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WA BOTTOM OF GILLARD'S PILE

Western Australia is clearly at the bottom of Julia Gillard's list of priorities WA Senator Mathias Cormann said.

"We're just about two weeks into a five week campaign and the Prime Minister still hasn't made it to WA," he said.

"She has been up and down the East coast for more than a third of the campaign.

"It is time she fronted up and explained to people in Western Australia why her government has been the most Eastern States centric government ever.

The five particular questions Julia Gillard must answer when she finally does make it to Western Australia are:

- 1) Why is she using WA as a cash cow to fund her reckless spending, imposing a massive new tax on mining which according to WA Treasury will take \$7 billion out of WA over two years?
- 2) Why has her government failed to deliver on the \$100 million WA Infrastructure Fund promised with much fanfare before the last election? How can we trust promises now of yet another Infrastructure Fund when previous promises were broken so blatantly?
- 3) Why hasn't she done what needs to be done to stop the boats? Why hasn't she phoned the President of Nauru to set up a Regional Processing Centre in that country?
- 4) Why does she continue to discriminate against patients in Western Australia holding back \$350 million in federal funding for WA hospitals made available to all the Eastern States?
- 5) Why is she not being upfront with people about her plans for a carbon tax after this election and what it would mean for cost of living pressures in Western Australia?

"Julia Gillard doesn't have any proper answers to these questions. That is why she has been avoiding Western Australia for so long during this campaign.

"Western Australians who want a better deal for WA should vote to change the government," Senator Cormann said.

"Tony Abbott and the Liberal Party will stop the boats, we will stop the taxes and we are committed to a fair deal for WA," Senator Cormann said.

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