



Action against street car sales

My Local Government Amendment (Roadside Vehicle Sales) Bill passed Parliament with bipartisan support giving the City of Sydney legal powers to ban vehicle sales on problem streets like Victoria Street.

Up to 35 campervans would park on Victoria Street each day during summer, and backpackers camped there while waiting for vehicles to sell. This densely populated street with limited car parking is not an appropriate place for a car sales yard and campsite.

Before the legislation, Council rangers carried out regular patrols and joint police operations, but action could only be taken if vehicles were parked illegally or defective.

The new law allows rangers to fine or tow backpacker vehicles who try to sell their vehicles on Victoria Street.

Backpackers will be able to sell their vehicles in a new market facility provided by Council in the Kings Cross parking station, which will be free of charge for

the initial three months of operation.

Full marks to the local community for campaigning on this issue and for supporting my bill through meetings, letters, emails, phone calls, media releases, Facebook and Twitter.

Clover Moore.

Happy Christmas and New Year to all in the Sydney Electorate!

And thank you to my terrific staff and the many volunteers who support my work for the Sydney Electorate by undertaking research, helping in the office, and distributing newsletters. If you too would like to help, please contact Leanne in my office.

... with Tammie, Roy, Leanne and Sam



Fairer political funding laws

I supported the *Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Amendment Bill*, which would ban all corporate campaign donations, helping reduce vested interests' influence on policy. The bill limits third party, including union campaign

spending, within the expenditure cap of an affiliated political party. This levels the playing field for all candidates.

I hope these latest reforms pass the Upper House for a fairer political system.



THREE STRIKES laws to curb late night violence



Serious offences like serving drunk patrons or minors, or allowing assaults could risk a 12-month suspension or cancellation of a liquor licence under the *Liquor Amendment (3 Strikes) Bill*.

But there has to be a conviction

before a strike is incurred, and conditions can be imposed instead of a second or third strike.

I told Parliament that well managed venues are welcome, but unscrupulous, irresponsible operators should be made accountable.

... and better late night transport

In response to my question in Parliament, the Transport Minister said that the Government will increase NightRide bus services, including the N100 which serves Kings Cross. She said an extra 197 annual taxi licences would be allocated by the end of the year.

I asked for extended train services at Kings Cross to get late night patrons home, and was told that the current CityRail timetable review will look at late trading demand.



Introducing strata reform

Population growth makes urban consolidation environmentally, economically and socially necessary, but strata laws must keep pace with owners' and occupiers' needs and expectations to ensure apartment living remains attractive.

I recently reintroduced my amended 2010 bill for strata reform in the new Parliament. The *Strata Legislation Amendment Bill 2011* would ban

developers from managing their properties to evade defects liability action. Owners could stop dangerous overcrowding, a Code of Conduct would improve executive committees' effectiveness, and loopholes that frustrate special levies for some urgent work would be closed.

This is the first in a series of strata bills which I hope the Government will support.

Welfare of circus animals debated

I submitted over 10,000 signatures on joint RSPCA, Animals Australia and Animals Asia petitions supporting a ban on wild animals in circuses.

Some circuses still force animals like monkeys, lions and elephants to perform. Even in well managed circuses, caging, constant travelling, strict training regimes and lack of socialisation

are in stark contrast to animals' life in the wild causing stress and boredom.

But the Government response was that "strict" standards about cage sizes and transport are enough.

I told Parliament that forcing animals to do tricks has no place in modern entertainment.



Photo courtesy of Animals Asia



TAFE funding

I supported the motion by the Independent member for Northern Tablelands for increased funding to TAFE. While it was supported in principle by Parliament, the ultimate decision will be made by Treasury.

I argued that education is fundamental to a civil society and an investment in people and the future of our State.

RWA repeal

The Redfern Waterloo Authority (RWA) has been dissolved with powers transferred to a new Sydney Metropolitan Development Authority (SMDA).

Power has been returned to the City of Sydney to assess development proposals under \$10 million in the RWA area. The Planning Minister will still determine bigger developments and which body will rezone land, based on SMDA advice.

I oppose the excising and handing over of inner city areas to unelected bodies like the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority and RWA.



I told Parliament that Council should be responsible for all development and rezoning so that the local government area

can be planned holistically and with proper consultation.

TRANSPORT

Coordinating agency for transport

A new umbrella agency, Transport for NSW, will be set up under the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill, which will bring pedestrians, cyclists, and ferry, bus, train and light rail passengers and motorists into one planning system.

I supported the legislation with amendments to protect staff employment conditions.



Buses under review

I asked the Transport Minister to improve the 311, 352, 389 and Ultimo/Pyrmont bus services and school transport. The 433 service to Walsh Bay is being reviewed, and I'm submitting petitions for it to be continued.

I called for electric buses, which are quieter and reduce air pollution, and facilities to allow bicycles to be carried on buses and trains.



