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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

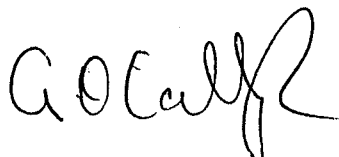
Ms Jackson to say -

Mr President:

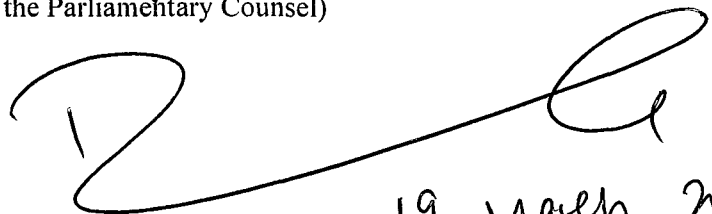
I give notice that next sitting day I will move:

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to make miscellaneous amendments to various Acts relating to health and associated matters; and to repeal the Health Services Amendment (Ambulance Services) Act 2015.

(Health Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill)



(Prepared by the Parliamentary Counsel)



19 March 2024



## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF MOTION

Ms Mitchell says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

- 1) That this House acknowledges the importance of giving young people a voice on policy matters that impact them
- 2) That this House notes that under the former Liberals and Nationals Government there was a dedicated Minister for Regional Youth and a Regional Youth Taskforce
- 3) That this House calls on the Government to:
  - a) continue the Regional Youth Taskforce and
  - b) fund initiatives for young people in regional communities, particularly those who are at risk of being engaged in the criminal justice system

Signed 19/03/2024

Dated Sarah Mitchell



## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

- (1) This house reaffirms its commitment to the human right of the presumption of innocence and its dedication to supporting all victims of crime, including sexual offences.
- (2) That this House notes:
  - (a) *The considerable resources and time invested by the State in criminal trials, including the time of jurors, the impact of alleged victims and the accused.*
  - (b) *Concerns that 5 Judicial Officers have levied serious criticisms at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) with respect to cases involving sexual assault in less than 12 months*
- (3) That this House establish a special select committee comprising three government, three opposition and three crossbench members to inquire into the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions with the following terms of reference: -
  - a) To inquire into the decisions to prosecute by the ODPP where adverse comments have been made by judges concerning the credibility and reliability of evidence in sexual assault matters in the last 24 months.
  - b) To inquire into the adequacy and application of the NSW ODPP Guidelines including how prosecution decisions, including the decision to prosecute, are taken and recorded, the independence of prosecutors who have carriage of sexual assault matters and the interplay between the Legal Profession Uniform Conduct (Barristers) Rules 2015 and the independence of salaried prosecutors.
  - c) The incidence of sexual assault prosecutions that have been discontinued by the ODPP prior to committal, following committal and during trial.
  - d) The adequacy and outcomes of the self-audit/ review announced following budget estimates by the Director of the ODPP of sexual assault briefs before the courts.
  - e) The appropriateness of public comments by the Director of Public Prosecutions with respect to the two public statements made in response to recent judicial comments of Whitford J and Newlinds J in relation to sexual assault cases.
  - f) This inquiry will not investigate current matters before the court where a verdict is yet to be returned.
  - g) The scope of the inquiry is to remain narrow with respect to the aforementioned matters that are already in the public realm.

Signed

Dated

*[Signature]*  
*9 March 2014*



## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Cameron Murphy says -

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I shall move:

This House notes:

1. The *Society of Notaries of New South Wales* hosted their annual dinner on Friday 8 March 2024 with President of the Australian Human Rights Commission, Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher AM as the guest of honour and after dinner speaker;
2. The Hon. Cameron Murphy MLC was in attendance, along with a number of Public Notaries from across New South Wales and from interstate;
3. Its thanks to the President, Mr. Norbert Schweizer OAM, Vice President Ms. Gabriella Fabiani, Secretary Treasurer Mr. Colin Dunston and the Councillors of the Society of Notaries of New South Wales for their excellent work in arranging the annual dinner and for their work generally as representatives of the profession;
4. The vital and important role that Public Notaries continue to play in domestic and international systems of law and trade via the authentication of government documents, witnessing the execution of legal documents, certifying true copies of documents, and dealing with documentation for land and property transfer, all for use overseas.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: 19 MARCH 2024



**The Hon. Sam Farraway MLC**  
Deputy Leader of the Nationals in the Legislative Council

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## NOTICE OF MOTION

Mr Farraway says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

(1) That this house notes:

On the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 the Bathurst & Orange Rail Action Groups held a joint meeting in Bathurst.

