

What your business can expect from an O'Farrell Government



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A message from the CEO

The longest election campaign in history is over and NSW has a new Government.

The overwhelming nature of the vote indicates strong community support for a real change of direction in NSW.

Given that we have not had a change of government for sixteen years in NSW, I believe the change represents a unique opportunity for all parts of the state government to review their operations and ultimately, improve the quality of state government services.

In the short term, I am confident that the immediate impact of the change of government will be a lift in business confidence, particularly as it relates to working with the Government. In recent years, the regularly changing priorities, personnel changes and the start-stop approach to portfolios like transport have all impacted on the confidence of business in working with the State Government.

However, the challenge before Barry O'Farrell and his team will be to deliver results that match the strength of the mandate.

I believe the new Government needs to move quickly on implementing its agenda. To this end, the NSW Business Chamber is calling on the new government to deliver on these five key priorities in the first hundred days:

1. Commence the Commission of Audit – and get government spending under control;
2. Sign up to Julia Gillard's Federal harmonisation of OH&S – and create a fair workplace safety system in NSW;
3. Appoint a Small Business Commissioner – so that there is a champion for small business within government;
4. Establish Infrastructure NSW – and get the politics out of infrastructure, build projects on merit not where the votes are; and
5. Produce the first report card on the progress of the Pacific Highway upgrade and accelerate completion of this important piece of economic infrastructure.

These priorities reflect the thrust of our 10 Big Ideas to Grow NSW campaign that the NSW Business Chamber has been advocating over the past year. Our 10 Big Ideas are about creating the right conditions for investment, jobs, growth and business confidence.



Barry O'Farrell and NSW Business Chamber CEO Stephen Cartwright at the launch of 10 Big Ideas to Grow Central West at Mount Panorama, Bathurst

Our regional and local chambers in areas such as the Hunter, Illawarra, Northern Rivers, Mid North Coast, Riverina, Central Coast, Central West, Dubbo, Maitland, Penrith and South West Sydney have also developed their own 10 Big Ideas for their local areas.

More recently, our NSW Deserves Better bus tour of NSW highlighted our policy agenda and the need for real change in NSW. I took the view that the Chamber had to stand up for its members in seeking a better business environment in NSW.

I am pleased to say that over the past four years, the Chamber has developed a strong working relationship with Barry O'Farrell, Andrew Stoner, Mike Baird, Gladys Berejiklian, Don Page, Adrian Piccoli, Greg Pearce and the other ministers in the new Government.

We also intend to reach out to the new State Opposition because having an effective Opposition ensures better Government performance. I will be extending an offered hand to the NSW Opposition as a way of helping them re-establish their linkages to the business community.

This overview of the business policies of the O'Farrell Government provides you with a comprehensive summary of the new Government's policy positions. If you have any questions about what this might mean for your business, please do not hesitate to contact NSW Business Chamber's Policy and Advocacy Team on 13 26 96.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Stephen Cartwright'.

Stephen Cartwright
Chief Executive Officer, NSW Business Chamber

Accountability

Introduce a Cabinet reporting framework for all major infrastructure and service commitments that will include:

- independent verification of Treasury costings;
- clear statements on the impact of costings on forward budgets;
- quarterly project progress updates direct to Cabinet that note time and costings variations; and
- quarterly Treasury fiscal reports to Cabinet.

Appoint a NSW Public Service Commissioner who will:

- be tasked to improve the integrity, performance and accountability of the State's public sector workforce;
- ensure NSW has the best qualified and most professional public service in the nation;
- restore the highest levels of impartiality, ability, accountability and leadership in the NSW Public Service;
- ensure public service positions are filled on the basis of merit and qualifications, not patronage or favouritism;
- assist the NSW Public Service to become an employer of choice that is attractive to the highest calibre of individual candidates;
- promote a public sector culture where initiative, the achievement of results and individual responsibility are strongly valued; and
- help rebuild the public's confidence in the NSW Public Service.

Strengthen the powers of ICAC and impose an obligation upon Ministers to report possible corrupt conduct.

Establish a set of ethics and values for Ministers and the Public Service. It will be developed in consultation with ICAC and the public sector, and will require the ethics and values established in the legislation to be reflected in the codes of conduct of each government department and agency.