LIGHT RAIL plan for Sydney

The Government has committed to a Light Rail Strategic Plan for Sydney, with feasibility studies for services through the CBD, to the University of

NSW via the sporting stadia and to the University of Sydney.

The City Council pledged \$180m for street works for CBD light rail and

Randwick Council with the Australian Jockey Club, the SCG and the University of NSW will contribute land and finances for an eastern route.

Cycling in transport master plan



In response to my question in Parliament about increasing the cycling budget, the Transport Minister promised that cycling will be incorporated into Sydney's transport master plan, with \$31 million committed to building cycleways.

While cycling is not for all, safe infrastructure provides more options to get around our city, freeing road space for people who need to drive.

More electric charging stations needed

In Parliament, I asked the Transport Minister for a Government Technical Direction to set standards and facilitate on-street recharging stations for electric vehicles.

Without a network of charging stations the adoption of electric cars will be stalled. NSW should prepare now for this emerging technology.





White Bay terminal go ahead

In Parliament I spoke on the Member for Balmain's motion which opposed the transfer of the Barangaroo cruise ship terminal to White Bay.

The decision made under the now defunct Part 3A was hasty and was

made without proper industry and community consultation. I told Parliament a decision on White Bay should be based on the promised long-term strategic framework for the whole Bays Precinct.



and is Garden Island an option?

My submission to the Federal Government Garden Island review requested investigation of sharing deep water berths with passenger liners with ferry connections to Circular Quay.

Sydney's cruise ship industry is already worth \$3 billion annually and new docking facilities east of the Harbour Bridge are needed because more ships visiting Sydney will be too large to pass under the bridge. Sydney's existing berthing facilities will reach capacity by 2015.

My calls for greater public access to Garden Island foreshores for heavily populated adjacent Potts Point and Elizabeth Bay conflicts with tightened Island security. While I support a continuing naval presence at this historic and strategic site, I asked the review to investigate all options.

Sydney Film Centre bid

I notified Parliament that the City of Sydney is funding a Sydney Film Centre feasibility study, which has strong industry and institutional support.

NSW is the leader in screen production, and more than 1,400 film and television-related businesses are based in the State

employing more than 6,800 people and generating \$1.3 billion each year. Unlike Melbourne, Brisbane and Canberra, Sydney has no centre for film culture.

I called on the Government to fund and support Sydney as Australia's leading creative city.

Vogue Fashion Night Out

Sydney's fashion industry centres on the inner city, particularly the central business district, The Rocks, Paddington and Surry Hills. Retail and fashion are vital to the economy making up 14% of the workforce and 37% of all businesses.

With competition from on-line shopping, Vogue Fashion Night Out helps retailers reconnect with shoppers through later trading and opportunities to meet designers, watch performances, listen to music and have a civilised drink.

I supported the event and told Parliament it is an excellent example of ways to diversify our late night economy.



More ugly infrastructure

More ugly grey and green substation boxes keep dotting our neighbourhoods, imposed by energy supplier Ausgrid.

My long campaign to underground infrastructure is being ignored even in zoned 'conservation' areas.

Ausgrid is replacing electricity cables under Oxford Street Paddington disrupting parking, traffic and business. A strong community campaign and my representations persuaded Ausgrid to stop work during this busy end of year period.

COMMUNITY

Northcott Pet Day

Over 500 people brought their 200 pets to the biggest ever Northcott Pet Day at Ward Park, Surry Hills. Pets got free health checks, worming, vaccinations, microchipping, and appointments for free desexing. Owners got nutritional advice, food samples and training classes.

In Parliament, I again called on the Government to allow pet owners to take companion animals on public

transport like in other world cities, and to ban cruel puppy farms where dogs are continuously bred in filthy and confined conditions to feed a gross oversupply of animals.

The Victorian Government has introduced legislation to stop puppy farms, but successive NSW Governments allow cruelty and suffering and the shocking euthanasia toll to continue.



OASIS needed

Oasis works with young people living on the street or coming out of institutions. Supportive counselling helps them break the cycle of homelessness, crime and poverty by getting them housing, training and jobs.

It costs nearly \$200,000 a year to keep a young person in juvenile detention.

In Parliament, I called on the Government to redirect funds to more constructive prevention programs like Oasis.

Dental funding... it's like pulling teeth

In Parliament I called for more public dental funding and support for a national Denticare scheme as recommended by the National Health and Hospital Reform Commission.

Over 132,000 people are on the public dental waiting list in New South Wales, with over half waiting at least six months for treatment.

I've had reports of people having to blend food because of long and painful infections.

NSW has the lowest funding – only \$23.20 per person, while Tasmania spends \$54.61.

The Government is developing a dental health action plan to address workforce shortages and hopefully more equitable access to services.

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Kidney check

In Parliament I asked the Health Minister to put more effort into Kidney failure prevention.

About 240 kidney transplants are done in NSW each year, with over 760 people on a waiting list receiving dialysis, costing NSW \$250 million each year.

Early checks can prevent serious health problems: call for a Kidney Health Check.