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MESSAGE FROM

MARK LATHAM

2019 has been a year of achievement for NSW One Nation. We had two upper house members elected to NSW Parliament at the March election, giving us part of the balance of power.

My colleague Rod Roberts has settled in well and is widely respected throughout the parliament. When Rod speaks other MPs listen - an important sign of respect.

Rod's work in defending the NSW Police against the pro-drugs agenda of the NSW Greens has been invaluable.

This is the sort of representation NSW One Nation offers: a steady, common sense approach to issues. Not just responding to the daily news but setting out our own positive policy agenda for the future.

- In many areas the Berejiklian Government is simply responding to what One Nation has already said about issues of public concern.
- On water policy and getting out of the failed Murray Darling Basin Plan.
- On fast tracking investment and restoring business confidence in the State.

- In getting back to basics in the schools system.

- In putting jobs security and energy security (keeping the lights on) ahead of 50-year climate change concerns.

One Nation stands against the major parties and their job destroying agenda. Their environmental plans would destroy the Hunter Valley economy in particular.

One Nation is always in favour of jobs.

Unlike the Greens, we believe in putting the interest of humans ahead of animals and plants.

Rod and I are also working well with our Federal colleagues, Pauline and Malcolm, on each of these issues. We thank them for their hard work and party leadership.

Thank you to One Nation members and supporters for your enthusiasm and encouragement of the party this year. It keeps us going.

To you and your loved ones: Have a great Christmas and New Year,

Mark Latham MLC

NEWS UPDATE

What Mark Latham and Rod Roberts have been doing in the NSW Legislative Council as your representatives.

GREEN'S CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Bushfires are not a recent invention, there was no climate emergency back in 1926 "Black Sunday".

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One Nation opposes this motion for the reason that there is no emergency.

It's not a climate emergency it's a reality emergency, an intelligence emergency, an observable truth emergency.

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Cost of Living

Continuing to pressure the government over burdensome and unnecessary 'green' climate change taxes driving up the cost of living for all NSW residents.

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One Nation Opposes Animal Justice Motion

We have heard enough about pigs and rabbits and horses and dogs. Let us turn the focus to sensible debate about the needs of human beings—human beings who, in the traditions, set up these parliaments to further our civilisation and the people in our society and to treat the natural world fairly but not be obsessed by it.

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RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS

Religious Freedom Forum

I very much welcome the indication of support that has come from the Labor Opposition, The Greens and Government members –

"That this House affirms its support for religious freedom and religious liberty throughout New South Wales."

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Margaret Court

The NSW Upper House carried a motion to honour and celebrate the many achievements of our home grown tennis great, Margaret Court. If Labor, Greens, Nationals, Liberals, One Nation, Animal Justice Party, Christian Democratic Party and The Shooters can unite as we did today in honouring Mrs Court, it sends a powerful message to Tennis Australia.

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BUSH FIRE SEASON

NSW RFS

Following Rod alerting the Government to the problem of inadequate dam water for the forthcoming NSW bushfire season, Rod continues to press the Government –

Will the Minister explain to the House why the Government voted against an amendment, moved by the Hon. Mark Latham during debate last week, condemning the statement made by Sherele Moody that "After fighting fires, men go home and bash their wives?"

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Watch the answer [here](#)

RIGHT TO FARM BILL PASSES NSW PARLIAMENT

Rod is committed to supporting and protecting farmers and their rights against illegal and unlawful radical vegan vigilantes.

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Mark standing up for farmers and property rights and reflecting on the changing nature of protests.

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TWO NEW BILLS BY ONE NATION

Liquor Amendment Bills

Rod places two bills fully supported by industry before Parliament but what's the Government's position?

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IMMIGRATION

URBAN CONGESTION - Government broken election promise

The NSW Productivity Commission's recent discussion paper stated that for a Sydney family of five the annual cost of urban congestion is \$7,000, rising to \$10,000 in 2030. It also stated, "Building new roads alone may not solve Sydney's congestion."

Why has the Government broken its election promise to halve the net overseas migration rate into NSW as a way to ease household congestion costs, lower business transport costs and lift productivity in a more efficient and functional Sydney metropolitan area?

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Government Policy Contradictions

Why did the Government promise prior to the last NSW election to halve the net overseas migration rate into the State to now declare at page 42 of today's NSW economic blueprint, "We are not attracting enough migrants". Why has the Government broken one of its key election promises and openly misled the people of NSW so badly?

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EDUCATION

Teacher Recruitment Incentives

Mark's question is directed to the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning. I draw the Minister's attention to the announcement last week by the VIC Government that it is paying an extra \$50,000 a year to ensure its best teachers are in the State's toughest schools, supported by the recruitment of VIC's best principals, turnaround teams and school leaders of excellence from outside the teaching profession. Why are these policies not being implemented in NSW, especially given the new information from the Department of Education that 12 to 15 per cent of our government schools are locked into an environment of massive problems and disadvantage?

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Teaching Methods

Teachers walking around with cups of coffee, acting as so-called facilitators or lying on the floor is a losing educational strategy. All the data, research and studies show this, so why has the New South Wales Premier and Government gone down that path? It is a tragedy for the students and an unnecessary waste of young human potential.

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NSW Curriculum Review

Schools must be teachers, parents, social workers and doctors combined—an impossible task. Schools cannot possibly concentrate on their core academic tasks if they have to take on all those other functions.

