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LIBERAL HEALTH FRAUD: LIES, BACKFLIPS, UNCostED POLICIES AND NOW WAGE FREEZE FOR NURSES AND DOCTORS

The front-page of the Canberra Times today reveals the Canberra Liberals don't have a clue about how to run our health and hospitals system.

The Liberals released their health policy only 5 days out from the election day because they had a lot to hide.

"Over the past few weeks we have had the Opposition Leader, Zed Seselja, and his deputy, Brendan Smyth, repeatedly criticising Labor's health policy," said Katy Gallagher Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Health.

"As late as yesterday, at the Leaders debate, the Canberra Liberals confirmed that they would not be following Labor's policy. One hour later they adopted the policy in full.

"This is turning into a farce as the Liberals now have two health policies—the ACT Labor policy and their own one," Ms Gallagher said.

The Canberra Liberals health policy has now changed four times over the last four days

- On Sunday, 5 days out from the election the Liberals finally release a written health policy.
- On Monday, they criticise the Labor Plan saying "there is no money" and saying that they won't support ACT Labor's fully-funded, responsible Health Plan.
- For Tuesday, the Liberal policy is secretly "amended" on their website to reaffirm that they weren't endorsing ACT Labor's plan.
- Tuesday afternoon, after their fraud is exposed by Labor, the Canberra Liberals adopt the majority of Labor's health policy as well as keeping their own uncOSTed, under-funded policy.

"This fraud will continue today, with it now clear that the Liberal Party has failed to account in their costing for the necessary increases in doctors and nurses salaries," Ms Gallagher said.

"Because of the Liberals bungled health policies and their back flips, there is not enough money in the Liberals plan for the salary increases needed to pay our doctors and nurses properly.

"The Liberal policy means that they will have to freeze nurses and doctors salaries for more than four years.

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"It is now clear that the Liberal Party does not have a clue about how the health system works. They don't understand the challenges and if they were elected they would wreck our hospitals and health system." Ms Gallagher said

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