(2) That this House acknowledges

- (a) Dr Michelle Zeibots from the University Technology Sydney was the guest speaker who delivered a detailed presentation on planning for the future expansion of rail infrastructure and services in NSW.
- (b) That the Bathurst and Orange Rail Action Groups were established as community-based organisations with the objective of improving access to faster and more frequent rail transport between the central west region and Sydney.
- (3) That this house calls on the NSW Government to further engage with the Bathurst & Orange Rail Action Groups to improve the rail offering in the central west and engage with the local community on the roll out of the new regional fleet.
- (4) That this house congratulates the Bathurst & Orange Rail Action Groups for their continued advocacy for improved rail services for the entire central west region.

Signed 

Dated 19/3/2024



**The Hon. Sam Farraway MLC**  
Deputy Leader of the Nationals in the Legislative Council

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## NOTICE OF MOTION

Mr Farraway says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

- (1) That this House notes that:
  - (a) The running of the Lithgow Show was held on the 15th & 16th March 2024 with Equestrian Events held on Sunday 17th of March 2024.
- (2) That this House acknowledges
  - (a) The tireless work and contribution from the Lithgow show councillors, stewards, volunteers, and staff.
  - (b) The 2024 Lithgow Show Young Woman Ambassadors Victoria Clutterham and Emily Waru.
  - (c) Mrs Maureen Ford who was awarded the inaugural 2024 Lithgow Show Champion for her dedication to the show over many years.
- (3) That this house congratulates Lithgow Show Society President Mr David Peters and the entire show council, stewards, committee members and volunteers on running a successful 2024 Lithgow Show.

Signed

Dated

  
19/3/2024



**The Hon. Sam Farraway MLC**  
Deputy Leader of the Nationals in the Legislative Council

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## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Mr Farraway says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

- (1) That this House acknowledges
  - (a) The first edition of the Village Voice community newspaper went to press on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014.
  - (b) The Village Voice is now a fortnightly regional publication that covers from Blackheath to Bathurst for distribution, and every fortnight thousands of papers go out around the community which are all picked up by readers within 48 hours.
  - (c) The Village Voice covers a wide range of local news, community announcements, support for local sporting and community organisations and advertising.
- (2) That this house congratulates Rich and Kellie Evans on celebrating 10 years of delivering the Village Voice community newspaper to Central West communities.

Signed

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Dated

19/3/2024





**The Hon. Sam Farraway MLC**  
Deputy Leader of the Nationals in the Legislative Council

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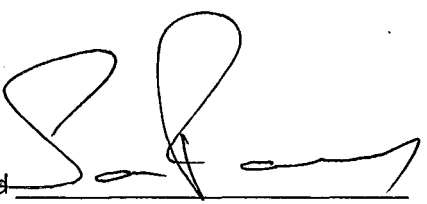
## NOTICE OF MOTION

Mr Farraway says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

- (1) That this House notes:
  - (a) The Squash Australian Open tournament will be held from the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
  - (b) The Squash Australian Open will be played at different venues throughout Sydney including Sydney University Sport & Fitness Centre, Castlereagh Club, Tattersalls Club on Hyde Park and Bondi Squash Club.
  - (c) Squash Australia are constructing an outside glass-back squash court in Martin Place where the semi and grand final matches will be played showcasing the Sydney CBD.
- (2) That this House acknowledges:
  - (a) The Australian Open is the pinnacle event for squash on the Australian events calendar and has a rich history dating back to 1928.
  - (b) The prestigious event is on the Professional Squash Association (PSA) World Tour and attracts the best domestic players and an international contingent all vying for the crown of Australian Open Champion.
  - (c) Past winners of the Australian Open include Queanbeyan born Heather McKay who won the women's title 13 consecutive times between 1960 to 1973.
- (3) That this house congratulates Squash Australia on hosting this event in NSW and wishes all players, volunteers, and event support staff all the best in the running the 2024 Australian Open Squash Tournament.