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Ashcroft High School

At Ashcroft High School in Green Valley, 20 per cent of the school's staffing numbers are being used to employ allied health workers—including a school counsellor, nurse, speech pathologist, dietitian and occupational therapist—in an attempt to use school resources to overcome the youth health crisis in the local community.

What is the Government doing to ensure that the Health department provides those vital services in Ashcroft and similar disadvantaged suburbs, so that school resources can be dedicated directly to lifting student results and career opportunities?

What is the Minister doing to prevent cost shifting by the Health department onto her department?

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NSW Health Budget

In New South Wales the Berejiklian Government has a cost shifting trick of its own—pushing essential community and allied health costs onto the private sector and even its own education department. Why has south-west Sydney been so badly served by this Government?

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WATER, WATER AND WATER

Murray-Darling Basin Plan

In the 2019 South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission report—the South Australians themselves—explored the legal and practical consequences of withdrawal from the basin plan. It identified three simple actions that New South Wales could take through the Parliament to get this done.

The first is to announce our withdrawal from the basin plan. Barilaro has effectively done that—rip the thing up!

Secondly, we can withdraw from the intergovernmental agreements governing the basin management—that is a straightforward process. Finally, New South Wales can repeal through legislation the legislation that refers State powers to the Commonwealth. Back in the day, we foolishly sent State powers to the Commonwealth. That legislation needs to be repealed so that New South Wales can manage more of its own water, keep more of its own water resources for the benefit of our economy and deal with the multiple problems that make this basin plan completely unsustainable, ineffective and unfair on our State.

Parliament must stand up for New South Wales, first and foremost!

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Both Rod and Mark supported the recent “Convoy to Canberra” of farmers from NSW and VIC protesting the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

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Water Supply (Critical Needs) Bill 2019

All of a sudden there is a mad scramble for this legislation because the Government’s inaction has allowed it to become critical. Although One Nation supports this legislation, it implores the Government to not stop there. It needs to be making hard decisions about water infrastructure in other locations before they too become critical. I will not hold my breath. This type and size of infrastructure takes a long time to plan and build. It is time that rural New South Wales does not have. There has been a serious failure by this Government to plan. Minister Pavey is quick to blame bureaucrats for not wanting to build dams. I ask the Minister: Who is the elected representative of the people?

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Rod’s good news story - Club North Haven

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PRIVATISATION

Asset Privatisation

Mark’s amendment focuses specifically on the failure of the Baird Government’s electricity privatisation program and looking at the way we have got electricity market failure as a result of private companies manipulating the market and milking poorly-directed Government subsidies.

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Bus Privatisation

The most popular and relevant Labor Party resolution in the history of the party in western Sydney: Where are our government buses?

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LEPPINGTON TRAIN STATION WIN

Mark secures Government promise to build a significant number of additional car spaces at both Edmondson Park and Leppington train stations.

The people’s petition **[HERE](#)**

KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON

Narrabri Gas Project – Santos

How can a resource rich nation like Australia have the energy market operator say that we have heightened risks of blackouts in the medium term in New South Wales and some of the highest electricity prices in the world?

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Rod reflects on Remembrance Day 2019

LEST WE FORGET - Respecting those who have fallen, it is incumbent upon us to be vigilant and alert for the continued prosperity of this great nation.

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WAGE THEFT AND PAYROLL TAX

Hunter Valley Coal

Is the Minister aware of evidence at Senate Estimates and in the Hunter Valley media of wage theft at the expense of casual employees in the coal industry?

Casual coal miners working the same hours in the same mine as their full time counterparts are being paid \$60,000 less.

Will the Minister investigate if these companies have also cheated in their payroll tax obligations and report back to the House?

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Will the Minister now instruct Revenue NSW to investigate the cases that have been raised in the House?

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LAND CLEARING

Native Vegetation Code Review

People are being run off their own land because of provisions that were effectively put in place by the Carr Government as part of a public policy scam to do the dirty work for the Federal Government in meeting the Kyoto commitments without compensation. This will be proven in the courts. I have seen materials submitted at the High Court level and there is no doubt, if you research this matter, that the Federal Government, at the time of the Kyoto agreement, wanted a backdoor way of meeting commitments without punishing Australia, and land clearing became the convenient way of doing it without triggering the provision in the Australian Constitution about just compensation.

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NSW ECONOMY

More time to debate the 2020 NSW Budget

Mark's amendment reflects an early resolution of the House that members have a full and thorough budget debate, as opposed to ramming through the papers on the \$90 billion budget in a couple of hours.

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Unemployment Rate

NSW unemployment rate moved upwards in October, with the loss of 23,000 jobs. This is a trend for the future.

Naturally businesses are asking: Why invest in New South Wales?

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More misleading spin from the government

It is true that if we could drive economic growth in New South Wales through political spin, we would be racing well ahead instead of falling down the national list because of dropping productivity and rising unemployment.

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GST - Mark and Rod doing the work of NSW Labor Opposition

At a time when NSW has slipped in national economic rankings, when NSW productivity growth has fallen below 1 per cent, when Sydney congestion costs are rising, when country NSW has been gutted by the drought, when investor confidence in our State has collapsed due to the folly of the Independent Planning Commission, will the Minister inform the House why this is not the worst time for the Government to broaden the GST with a 10 per cent tax on food, health, education and water?

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