



The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP

Premier of NSW

Minister for Western Sydney

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PREMIER TAKES CABINET TO THE HUNTER

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell has chosen the Hunter as the first regional centre to host a Community Cabinet meeting.

Mr O'Farrell and his ministers will visit the Hunter region on Monday 27 June 2011.

"The people of the Hunter put their faith in a NSW Liberals & Nationals Government and this is a strong message to their communities that we will continue to listen," Mr O'Farrell said.

"We will also be joined by our local members Tim Owen (Newcastle), Andrew Cornwell (Charlestown), Robyn Parker (Maitland), Craig Baumann (Port Stephens), Garry Edwards (Swansea), George Souris (Upper Hunter) and Stephen Bromhead (Myall Lakes) who've been strongly advocating for this meeting to be held in the Hunter.

"I am determined to reverse the neglect built up over 16 years of Labor, particularly the failure to deliver on infrastructure and services.

"Whether it's attracting investment to the region, restoring roads and rail, or renovating hospitals and schools, the Hunter will be revitalised as it deserves.

"I pledged to give the Hunter region a greater say in its own future and on June 27 my team and I look forward to hearing from you at a public forum in Newcastle.

"Ministers will also hold pre-arranged meetings with stakeholder and community groups.

The Minister for the Hunter, Michael Gallacher welcomed the move saying he has worked closely with local MP's to ensure the team delivers for the region.

"The team has worked hard to bring the Cabinet to the region to meet the community, to hear their concerns and to be accountable and accessible to the people of the Hunter," Mr Gallacher said.

"The Cabinet is looking forward to hearing from the people of the Hunter and I urge you to come and meet the Ministers who run your roads, schools and hospitals," Mr Gallacher said.

Note: Members of the public wanting to register can call the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet on (02) 9228 4833 or fill out an online registration form at www.dpc.nsw.gov.au