



# **The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP**

## **Premier of NSW**

### **Minister for Western Sydney**

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NSW PARLIAMENT PASSES BAN ON SUCCESS FEES**

NSW Government legislation to ban lobbyist success fees has passed the Parliament, Premier Barry O'Farrell said today.

Mr O'Farrell said the reforms were an important step in cleaning up politics in NSW and delivered another election promise.

"These reforms are long overdue – and I'm proud it's one of the first achievements of my Government," Mr O'Farrell said.

"The days of shady Labor deals, based on lobbyists gaining access via the back door are over.

"We have begun the process of restoring integrity and honesty to the way in politics operates in this State.

"Bans on success fees were recommended by the Independent Commission Against Corruption but never implemented by Labor.

"The payment of a success fee for achieving a favourable outcome can create not just the perception but the reality that access to Government can be bought.

"Political lobbying is a legitimate activity but it must be done appropriately and in accordance with proper ethical standards."

Once proclaimed, the new laws provide for:

- Fines of up to \$55,000 for a corporation, \$22,000 for an individual; and
- Success fee to be confiscated.

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