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Our Stars



Name: The Hon. Damien Tudehope MLC

Current Positions:

Minister for Finance

Minister for Employee Relations

Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council

Former Positions:

Chair of the Committee on the Independent

Commission Against Corruption (NSWPH)



Name: The Hon. Dominic Perrott MP

Current Positions:

Premier of NSW

Former Positions:

Treasurer of NSW



Name: Tanya Davies MP

Current Positions:

Parliamentary Secretary for Planning

Former Positions:

Minister for Mental Health

Minister for Women

Minister for Ageing

Chair of the Committee on the Independent

Commission Against Corruption (NSWPH)



Name: Charles Perrottet

Current Positions:

Missing In Action

Former Positions:

Deputy Chair of the Local Government Oversight
Committee (Liberal Party)

Member of the State Redistribution Advisory
Committee (Liberal Party)



Name: Christian Ellis

Current Positions:

Member of Constitution Standing Committee (Liberal
Party)

Former Positions:

Member of State Executive (Liberal Party)

Member of Party Affairs Committee (Liberal Party)

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Name: Robert Assaf

Current Positions:

Head of Public Policy at JOLT

Former Positions:

Regional Engagement Manager at Greyhound Racing NSW

Communications Officer at Catholic Schools NSW



Name: Jean Claude Perrottet

Current Positions:

Secretary of NSW Young Liberals

Former Positions:

Employee of The Hon. Damien Tudehope MLC



Name: Dylan Whitelaw

Current Positions:

Member of Local Government Oversight Committee (Liberal Party)

Former Positions:

Employee of Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells

Employee of Christian Ellis

Employee of the President, Hon. Matthew Mason-Cox

Employee of Minister for Planning, Anthony Roberts

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Our Story



New South Wales REFORMERS

Name: NSW Reformers

Type: Unincorporated
Association

Websites: www.nswreformers.org
nswreformers.nationbuilder.com

ABN: 184 583 948

Who are the NSW Reformers

The NSW Reformers is an unincorporated group formed with the sole and express purpose of recruiting or stacking branches to the NSW Liberal Party with the goal of installing their own people into Council and Parliament, and forcing incumbent Councillors and MPs to work with them or face the threat of being replaced with a Reformer.

The NSW Reformers consisted with members that were from the Right Conservative faction of the NSW Liberal Party. On their websites which are now taken down (but can still be accessed by the Internet Archives 'Wayback Machine'), the NSW reformers described themselves as follows

NSW Reformers is a movement that seeks to promote Christian values in society.

For years, we have seen the slow erosion of these values which has in turn effected the rights of everyday Australians in areas such as faith, life and speech.

As such, we seek to reform this great state by adding a Christian voice to it.

The NSW Reformers is a grassroots movement dedicated to advancing public policy ensuring families and individuals of Christian belief can live their faith freely.

The NSW Reformers was created in February 2018. This movement was instituted to give a voice and a call to action to all Christians whose way of life has increasingly become under threat.

This movement seeks to engage Christians in the political sphere so that their voice and values can be heard and in turn reflected in public policy.

The NSW Reformers handled tens of thousands of dollars which was obtained from MPs, Senators, Ministers, Councillors, Liberal Party powerbrokers and wealthy benefactors. This money was funnelled into a slush fund and used to fund the activities of the NSW Reformers.

The scope of the NSW Reformers eventually reached every corner of NSW. Their operations ranged from south in Albury to north in Coffs Harbor and all over Sydney.

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The operation structure of the NSW Reformers was structured with a core group of three main operators which were supported by various elected officials and party members. The three core operators had jobs and/or businesses which facilitated their Reformer duties through the use of travel expenses, contacts, private information and other benefits. These three were:



Christian Ellis



Robert Assaf



Jean Claude Perrotet

Snapshots taken by the Internet Archives Wayback Machine show that as at 20 July 2020, the 'About Us' page of the www.nswreformers.org website listed the biography of Christian Ellis on the page and **states him as the founder**.



Christian Ellis

Christian has been involved with politics from a young age, beginning work for the now Treasurer Dominic Perrottet in 2012. Since then, Christian has worked for Ministers in both Liberal and National Parties at both a State and Federal Level.

Last year Christian was elected to the NSW Liberal State Executive, the governing body of the party, on the platform to give more members a say within the Party and have an ability to have their views advocated for at a Parliamentary level.

Christian's main areas of concern are an encroachment of our governing and judicial powers, or the 'nanny state', and also the red and green tape that obstructs families and communities to grow and develop. On starting NSW Reformers, Christian's intention was to see the NSW Reformers act as a voice within the Liberal Party to work as a united, and coordinated Christian voice.

Although the website is now taken down, the snapshots can forever be accessed at <https://web.archive.org/web/20200720112345/https://www.nswreformers.org/about-us>.

It is interesting to note the last sentence *"On starting NSW Reformers, Christian's intention was to see the NSW Reformers act as a voice within the Liberal Party to work as a united, and coordinated Christian voice."*

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A few years into their operation the NSW Reformers identified up-and-coming talent in the NSW Liberal Party. One was **Dylan Whitelaw** from the Southern Highlands, the Secretary of the Mittagong branch (President is **Dallas McInerny**) and the other is **Angus McCaffrey** who now works in the **Premiers Office**.



Dylan Whitelaw



Angus McCaffrey


Dylan was brought into the key operations of the Reformers including administration and recruitment as evidenced below.

Dylan Whitelaw has invited you to work with them in Slack

Slack <feedback@slack.com>


2020 PM

To: [REDACTED]



Join your team on Slack

Dylan Whitelaw (dylan@whitelaw.biz) has invited you to use Slack with them, in a workspace called **NSW Reformers**.