Signed 

Dated 19/3/2024

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

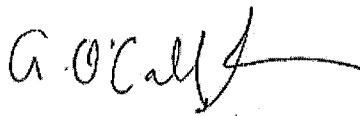
**NOTICE OF MOTION**

Ms Hurst to say -

Mr President:

I give notice that next sitting day I will move:

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 to provide that a landlord must not unreasonably refuse permission for a tenant to keep an animal on residential premises; and for related purposes.  
(Residential Tenancies Amendment (Animals in Residential Premises) Bill)

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(Prepared by the Parliamentary Counsel)



## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

### **General Notice – Steven Wise**

Ms Hurst says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

1. That this House notes with sadness the death of Steven M. Wise, who passed away on 15 February 2024 at age 73
2. That this House notes that:
  - a. Steven Wise was an attorney in the United States and was the founder and president of the Nonhuman Rights Project.
  - b. Wise spent over 40 years fighting for basic legal rights for animals – such as right to be free from arbitrary imprisonment and the right to bodily autonomy – which he sought to establish through ground-breaking habeas corpus litigation in the US courts
  - c. Steven was an inspiration to so many in the animal protection movement, and will be remembered for his visionary efforts towards achieving legal personhood for non-human animals
3. That this House expresses its condolences to Steven's family, friends and colleagues, who miss him dearly

Signed

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Dated

19/3/24



## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### **General Notice – Housing Crisis**

Ms Hurst says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

1. That this House notes that:
  - a. NSW, and in particular Sydney, continues to face a housing crisis
  - b. The Minns Government has committed to increasing housing supply in NSW, in order to address this crisis
  - c. The Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy is a crucial part of increasing housing supply in Sydney, and is anticipated to provide up to 23,000 jobs and 4,000 homes, as well as the establishment of the Pyrmont Metro station
  - d. The new housing development in Pyrmont is essential and the Government must quash any threats to this development from going ahead
2. That this House recognises the importance of the housing development plans in Pyrmont as part of the solution to the housing crisis and calls on the Government to work with local communities to ensure this development continues as planned.

Signed

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Dated

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## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

### **General Notice – Animal Friendly Transport**

Ms Hurst says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

1. That this House notes that:

- a. Earlier this month, Virgin Australia announced its plans to become the first airline in the country to allow dogs and cats to travel in-cabin on their flights
- b. This is an important step forward to making Australia more animal friendly, and it is hoped that more airlines will soon follow suit
- c. NSW is continuing to lag behind other jurisdictions when it comes to animal-friendly transport, and still does not allow companion animals on trains, buses, the metro or ferries, except in very limited circumstances
- d. This remains a major barrier to those with animals – it prevents those without a car from easily transporting their animal, including to the vet, the dog park and other important appointments, and has a disproportionate affect the most vulnerable, including those who cannot afford to own a vehicle or older people who no longer drive
- e. Allowing animals on public transport will also get cars off the road, reducing both traffic congestion and pollution
- f. Public transport is there to share, and there are easy ways to ensure animal carriages are maintained and separated from other areas to ensure everyone can travel safely and comfortably

2. That this House congratulates Virgin Airlines for making the first move to ensure air transport is more animal friendly and calls on the Minns Government to do their part in making public transport animal friendly

Signed 

Dated 14/3/24



## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

### **General Notice – World Day for the End of Fishing**

Ms Hurst says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

1. That this House notes that:
  - a. 30 March 2024 is the World Day for the End of Fishing
  - b. Approximately 396 million fishes and 3.8 billion shellfishes are killed in Australia each year, through a combination of fishing, wild-catch, commercial fishing and intensive aquaculture
  - c. The number of fishes killed each year can only be estimated, because the industry measures their deaths by tonnage, rather than recognising the billions of individual animals affected,
  - d. There is a large body of scientific evidence which proves fish feel pain and suffer in a similar way to humans, which is deeply concerning given the cruel ways in which fish are killed by sharp fishing hooks, crushing caused by trawler nets and suffocation,
  - e. If fishes could scream, we would not disregard their pain and suffering the way we do now
2. That this House notes there is much that needs to be done to protect fishes and other aquatic animals from the cruelty and suffering associated with fishing

Signed 

Dated 14/3/24





## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF MOTION

Dr Sarah Kaine says -

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move that this House:

