



Thank you to all who supported my re-election

and who voted
to keep Sydney
INDEPENDENT



It is an honour and an ongoing challenge to again represent Australia's most vibrant, diverse and progressive state electorate.

You vented your anger at the entrenched paralysis of the previous Government, and voted for vision and action for a better functioning State, and vital investment in our future.

There's lost time to be made up and the next four years will be critical.

Effective resource and energy conservation is essential for a sustainable economy and to combat climate change.

Planning must meet the needs of increasing population densities and enhance residential amenity. And there is real hope that urgently needed integrated public transport will now happen.

I reaffirm the commitments I made to continue working with you to make Sydney a better and more sustainable place to live and work, and to ensure that the

new Government makes up for past neglect.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Clover Moore

...but already **your right to choose** is under threat

Urged on by bullying media, the Premier has threatened legislation to stop members of Parliament also being mayors or councillors. This manipulates democracy to entrench party control and denies people's right to choose.

This is my 8th year in both roles confirmed by four elections, two state and two local.

That is an election every two years!

Australia and NSW are grossly overgoverned with shared and overlapping responsibilities between federal, state and local government, too often diminished by lack of coordination and varying levels of cooperation.

FROM PARLIAMENT

Parliament returned with the new Government holding a whopping 69 seats in the 93 seat Lower House. The Opposition has only 20 seats, and there are three Independents and one Green.

While there are fewer women in the Legislative Assembly, Shelley Hancock MP for South Coast was elected the first female speaker.

In this first session I spoke 17 times and asked 48 questions; and have already met with the Premier, the Ministers for Planning and Infrastructure, Hospitality and Racing, and Healthy Lifestyles.

I am working on three private members bills, including reintroduction of the first of my strata reform bills.



EP&A Part 3A repealed

I supported the **Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Part 3A Repeal) Bill**, which better defines state significant projects and retains more development decisions with local Councils.

While I am concerned that the unelected Planning and Assessment Commission and Joint Regional Planning Panels will still determine major projects and the Minister retains "call-in" powers, the Government says this is temporary while the planning system is reviewed.

We need a 21st Century planning system that restores environment and heritage protections and community involvement.



White City DA stays with Woollahra Council



Wage caps for frontline workers

I opposed wage caps of 2.5 per cent for frontline Government workers. This is less than CPI and the independent Industrial Relations Commission can no longer set public sector conditions beyond the cap without "productivity savings" like staff cuts.

During debate I stressed the need for affordable housing to address high inner city living costs for frontline workers needed to make our city function.

Infrastructure planning... *finally*

After years of agitating for a long-term legislated infrastructure plan for NSW coordinated by one governing body, I welcome the creation of Infrastructure NSW to plan, coordinate and ensure delivery of essential infrastructure.

During debate on the Infrastructure NSW Bill, I called for priority for heavy rail, mass transit and cycling, along with sustainable water and energy projects in the legislated five and 20 year plans.



Barangaroo DEBATED

I tabled petitions signed by 11,000 citizens concerned about the Barangaroo planning process, and design and environmental impacts, initiating debate in Parliament.

In response, the Government committed to applying the Remediation State Environmental Planning Policy, with independent pollution clean-up audits and agreed to a review of the process to date.

The Planning Minister appointed two planning experts from Victoria to take submissions and I met with them to get better outcomes for this significant site.



JUDGEMENT by politicians

While I support heavy penalties for crimes against police officers, who have demanding and dangerous work, I opposed the *Crimes Amendment (Murder of Police Officers) Bill* for

mandatory life sentences for the murder of police officers.

Persons convicted of murdering a police officer are already subject to a standard non-parole period of 25 years, which the courts can increase to life.

I support the separation of powers. The courts not politicians should determine a just sentence, based on the specific case.

Animal welfare inquiry needed



I have given notice to set up a Parliamentary Inquiry Committee to examine companion animal welfare and recommend law and policy reform.

More than 60,000 healthy cats and dogs are killed annually in NSW, while cruel puppy farms and backyard breeders churn out new pets for sale. Litters from pets which haven't been de-sexed end up on the streets and in pounds, and unfair rules force people to give up cherished pets when they move into apartments, retirement villages and rental properties. Homeless people can't take their pets into hostels.

*When in Opposition, Government members proposed an inquiry in response to my *Animals (Regulation of Sale) Bill*, and I hope they will now support it. If you are concerned about this important but neglected issue, please ask the Premier to support an Inquiry.*

ENVIRONMENT

The environment record in Parliament so far has been mixed. There is hope for an inquiry into land use priorities to examine the impact of mining on food production and water.

Feed-in tariffs for solar power have been restored for existing contracts and there is a study to determine the future of the industry.

Pressure from the Shooters and Fishers resulted in marine park protections overturned, state forests opened up for recreational hunting, and more hunting licences issued.

Solar power tariffs

I supported honouring contracted solar power feed-in tariffs after the announcement that they would be cut from 60 cents per KWH to 40 cents.

The scheme's claimed \$1.9 billion seven-year cost was overestimated, especially in comparison to \$1 billion annual State coal industry subsidies and \$9 billion Federal fossil fuel subsidies.

