## **Statement**

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## **NEW LIBERAL LEADER – SAME LIBERAL CUTS**

The divided Victorian Liberals have their fifth leader in just over four years, but nothing's changed.

They're still focused on themselves, and they're nuts about cuts.

The new Liberal leader is the architect of those cuts.

As Liberal Shadow Treasurer, Jess Wilson presided over an \$11.1 billion budget black hole in the Liberals' election promises – and it continues to grow.

That \$11.1 billion black hole means one thing: cuts to pay for it.

Cuts to schools.

Cuts to hospitals.

Cuts to services.

To fill the \$11.1 billion black hole, Liberals would have to sack up to 4,500 police officers, 9,000 teachers, 926 fire-fighters and 18,000 nurses. Either that, or close seven hospitals.

But instead of demoting Jess Wilson for her reckless \$11.1 billion cuts agenda that will hurt Victorians, the hard-right, wrecking-crew Liberals have locked in their plan and made her their leader.

They will never change their tune.

New Liberal leader, same Liberal cuts.

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