



# The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP

## Premier of NSW

### Minister for Western Sydney

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### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES**

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell and Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner today named a strong and enthusiastic team of Parliamentary Secretaries to work with Ministers to help make NSW number one again.

Mr O'Farrell said the 13 Parliamentary Secretaries showed the depth of talent in the NSW Liberals & Nationals' Parliamentary team.

"Parliamentary Secretaries perform an important role in meeting with stakeholders and members of the public, representing Ministers at public events and helping to formulate Government policy," Mr O'Farrell said.

"It is a role that Members of Parliament should aspire to and excel in – not be used as part of the factional carve-ups as occurred under Labor.

"With this line-up, I have assembled a strong team to work with Ministers and deliver for the people of NSW."

Five new Parliamentary Secretaries have been appointed:

- Port Stephens MP Craig Baumann (Regional Planning)
- Dubbo MP Troy Grant (Natural Resources)
- Charlie Lynn MLC (Veterans Affairs)
- Bathurst MP Paul Toole (To the Deputy Premier and Asia-Pacific Trade)
- Vaucluse MP Gabrielle Upton (Tertiary Education and Skills)

"The appointment of Parliamentary Secretaries for Renewable Energy and Asia-Pacific Trade fulfils commitments given before the election and ensures these important policy areas are given increased focus in Government," Mr O'Farrell said.

"When I named the Cabinet I could have picked several line-ups without compromising its strength - these people certainly have the potential for promotion in the future," he said.

Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner said the Parliamentary Secretaries further strengthen the NSW Government.

"With six Parliamentary Secretaries from the regions, the NSW Government has well and truly put the spotlight back on regional NSW," Mr Stoner said.

“The Parliamentary Secretaries announced today bring a wealth of experience to their roles, with a former Police Inspector and school teacher among their ranks.

“The line-up announced by the Premier and I today is a good mix of those who have sat in Parliament before and newcomers with impeccable credentials and who achieved outstanding results in the recent election.”

*Parliamentary Secretaries:*

John Ajaka MLC	Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads
Craig Baumann MP	Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Planning
Steve Cansdell MP	Parliamentary Secretary for Police
David Clarke MLC	Parliamentary Secretary for Justice
Marie Ficarra MLC	Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier
Troy Grant MP	Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources
Charlie Lynn MLC	Parliamentary Secretary for Veterans Affairs
Matthew Mason-Cox MLC	Parliamentary Secretary for Treasury and Finance
Melinda Pavey MLC	Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Health
Rob Stokes MP	Parliamentary Secretary for Renewable Energy
Paul Toole MLC	Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and for Asia-Pacific Trade
Gabrielle Upton MP	Parliamentary Secretary for Tertiary Education and Skills
Ray Williams MP	Parliamentary Secretary for Western Sydney

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