Strengthen whistleblower protection by:

- establishing a Protected Disclosures Unit within the Office of the Ombudsman that will provide advice to whistleblowers, monitor the response of public authorities to protected disclosures, and report annually on disclosures made across the NSW public sector;
- establishing standard guidelines for the lodgement, investigation, handling and reporting of protected disclosures;



Barry O'Farrell with NSW Business Chamber President Roger Hood and CEO Stephen Cartwright in front of the NSW Deserves Better Bus on the Central Coast

- protecting the whistleblower where that person had an 'honest belief on reasonable grounds' that their disclosure met the grounds for protection under the Act;
- imposing an explicit requirement on an authority to investigate a disclosure except where prescribed by law; and
- giving whistleblowers the right to seek damages when they have suffered detrimental action in reprisal for making protected disclosures.

Introduce legislation to require approval of the Auditor-General for advertising campaigns and give the Auditor-General the power to make governing political parties pay for taxpayer-funded advertising found to be overtly 'political'.

Reform the Freedom of Information (FOI) process based on the following basic principles and initiatives:

- pro-active disclosure of government information;
- one-stop online shop for information from all government agencies;
- enforced public disclosure of government contracts and grants; and
- no cost for FOI applications and the establishment of mandatory deadlines.

Appoint a fully independent Open Government Commissioner within the Office of the NSW Ombudsman who will:

- play an independent 'watchdog' role and drive the information-sharing performance of government agencies toward the highest standards of openness, accountability and transparency;
- provide citizens with advice and hear complaints on FOI and other government information matters; and
- report annually on the government's overall performance and on the comparative performance of government agencies, including total number of requests, number of requests complied with, turnaround times, number of complaints and number of complaints upheld or denied.



Mike Baird makes his point at the NSW Business Chamber hosted Treasurers Debate

Economic Management and Finance

Conduct a complete audit of the NSW Government's financial position within nine months of taking office. The audit will be undertaken by experts, tasked with identifying and reporting on issues including:

- the state of the NSW balance sheet, including on budget and off budget assets and liabilities;
- the long-term sustainability of the NSW Budget position, including the underlying cost and revenue drivers;
- weaknesses in financial controls and financial risk management frameworks;
- wasted expenditure that has built up including program and infrastructure cost overruns;
- opportunities to strengthen the NSW financial position;
- a review of all costs and performance of State Government services to global benchmarks; and
- measures to drive better performance through increased accountability and transparency in financial reporting.

Oppose the Federal Government's proposal to introduce a carbon tax.

Ensure expense growth will be less than or equal to revenue growth.

Reduce government external consultancy expenses by 25 per cent.

Abolish the Unattached Public Sector Employees List.

Reduce government domestic and international travel expenses by 25 per cent.

Cut government advertising by 25 per cent.

Maintain AAA credit rating.

Occupational, Health & Safety

Immediately sign up to national harmonisation of Occupational Health and Safety.

Taxation

Introduce a payroll tax rebate of \$4,000 per full time employee for the first 100,000 new payroll tax paying jobs created in NSW. Rebate will be paid in two equal parts, on the first and second anniversary of the hire of a new full time employee.

Government Service Delivery

Develop innovative NSW Government 'apps' for mobile phones to enable users to obtain, free of charge, real time info on how to best access customer services. We will develop a NSW Government web interface based around customer need not Government structure.

Introduce a single NSW Government phone number that is answered by a NSW based live operator 24 hours a day seven days a week. Operators will have real time information about government services, the authority to resolve a variety of issues and be able to complete a range of transactions over the phone.

Pilot 16 one-stop-shops for government services across metropolitan and regional centres with the systems to offer a broader range of services. We will encourage Federal and Local Government services to be delivered through these centres as well.

Infrastructure

Establish Infrastructure NSW, an independent infrastructure body, oversighted by a Board with an Independent Chair appointed from outside government with the capacity to directly manage project delivery and implementation for designated major projects.

Develop a 20-year strategy, through Infrastructure NSW, detailing major infrastructure projects costing over \$100 million. The State Infrastructure Strategy will be reviewed every 5 years. The Strategy will be approved by the Premier and the Cabinet Infrastructure Committee and will be tabled in Parliament and subject to debate to establish a clear political mandate for the long-term strategy.

Develop a detailed, costed and transparent 5-year Infrastructure Plan to underpin the 20-year strategy. Projects in the 5-year plan will be funded in the forward estimates of the Budget.

Introduce a system of State Infrastructure Strategy Statements (SISS) will be developed across key infrastructure sectors, setting out clear analysis of long-term requirements and a transparent road map for infrastructure projects in that sector.