1. Notes that:

- a. On 25 February 2024, the Hon Jason Clare MP, Federal Minister for Education, released the Australian Universities Accord Final Report.
- b. The Australian Universities Accord Final Report contains 47 recommendations for Government consideration and aims to create a long-term reform plan for the higher education sector to meet Australia's future skills needs

2. Recognises that the Report includes consideration of the role of State Governments in University Governance and in particular that the State's (including NSW)

Governance role should focus on:

- a. Universities as good employers
- b. Student and staff safety
- c. Appropriate membership of university governing bodies

3. Acknowledges that there should also be a focus on ensuring that Universities engage in activities that contribute to the public good and that there is an opportunity for the NSW Government in encouraging this through its governance role

Signed: Saul Kaine

Dated: 19/3/24



**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**NOTICE OF MOTION**

Dr Kaine says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move that this House notes that

1. the NSW Government currently spends approximately \$42 billion on construction, goods, and services.
2. In 1985, the NSW manufacturing industry was the state's largest employer. In 2022, it was ranked ninth largest.
3. The US and major European economies reversed trends of declining manufacturing jobs in 2014, yet NSW and Australia have continued to worsen, and
4. Victoria, Queensland, and Western Australia have introduced local content laws,
5. New South Wales should give every opportunity for local businesses, and investors to benefit from our precious procurement dollars.
6. the NSW Government is committed to prioritising local content, local manufacturing, local jobs and providing opportunities for quality training.

Signed

Sam Kaine

Dated

19/3/24



## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF MOTION

Mrs Ward says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

1. That this House notes:

- (a) On 14 February 2024 and 11 February 2024 respectively, the Hockeyroos and Kookaburras began their campaign in the 2023/2024 FIH Pro League,
- (b) The significant contribution of our players to the presence of Australia on the international sporting stage and to the important cultural exchange between our nations,
- (c) The positive impact of both teams on promoting such an exciting sport in Australia and to aspiring athletes.

2. That this House congratulates:

The Hockeyroos and the Kookaburras and thanks them <sup>for</sup> ~~on~~ their campaign in India.

Signed 

Dated 19/3/2024



## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Mr Borsak says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

- (1) That this House notes Mr Christopher Hugh Pratten's significant lifetime contribution to the preservation and conservation of the natural, historical, and built environment in New South Wales.
- (2) That this House notes that:
  - (a) On Thursday the 7th of March 2024 Mr Christopher Pratten died in Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, he was eighty-nine years old.
  - (b) Mr Pratten made a significant contribution to the preservation and conservation of New South Wales' cultural, social, built, and environmental heritage over a period of seventy years.
  - (c) Mr Pratten was born at St Luke's Hospital in Darlinghurst in September 1934, the youngest of three Pratten boys.
  - (d) He loved his holiday trips on the train to "Amaroo" the family property near Orange.
  - (e) He graduated from University of NSW with a Bachelor of Science in wool and pastoral science in the mid-1950's.
  - (f) After leaving university the family property Amaroo was split with his brother Geoff and Chris took on ownership and management of his part of the property "Koolewong". Mr Pratten was an owner-occupier farmer of this property for thirty years as a mixed grazing and cropping farm.
  - (g) From early on, Mr Pratten was enthusiastic about conservation, be it conservation of native plants, animals, birds, soil, buildings, antiques etc. He fenced off hundreds of acres of Koolewong from stock in the 1960's to form his arboretum, he built dams for ducks and planted trees for native birds and wildlife.
  - (h) In 1974, Mr Pratten and several other people established the Orange Field Naturalists and Conservation Society due to growing concerns over impacts

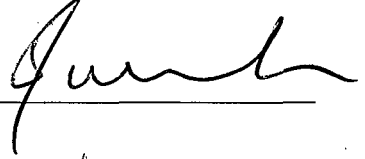
of development on the natural environment on the Central Tablelands. He was the initial President and held that position for ten years.

