emergency workers, correctional officers and security officers in the Territory are right to be worried whether their penalty rates are next, should Jacinta Price and Scott Morrison be part of the next Government.”

“This is a pay cut people can’t afford and don’t deserve.”

“United Voice members are out every single day reminding voters of this Government’s record on cutting penalty rates, and urging them to vote for Labor to restore and protect penalty rates for every Australian worker.”

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The new research and electorate breakdowns available [here](#).

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