Create an infrastructure capital fund, Restart NSW, to be funded from windfall tax revenue, additional borrowing including new Waratah Bonds, and proceeds from the \$1.2 billion long-term lease of Sydney's Desalination Plant.

Transport & Roads

Create an Integrated Transport Authority that will:

- provide a central point of management for the provision of public transport services across Sydney and NSW;
- be responsible for transport planning including the development of workable transport interchanges;
- deliver better co-ordination between transport modes;
- provide a central point of accountability for the planning and delivery of major transport infrastructure projects; and
- put commuters first by providing more accessible real time information about services and ticketing.

Build North West and South West Rail Links.

Defer the Parramatta – Epping Rail Link and City Relief Line.

Introduce new express train services including:

- Blue Mountains Express – one extra AM peak hour express train service each weekday (stopping Katoomba-Springwood-Penrith-Blacktown-Parramatta-Strathfield-Central) saving a commuter up to 1hr 40min a week;
- Penrith Express – five new services including one extra AM peak hour express train service each weekday and two extra AM and two extra PM semi-express services (stopping Emu Plains-Penrith-all stops to Mt Druitt-Blacktown-Seven Hills-Parramatta-Granville-Strathfield-Redfern-City) saving up to 1hr 25min a week;
- Campbelltown Express – 16 additional express train services – one per hour from 6am to 10pm – (stopping Macarthur-Campbelltown-Glenfield-Wolli Creek-International Airport-Domestic Airport-Mascot-Green Square-Central) saving up to 1hr 15min a week;



Barry O'Farrell and Mike Baird visit NSW Business Chamber member RedBalloon to announce the Coalition's payroll tax rebate policy

- Central Coast Express – six new services including the first direct link between the Central Coast and the Macquarie Park/Macquarie University – three additional AM peak and three additional PM peak services (stopping Wyong-Gosford-Woy Woy-Hornsby-Epping-Macquarie Uni-Macquarie Park-North Ryde-Chatswood-Artarmon-St Leonards-Wollstonecraft-Waverton-North Sydney-Milsons Point-Wynyard-Town Hall-Central) saving up to 2hrs 30min a week for commuters to Macquarie Park.

Begin construction of either the M4 East or M5 East duplication.

Reduce the cost of monthly, quarterly and yearly Cityrail tickets by over \$100 a year.

Increase funding to the train station Easy Access Program by \$60 million to upgrade eight additional train stations.

Adopt a 'franchise model' to involve business in the leasing, maintenance and operation of the Sydney ferry fleet.

Improve Night Ride bus services by:

- increasing the number of Night Ride services on Thursday nights;
- introducing a new Night Ride Bus Service to Richmond;
- increasing the frequency of weekend Night Ride Services to Macarthur; and
- introducing a new weekend Night Ride Bus Service along the Carlingford Line and increase Night Ride services to Parramatta.

Allocate an additional \$200 million for road black spots and relief of congestion including allocations for:

- Wisemans Ferry Road – \$5 million upgrade;
- Heathcote Road – \$7 million to upgrade Deadmans Creek Bridge;
- Picton Road – \$12 million to meet half the costs of the \$24 million project, which will involve the construction of median barriers along the most dangerous section of road between Wilton and the Cordeaux Colliery;
- Newell Highway – \$250,000 towards the construction of a turning lane on the Newell Highway at Forbes; and
- Golden Highway – \$250,000 towards the construction of a turning lane on the Golden Highway at Ballimore.

Commence a review of road speed limits and cameras by:

- immediately commencing a statewide audit of speed limits on the road network, and if appropriate, lift speed limits;
- directing the NSW Auditor-General to investigate the operation of fixed and mobile speed cameras to determine whether they are designed to raise revenue or save lives;
- rationalising speed zones in the first twelve months of government, with a view to having fewer speed limit changes on stretches of road;
- launching a website to allow the public to submit examples of inconsistent, dangerous or confusing speed zones to help guide the government; and
- notifying subscribing drivers of speed limit changes in their local area by email.

Integrate and expand the Sydney Light Rail network by:

- immediately incorporating existing light rail services from Central to Lilyfield into the MyZone ticketing system to encourage more commuters to consider multi-modal transport options;
- ensuring that light rail is part of the proposed Electronic Ticketing System;
- building light rail in the CBD. Central to Circular Quay will form the spine of this network subject to feasibility with an intention to incorporate the network to Haymarket, Barangaroo and other major CBD locations;
- extending the existing light rail service in the Inner West from Lilyfield to Dulwich Hill;
- conducting a feasibility study to extend the light rail network from Central to the University of NSW; and
- conducting a feasibility study to extend the light rail network from Central Railway Station to Sydney University.