- (i) While living in Orange he taught at Orange TAFE getting a wildflower course established. He also presented a TV program in Orange, "Lament of the Rural Gum" with the late Peter Andren. During this time, he also joined the Ashfield and District Historical Society.
  - (j) In 1984 Mr Patten accepted a position with the National Trust and moved to Sydney, where he oversaw the environmental section of the Trust. He found and purchased a historical house to restore in Summer Hill and joined the Summer Hill Action Group that year and was a very active member campaigning and lobbying for conservation and preservation of the local cultural, historical, and natural environment.
  - (k) In 1990 he commenced working as a heritage consultant and over the next 10 years working mainly out in the south-west of Sydney on significant historical industrial and mine sites as well as the large north Sydney gasworks site.
  - (l) During his time in Sydney he worked for the Nature Conservation Council, the National Trust, and Australian Conservation Foundation. He would join Jack Munday to stop developers demolishing significant buildings around Sydney.
  - (m) He was a member of the Ashfield and District Historical Society for half his life and in 1993 became President of the Ashfield Hand District Historical Society. It was whilst he was a member of the ADHS that they managed in 1972, to have a preservation order placed on the Villa named "Northridge" in Victoria St., Ashfield. The order saved the 1885 property, that I subsequently purchased in 1991, in a very poor and dilapidated state of repair.
  - (n) Over the next thirty years Mr Pratten wrote numerous journal articles as well as several historical books on the Ashfield and Summer Hill areas (including an historical journal on Northridge in Ashfield) including books about his grandfather, his family's brickworks/cordial works, about Ashfield and his beloved Amaroo.
  - (o) In 2005 Mr Pratten was awarded an OAM for service to the environment and to the conservation of natural and built heritage areas as a grazier, educator, and administrator.
  - (p) In October 2023, Mr Pratten took his last trip to Orange, to launch the book, Orchids of Central Western NSW, and his speech at the launch at the age of eighty-nine was nothing short of brilliant.
- (3) That this House acknowledges:
- (a) Mr Christopher Pratten made a significant life-long contribution to the preservation and conservation of the cultural and historical environment of NSW and did not shy away from controversy in his pursuit of this in an age when development and demolition of important sites and historical buildings

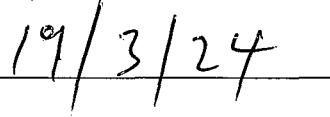
was an everyday occurrence, for which all citizens of New South Wales are in his debt.

- (b) This house extends condolences for the significant loss to Mr Pratten's ~~and~~ loved ones, from his passing on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2024. May he rest in peace.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Pratten', written over a horizontal line.

Dated

A handwritten date '19/3/24' in black ink, written over a horizontal line.



## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF MOTION

Emily Suvaal says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice on the next sitting day I will move that this house:

- (1) Supports increased female participation in the New South Wales mining sector and associated industries.
- (2) Acknowledges mining delivers training, skills, secure jobs and strong economic outcomes to communities across New South Wales
- (3) Recognizes the work of the New South Wales mining sector to improve female positive working environments and calls on the sector to continue to promote best practice for the mining workforce.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Suvaal", written over a horizontal line.

Dated

19/03/2024





## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF MOTION

Emily Suvaal says -

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move that this House:

1. Acknowledges the passing of Lance Corporal Jack Fitzgibbon in a tragic training accident at the RAAF base at Richmond on the evening Thursday the 7th of March;
2. Acknowledges the risks that our servicemen and women take every day in service of their country, whether it be in combat or training, and gives thanks for their service;
3. Recognises Jack Fitzgibbon's <sup>over</sup> 10 years of service to the Australian Defence Force, and in particular, his skills as a signaller, expert communicator, experienced parachutist, and member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commando Regiment within Special Operations Command;
4. Extends our heartfelt gratitude to Jack Fitzgibbon's fellow servicemen and women, including those who were with him at the time of his tragic accident, along with NSW Police, NSW Ambulance, and Westmead Hospital Intensive Care Unit;
5. Sends our love and sincere condolences to Joel and Dianne, Caitlin, Grace, Maxine, Ash, Tom and Kass;

