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GETTING ON WITH THE JOB OF REAL CHANGE IN NSW

The NSW Government has wasted no time getting on with the job of delivering real change in NSW, with seven pieces of legislation introduced in the first sitting week of the new Parliament, NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell said today.

Legislation already passed through the Legislative Assembly includes a ban on lobbyist success fees, the restoration of democracy to local government in the Illawarra and the introduction of health districts governed by boards.

"I said we'd be the busiest Government in the country – and we've hit the ground running," Mr O'Farrell said.

"In the first week of the new Parliament we have delivered on more election commitments and begun the work of restoring confidence in Government and improving services for the people of NSW.

"Banning lobbyist success fees will help clean up politics in NSW and corrects years of shady deals under Labor.

"Local Government elections will be held for Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils in September, giving the region a chance to make a fresh start with new, democratically-elected councils.

"Our health reforms start the process of returning decision making closer to patients – and the restoration of district boards fulfils a long standing commitment by the NSW Liberals & Nationals.

"Legislation has also been introduced to harmonise national work safety laws – the first state in Australia to do so."

Today the NSW Government has also given notice to introduce empty nester concessions, meaning over 55s don't pay stamp duty, and to axe Labor's home buyer tax.

The legislative agenda builds on decisions which have already been taken under the 100 Day Action Plan including the formation of a project team for the North West rail link and a Special Commission of Inquiry into Labor's bungled electricity assets sell-off.