Small Business

Create a Small Business Commissioner with a mandate to advocate for the small and medium enterprise (SME) sector in NSW. The Small Business Commissioner will provide a central point where SMEs concerns about unfair market practices can be addressed in a low cost and timely manner; resolve disputes between SMEs and government agencies; and ensure the impact on SMEs is fully considered in the introduction of new regulations.

Ensure NSW Government agencies pay bills within 30 days for contracts up to \$1 million. Failure to meet the 30 day deadline will result in penalty interest being paid to the creditor.



Barry O'Farrell, ready to take a chainsaw to red tape, visits a member during NSW Business Chamber's Polities for Small Business program

Red Tape

Introduce a 'One On, Two Off' rule for new regulations and commit to a 20 per cent reduction in red tape within the first term.

Reform business licensing with improved online access to licence applications and renewals.

Subject all new regulations to a risk analysis that specifically outlines the impact on small businesses.

Trade

Appoint a Parliamentary Secretary for Asia Pacific Trade to work with representatives of NSW Trade Offices.

Ensure NSW Trade Offices are actively seeking out emerging opportunities and trial the most promising with 'pilot' projects.

Convene a NSW Export and Investment Advisory Board (NSWEIAB) comprising experienced business and NGO representatives.

Create a Multicultural Business Advisory Panel to work with the new NSWEIAB using NSW's cultural diversity and language skills to increase trade opportunities.

Continue to support the National Multicultural Marketing Awards.

Return to China and India in the first six months of government with a delegation led by the Premier and the Treasurer.

Industry Support

Deliver Industry Action Plans for high growth industries such as environmental management, coal seam methane, financial services, biomedical, defence and information technology. Industry Action Plans will:

- identify drivers for, and barriers to, growth and innovation in the sector, especially those caused by government practices;
- detail a program for government and industry to encourage sector growth and innovation, covering areas including skills, regulations, R&D, infrastructure and policy reform; and
- contain specific KPIs including clear timetables and benchmarks to monitor progress.

Fisheries & Marine Parks

Secure adequate funding (\$16 million) for a restructure of the commercial fishing industry through fishing business exit grants and share class buyouts. Buyouts will be focused on share class by share class rather than the whole industry.

Commission an independent review of NSW fisheries policy, management and administration. A principal goal of the review will be to provide recommendations to the government aimed at delivering devolution of appropriate fisheries governance responsibilities to stakeholders.

Provide resource access security for commercial fishers. A scientific audit will be established to explore the environmental appropriateness and effectiveness of existing zoning arrangements and will investigate an area and resource access swap proposal, where agreed to by both recreational and commercial fishermen.

Maintain the existing six marine parks and a moratorium on the creation of new marine parks and fishing closures, pending the outcome of an independent scientific audit.

Subject to the results of the scientific independent audit; expand the current Habitat Protection Zones within existing marine parks.

Ensure the conservation needs of the grey nurse shark are met well into the future.

Implement recovery/preventative measures for any identified problems or potential threats including initiatives like seasonal closures, gear restrictions, tougher bag limits where needed and/or protection zones for identified species.



Nationals Leader Andrew Stoner and NSW Business Chamber CEO Stephen Cartwright in front of the NSW Deserves Better Bus in Frederickton

Sydney as a Global Financial Capital

Pursue the opportunity to position Sydney as a regional centre for international development finance.

Directly offer specialised NSW public service expertise to developing nations.

Encourage the headquartering of more global NGOs in Sydney as the place where ideas are exchanged and partnerships formed.

Tourism & Events

Upgrade and expand the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Establish a Visitor Economy Taskforce which will deliver a strategy to double tourism in NSW by 2020.

Create Destination NSW, an independent authority to sell NSW through marketing and major events.

Inject an additional \$5 million to boost funding to Regional Tourism Operators to develop tourism products.

Education

Create a \$40 million NSW Public School Upgrade Fund to fund maintenance needs identified by principals and school communities.

Give school principals control of the budget for General Assistants and minor maintenance, and boost the maintenance budget by \$20 million.

Allow principals to use local tradespeople and local businesses where these offer better value for money and retain local bank accounts to facilitate such purchases.