6. That this resolution be communicated by the President to the family of Lance  
Corporal Jack Fitzgibbon

Signed: Ejfluan

Dated: 19.3.2024



# The Hon. Rachel Merton MLC

Member of the NSW Legislative Council

## Notice of Motion

### Camden Show 2024

Ms Merton says —

Mr PRESIDENT: I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

1. That this House notes that the running of the 138th annual Camden Show took place on 15 and 16 March 2024 and welcomed over 45,000 visitors.
2. That this House acknowledges the dedication, passion and tireless work of the Camden Show Society councillors, stewards, staff together with over 450 volunteers and;
  - a. The Camden Show sets out to showcase and promote excellence in agricultural, horticultural, commercial and industrial resources in the Macarthur region through competition, exhibition and entertainment.
  - b. The Camden Show provides a true country show experience, just an hour from the Sydney CBD. The show hosts two full days including show jumping and equestrian ring events, wood-chopping, sheep, cattle, sheep dog trials, pig racing, rides, floristry and poultry exhibitions, arts and crafts, cookery, many other competitions and exhibitions together with commercial and trade displays.
3. That this House congratulates Camden Show Society President David Dunbier and the entire show council and the organising committee on a successful 2024 show and;
  - a. 2024 Camden Show Young Woman of the year — Stephanie Hennings
  - b. 2024 Carmel Foti Encouragement Award Recipient — Angel Green
  - c. 2024 Camden Show Young Woman Entrant — Georgia Rodgers

Signed

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Dated

19/3/24



# The Hon. Rachel Merton MLC

Member of the NSW Legislative Council

## Notice of Motion

### PCYC Parramatta

Ms Merton says —

Mr PRESIDENT: I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

1. That this House notes that:
  - a. Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) Parramatta has been providing life changing programs and support to young people in Parramatta since 1962,
  - b. PCYC Parramatta with more than 5000 members is facing closure of its temporary George Street premises after 62 years in the community,
  - c. The NSW Government committed funding to a Parramatta community facility in 2023 to include a \$111 million five-storey building with dance and music studios, a homework hub, indoor gyms and multi-sports courts. The facility would also be home to Parramatta PCYC together with NSW PCYC. Details remain listed on the NSW Premier and Cabinet website, and
  - d. The new state-of-the-art Parramatta PCYC facility would provide a new venue that is tailored to the growth, health, and wellbeing of the region's young people.
2. That this House acknowledges:
  - a. The tireless work of volunteers and community leaders to keep PCYC Parramatta operating including committee chairman, John Chedid together with patron, Jim Taggart and former Lord Mayor, Bob Dwyer,
  - b. The outstanding service and dedication of Senior Constable Draz Brkljac & Senior Constable Danny Eid at PCYC Parramatta in working with the young people in the region, and
  - c. The continued efforts and dedication of PCYC Parramatta staff and volunteers for their unwavering dedication and commitment to the betterment of the Parramatta community including Club Manager Carina Marks together with other staff members including Charles, Edy and Khushboo.
3. That this House calls on the NSW Government to deliver a new home for the PCYC in Parramatta.

Signed

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Dated

19/8/24



# The Hon. Rachel Merton MLC

Member of the NSW Legislative Council

## Notice of Motion

### New South Wales Flag

Ms Merton says —

Mr PRESIDENT: I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

1. That this House affirms its support for the current Flag of New South Wales.
2. That this House notes that the current flag has represented all people of New South Wales since 1876.
3. That this House calls on the Government to rule out any changes to the flag and commit to promoting the flag of New South Wales in the lead up to its sesquicentenary.

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Signed

*R Merton*

Dated

*19/3/24*



# The Hon. Rachel Merton MLC

Member of the NSW Legislative Council

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## Notice of Motion

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### Teacher Code of Conduct

Ms Merton says —

Mr PRESIDENT: I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

1. That this House notes that:
  - a. As part of the NSW Department of Education's Code of Conduct, Teachers are expected to be politically neutral during class, on school grounds or anytime they identify themselves as an NSW public school teacher.
  - b. Political activities must not be organised or attended by Teachers during school hours or on school premises.
2. That this House recognises the importance of political neutrality in schools
3. That this House condemns coordinated efforts to bring politics into the classroom.