While anticipated defeat in the Upper House forced the Government to continue paying existing customers promised tariffs, no new households can join the scheme. My calls for electricity retailers to pay for the renewable energy they on-sell were ignored.



LOSS of marine protection

Before setting up its promised "independent scientific review" of marine parks, the State Government withdrew declared protective zones in the Solitary Islands and Jervis Bay.

Sanctuary zones improve marine biodiversity, and increase fish and crustacean population and sizes as well as fish catches in nearby

waters. The marine parks were introduced after years of assessment and consultation.

With global marine biodiversity threatened, the World Conservation Union target for sanctuary protection is 20 to 30 per cent of waters, yet less than seven per cent of NSW waters are protected.

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More state parks opened up to hunters

An additional 142 state parks have been opened up for hunting for a 10 year period. Over 450 forests are now open for shooting, risking wildlife and park visitors.

This is to appease the narrow sectional interests of the Shooters and Fishers Party who hold the balance of power in the Legislative Council.

Campaigning for container deposits

In Parliament I called on the new Government for a NSW container deposit system.

Every year around six billion Australian drink containers end up in landfill, creating waste, pollution, greenhouse emissions and harming birds and marine life – with the community and councils paying for clean up.

Small refunds on containers for recycling could increase recycling rates to over 80 per cent. South Australia and Northern Territory are doing it, but industry opposition continues to stall a deposit system here.

Beverage container collection facilities could be recycling hubs for other waste like e-waste and batteries.





MANAGING

backpacker vehicles

Some backpackers use Victoria Street Potts Point as a car yard to sell vans before returning home. This takes up street parking for residents, businesses and visitors, and causes noise, waste and anti-social behaviour.

Councils don't have the power to stop sales of legally parked vehicles on the street, and I have repeatedly called for the powers removed in 1993 to be restored.

In the absence of Government action, I have introduced a Private Members Bill to allow Councils to ban vehicle sales on specific problem roads.

A win for HOMELESS in Woolloomooloo



I welcome 70 new homes for Woolloomooloo homeless people. This is a Federal and State Government initiative for which I have long campaigned.

About a third of inner city rough sleepers live in Woolloomooloo streets and parks, and the new places come with support, vital for long term homeless people with complex needs.

The Camperdown Project due late 2011 will provide 104 units, with half as low cost housing and half for homeless people.



Liquor freeze extended

Following my question in Parliament, the Premier extended the liquor freeze to prevent increased clustering of liquor outlets in designated problem areas of Kings Cross, Darlinghurst and the southern CBD until June 2012.

The City of Sydney DA and Footway licence freeze will also continue, allowing time for research on better ways to manage Sydney's night time

economy. The City's Night Time consultation has identified the need to improve public transport, provide more diverse activities, reduce red tape, reform licensing, and provide services to match night activities.

We need a lively and diverse night scene without violence and anti-social behaviour.

Bays Precinct plan overdue

The Bays Precinct covers 80 hectares from the Fish Markets and Blackwattle Bay to Rozelle and White Bays in the inner harbour.

While there have been various schemes for specific sites, there should be an agreed overall plan. In response to my questions in Parliament, the new Government committed to a long-term strategic plan for the whole Bays Precinct area, and will include Sydney and Leichhardt Councils and a community representative on the Bays Precinct Taskforce.

Input from adjacent communities is vital, and I will continue to press for green open space and foreshore access.



Harbour view of Bays Precinct!

COMMUNITY

Marking

NAIDOC Week in Parliament

Aboriginal people are intrinsic to Sydney's shared story and in Parliament I spoke about National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Celebrations. NAIDOC Week grew from Aboriginal groups in the 1920s seeking to increase community awareness about their status and treatment.

Last year State Parliament supported constitutional recognition of Aboriginal people and committed to closing the disadvantage gap, and I again asked questions in Parliament to push for action.



Protection sought for boarders

Boarding house residents are not protected by tenancy law, and can be evicted or have their rent increased without notice.

Supreme Court action may be the only avenue to resolve disputes.

In response to my question in Parliament, new Minister Roberts says he will look at ways to protect vulnerable renters while ensuring industry viability.

I have repeatedly called for legislated rights and responsibilities for owners and residents.

Supporting National Disability Insurance

A National Disability Insurance Scheme has the backing of the Productivity Commission, and is vital to support people with a major disability, their families and carers.

In response to my questions in Parliament, the NSW Minister for Disability Services said the Government supports a scheme in principle.

Join the "Every Australian Counts" campaign to support a national scheme: <http://everyaustraliancounts.com.au>

11,000 prisoners in NSW and counting...

Filling prisons has been standard practice in NSW, with over 11,000 prisoners each costing nearly \$77,000 a year, and more than \$966 million a year on custodial services.

These funds should be used more wisely by greater use of intervention, support services, therapeutic help, local support to keep people out of the criminal justice system, and programs that reduce reoffending.

Successful projects such as drug courts, Magistrates Early Referral into Treatment, CRC Justice Support, Tribal Warrior, Babana Men's Group and the Women in Prison Advocacy Network should be expanded. Programs like New York's Re-integrative Sentencing and UK's Rehabilitation Revolution could also be trialled.



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