Complete an Independent Public Review of the current DET 'Devolution Funding Pilot' once the pilot is completed in 2011.

Regional Development & Mining

Introduce a Regional Relocation Grant of \$7,000 to encourage individuals and families to move from Sydney to regional NSW communities.

Allocate 30 per cent of the Restart NSW capital fund for regional NSW.

Target 40 per cent or 40,000 of the new jobs in the Jobs Action Plan (\$4,000 payroll tax rebate) to regional NSW.

Prepare strategic land use plans for the State on a regional basis, using a multi layered approach. The plans will initially focus on those areas that will be the target of increasing activity in the coal and coal seam gas industries.

Undertake a State-wide audit of exploration licences to review their current status and ensure that exploration licence holders are adhering to conditions obtained in their licence. The status of all exploration licenses will be publicly available so that communities can easily access information about potential activities in their local area.

Establish an independent section on agricultural sustainability and food security in the new Department of Primary Industries.

Commit to a complete review of the Just Terms legislation, in particular, as it applies to property rights.

Balance the existence of the mining and petroleum sector and agricultural production through the following steps:

- where Coal Steam Gas (CSG) activities involve interference with groundwater systems, the Government will require that proponents must obtain an Aquifer Interference Approval under S91 of the Water Management Act 2000;
- review relevant petroleum well construction and fracing standards to ensure that inter-aquifer leakage is prevented; develop better standards;
- ban the use of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene (BTEX) in fracing fluids;
- require CSG proponents to report on the location of wells to be stimulated by fracing, details of chemicals used, the toxicity of ingredients and mixtures, and demonstrate that fracing activities won't result in environmental harm; including inter-aquifer damage and contamination.



NSW Business Chamber President Roger Hood with Barry O'Farrell at a NSW Business Chamber function with the Coalition Frontbench

- reform the project approvals system in NSW so that there is enhanced cooperation across all relevant departments and agencies. Planning approvals for CSG exploration and pilot testing must be timely, consistent across the State, appropriate to the level of impact and take into account the different requirements for project development when compared to conventional petroleum projects, while also maintaining the existing environmental standards;
- review existing arrangements for land access for mining and petroleum industries to ensure they achieve our goal of facilitating good relations and timely access. This will include promoting the use of crown land, such as Travelling Stock Routes, for pipeline routes where viable and the establishment of energy and transport corridors;
- review the Water Management Act 2000, the Water Act 1912, the Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991 and related legislation to ensure aquifers are protected;
- review environmental regulations for the natural gas industry to ensure they are safe and environmentally appropriate for coal seam gas development;
- examine options to protect prime agricultural land so that natural gas development exists in a balanced manner so that the commercial activities of both industries are not compromised;
- ban the use of evaporation ponds for mining and petroleum production activities; and
- support the continuation of the Namoi Catchment Water Study.

Health & Hospitals

Commence or fast tracking an additional 16 major hospitals and health capital works across NSW. This includes major Western Sydney redevelopments at Blacktown Hospital, the Westmead Millennium Institute and Children's Medical Research Institute, a car park at Nepean Hospital, and 10 projects in regional NSW.

Conduct an independent review of NSW hospitals' equipment and technology. This will be done in collaboration with Local Health Districts.

Establish transparent criteria for future hospital and health infrastructure investment and appoint an independent panel of experts to determine and publish hospital upgrade priorities.

Introduce continuous improvement standards requiring Local Health Districts to perform regular audits of facilities and equipment.

Reduce the size of Area Health Services by creating approximately 20 smaller Health Districts.

Appoint Boards to the Health Districts and make them accountable to the communities they serve with the Chief Executive of each Health District reporting to the Board.

Restore the decision-making power of Hospital General Managers and give authority back to expert clinicians enabling them to help determine their units' budgets, how those budgets are spent, and how improvements in patient care can be achieved.

Further develop clinical networks that link medical experts across the system.

Appoint a qualified medical practitioner as Executive Clinical Director in each Health District to advise on medical matters and improve the links between management and clinicians.

Publish information about health service management including budget allocations, spending, the capacity of an institution to undertake treatments at any given time, and outcomes in terms of patient care including medical errors and infections.

Medical Research

Develop a 10-year Health and Medical Research Strategic Plan for NSW that enables the state to develop new treatments, techniques and devices that will drive health reform now and into the future.

Create a separate Medical Devices Seed Funding Program and maintain the Science Leveraging Fund.