Signed

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Dated

19/3/24



## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Ms Higginson says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

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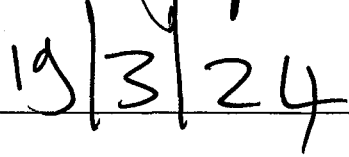
- (1) That this House notes that:
  - (a) in the two years to June 2023, at least 115 young people aged from 12 to 17 were strip searched by the NSW Police,
  - (b) the Minns government committed to review the policies underpinning the practice and directed NSW Police to do likewise,
  - (c) between 18 October 2023 and 14 February 2024, 26 young people were strip searched by the NSW Police, a rate that is consistent with the 2 years prior to June 2023 and:
    - (i) included seven First Nations young people,
    - (ii) included a 12 year old child and a 13 year old child,
    - (ii) only discovered objects in 3 instances,
  - (d) the Minister for Police has declined to give a timeframe for the review, and
  - (e) the NSW Police have provided no comment on the review.
- (3) That this House notes that:
  - (a) strip searching is a terribly degrading exercise and a genuine violation of somebody's dignity,
  - (b) the threshold for a police officer to have the power to conduct a strip search is very low,
  - (c) stripsearching children is draconian and totally heavy-handed and causes long-term harm, and
  - (d) strip searches of First Nations young people is disproportionately high and is five times higher than for non-First Nations children.

- (4) That this House calls on the Government to end the practice of strip searching children.

Signed

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Dated

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## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Ms Higginson says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

- (1) That this House notes that the findings of the *Special Commission of Inquiry into offending by former Corrections Officer Wayne Astill at Dillwynia Correctional Centre* is a damning indictment of our correctional system and centres.
- (2) That this House notes the report outlines:
  - (a) that Wayne Astill should never have been employed by Corrective Services NSW and was under employment either as the result of “corruption” or “incompetence”,
  - (b) before Astill started working for Corrective Services he was a police officer and for a time was a detective. His police employment file shows complaints of serious criminal and other misconduct,
  - (c) Astill was transferred to Dillwynia Correctional Centre which is an all female facility in February 2009. Until his arrest on 20 February 2019 he served as a senior correctional officer and at times he acted as Chief Correctional Officer,
  - (d) on 25 August 2022 a jury convicted Astill of 27 criminal offences, comprising:
    - (i) incidents of foul language toward inmates,
    - (ii) 5 counts of aggravated sexual assault without consent,
    - (iii) 14 counts of aggravated indecent assault,
    - (iv) 3 counts of aggravated indecent assault,
    - (v) 5 counts of misconduct in public office,
  - (e) Astill pleaded guilty to 7 counts of misconduct in public office all concerning inappropriate personal or sexual relationships with inmates and the sentencing judge further found a charge of intimidation had been proved beyond reasonable doubt. All up 35 criminal offences over 5 years, that we

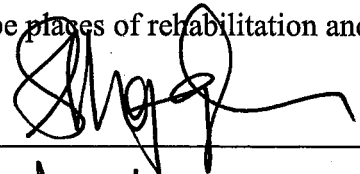
know of, against women inmates, many of whom had significant histories of abuse and trauma,

- (f) the seriously toxic culture of Dillwynia Correctional Centre, described by one senior officer as a “viper pit” and a place of fear and retribution, alongside numerous issues with the management including:
  - (i) incidents of foul language toward inmates,
  - (ii) no system of report, complaint, investigation and accountability, and,
  - (iii) a culture of impunity,
- (g) given the seriousness of the findings the inquirer found it would be “wrong to assume that there are not problems elsewhere”, and,
- (h) it is apparent that problems in the management structure of Corrective Services NSW and the incapacity of some managers have undermined public confidence in Corrective Services NSW facilities ... and it will be important that a process of review of the entire institution is undertaken, and appropriate changes implemented. This should not be left to a process internal to Corrective Services NSW.

(3) That this House calls on the Government to:

- (a) acknowledge the courage of all of the inmates who gave evidence at the inquiry,
- (b) apologise to the survivors of Astill’s crimes,
- (c) immediately establish an independent task-force to audit and reform all procedures and systems of integrity and accountability within Corrective Services NSW,
- (d) implement each of the Inquiry’s 31 recommendations as a matter of urgency, including:
  - (i) timely access to confidential, external, independent specialised sexual assault trauma counselling is provided in an ongoing manner to the survivors of Astill’s criminal offending and other female inmate survivors of sexual assault by Corrective Services NSW staff via the Uralla Cottage service provider, for so long as it is required in the view of the specialist counsellors,
  - (ii) a Women’s Strategy to oversee strategic and operational issues for female inmates;
  - (iii) access to private and confidential phone calls, and
- (e) immediately begin full and thorough reform of each of the State’s correctional centres so that they can begin to be places of rehabilitation and recovery for inmates and all of us.

Signed



Dated

19/3/24