

Regional WA hit with increases in motor vehicle examinations

THE Barnett Liberal National government's decision to abolish the universal tariff for motor vehicle examinations will mean fees in regional WA will now cost up to 19 per cent more than in Perth, according to agriculture MLC Darren West.

He said people living in regional WA will now be forced to cough up more for the same service that will be available at a cheaper rate in the metropolitan area.

Premier Colin Barnett previously attempted to abolish the universal tariff for household electricity charges in the 1990s, which would have increased the cost of electricity in the regions.

This is a significant shift in policy by the Barnett Liberal National government to move to full cost recovery for services in regional WA.

"If it is expanded across all government services it will have a devastating impact in the regions," Mr West said.

"People should pay the same fees for vehicle inspection services regardless of where they live in WA.

"This is the start of a slippery slope that will make living in the regions even more expensive.

"It appears that the further you live away from Perth, the harder you will be slugged.

"National Party members have been missing in action on this important issue. These increases are unfair and the Liberal National government knows it."

Anyone who would like to sign a petition against these increases should contact Mr West's office on 1800 812 295.