Create of an Office of Medical Research with a dedicated budget and reporting to the Minister for Health. The Office will manage and distribute the \$20 million boost to a Medical Devices Seed Funding Program and the Medical



NSW Business Chamber CEO Stephen Cartwright with Deputy Nationals Leader Adrian Piccoli and Murray Riverina Business Chamber President Stephen Joyce on the NSW Deserves Better Bus in Griffith

Research Support Program (MRSP) in line with existing Commonwealth-State research agreements.

Create a separate Office of Science, Research and Productivity which will be oversighted by the Chief Scientist and report to the industry portfolio minister.

Allocate additional funds to the Medical Research Support Program (MRSP) over four years to support competitive Commonwealth government medical research grants.

Law & Order

Invest \$3.5 million to roll out an estimated 25 new Police Mobile Command Vehicles across NSW.

Invest \$10 million over four years to improve DNA testing times and facilities, with a focus on high priority cases and clearing the backlog.

Invest \$7.2 million to install an estimated 100 mobile Automatic Number Plate Recognition Units in Highway Patrol vehicles over the next two years.

Impose tougher penalties for graffiti vandals including:

- require juvenile graffiti vandals to appear before the court for a graffiti offence;
- empower courts to suspend convicted graffiti vandals' drivers' licenses or extend the time spent on Learners and Provisional licenses;
- legislate for courts to impose Community Service Orders on offenders to make recompense and clean up the graffiti;
- establish a single state-wide hotline for the public to report graffiti in their community and get it removed; and
- encourage the formation of voluntary graffiti removal squads in local areas, in partnerships with local government and local communities.

Electricity

Immediately hold a Special Commission of Inquiry into the Keneally Government's electricity sale. Its recommendations will be openly and transparently tabled in Parliament.

Produce savings by merging the existing three distributors into a metropolitan and a regional electricity distribution network. This will deliver \$400 million in savings over 4 years. These will be passed back to customers through two new rebates for families and low-income households:

- A Family Energy Rebate of up to \$150 dollars; and
- A Low Income Households Rebate of up to \$235.

Introduce a dividend policy in which dividends will be capped at forecast levels and require electricity company directors to personally certify that dividend payments place no additional pressure on prices or reliability.

Take a position to the 2011 Tax Summit that the Federal Government completely offset the impact a future carbon tax has on household electricity bills.

Redirect uncommitted funds from the NSW Climate Change Fund to cover the cost of the NSW Solar Bonus Scheme.

Hold a Solar Summit to determine the true cost of the Keneally Government's Solar Bonus Scheme, identify any opportunities to limit the cost blowouts and establish a sustainable future for the NSW solar industry.

Appoint a Parliamentary Secretary for Renewable Energy who will be in charge of developing a 2020 NSW Renewable Energy Plan to aim for a 20% renewable energy target by 2020.

Retain the ownership of the poles and wires in public hands.

Residential Park Industry

Introduce mandatory licensing of residential park operators.

Introduce mandatory education of new operators.

Improve the process for resolution of 'excessive rent increase' applications to the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal.

Undertake a thorough review of the Residential Parks Act 1998 and Regulations.



Barry O'Farrell speaks to NSW Business Chamber state councillors

Planning

Return planning controls to local residents.

Scrap Part 3A of the Planning Act that gives the Minister for Planning the power to override local communities.

Overhaul the State's planning legislation.

Appoint a Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.

Housing

Repeal the Keneally Government's \$429 million homebuyer's tax on property purchases.

Provide a Regional Relocation Grant of \$7000 to encourage housing construction in rural areas.

Target the release of 10,000 new blocks of land through Landcom over the next four years.

Extend stamp duty concessions to "empty nesters" over the age of 55 who choose to move from a house to a smaller dwelling.

Ensure local communities are more involved in housing planning in their areas.



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- 2** Create jobs by cutting employment taxes and red tape.
- 3** Protect the NSW Budget by fighting for a fairer share of the GST.
- 4** End the blame game in hospitals by handing funding to the Federal Government.
- 5** Move economic growth to the centre of State Government decision making by establishing the Department of Business Growth.
- 6** Encourage growth in regional NSW through funding government and business relocations to regional areas.
- 7** Get the politics out of infrastructure by establishing Infrastructure NSW.
- 8** Take charge of Sydney traffic by appointing a Transport Tsar.
- 9** Help Sydney prepare for the future by creating 10 super councils.
- 10** Better prepare young people for the workforce by improving the HSC for students not attending university.

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