NSW Reformers
nswreformers.slack.com

[Join Now](#)

Dylan Whitelaw and [REDACTED] others have already joined

Note: When you hover over this image it reads 'Profile picture of Dylan Whitelaw.'



Note: When you hover over this image it reads 'Profile picture of Christian Ellis.'

Note: When you hover over this image it reads 'Profile picture of Jean-Claude Perrottet.'

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The primary decision makers of the NSW Reformers are an equally small body consisting of people who had known each other for year through shared community, religion, and schooling from the Opus Dei sect of Catholicism. These three main decision makers were:



Damien Tudehope



Dominic Perrottet



Charles Perrottet

A number of other elected officials were supportive and provided resources to the Reformers. Overtime some of these relationships deteriorated or became coercive. Some of these relationships include the following MPs.



Tanya Davies MP

Member for Mulgoa

Initially willingly participated with the reformers and allowed them to sign up members to her branches. Later the relationship turned into a coercive one. Davies remains a supporter of the Reformers and key figures.

Concetta Fierravanti-Wells

Former Senator for NSW

Willingly supported the Reformers in hopes of benefiting for her preselection to remain in the NSW Senate. She employed a number of reformers in her Senator office. Eventually the NSW Reformers used their number to remove her from the Senate, causing her to attack them in a speech to the Senate.



Kevin Conolly MP

Member for Riverstone

Initially willingly participated with the reformers and allowed them to sign up members to his branches. Later the relationship turned into a coercive one. Conolly retaliated against the Reformers.

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Tony Abbott

Former Prime Minister

Abbott willingly supported the reformers as they campaigned for him in his unsuccessful election to the federal seat of Warringah.



Tim James MP

Member for Willoughby

Willingly participated with the reformers and benefited with numbers for his Willoughby preselection.

Aileen MacDonald

Member of the Legislative Council

Aileen and her husband Scott who was a former MLC were willing supporters of the Reformers. The Reformers assisted them in stacking branches for their pre-selection to the LC.



Peter Gangemi

Mayor of Hills Shire Council

Willingly participated with the Reformers and benefited with numbers for his branches and by being parachuted by the Liberal Party into the Mayoralty of the Hills Shire Council.

Virginia Ellis

Councillor of Hill Shire Council

Virginia Ellis, being the mother of Christian Ellis was a willing supporter and beneficiary of the Reformers. She would not have been parachuted as a Liberal candidate for Hill Shire Council without the work done by the Reformers.



There are many other MPs and Councillors in the Liberal Party who have been part of or influenced by the Reformers. There are also some Councillors in other Parties which have worked with and been associated with some core members of the Reformers.

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How people were recruited

Working off a huge data set which included the national database of the Same-Sex Marriage No campaign, the NSW Reformers used events and one-on-one catchups to attract and convince likely supporters.

People were contacted by phone or email and asked about their beliefs and views. If they were the right type, the person would invite them to attend a reformer event, or offer to meet with them.

After some interactions and attending events, a person who was receptive was invited to become a 'Reformer'. This meant attending reformer events, filling out and sending surveys, contacting local MPs on issues and attracting other people.

The people who showed willingness and passion for affecting public change were then told that they needed to affect who gets into government, and the only way to do that was if they were signed up to the Liberal Party

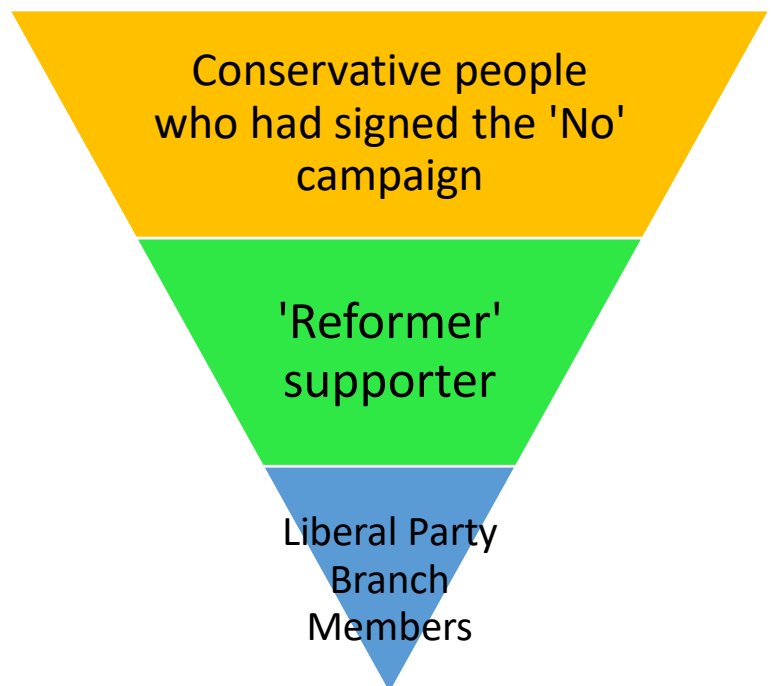
The NSW Reformers held events with high interest Ministers and elected officials. They sold tickets to some who were at these events, but many other people were invited along for free.

One particular high-profile event was held on 24 June 2018 which was called 'Protecting Religious Freedoms for our Family and Faith' held in the Beercroft Bowling Club.

This event was co-hosted with **Tony Abbott** and **Damien Tudehope**. Attendees were told that if they wanted to ensure protections for religious freedoms and to fix the state of moral decay, they needed to be involved to influence the composition of Parliament and of Government. Once again, the only way they could do this was to sign up to the Liberal Party.

The NSW Reformers have held over 11 functions from 2019 until now, hosting over 14 MPs, Ministers, elected officials and special guests including:

- Tony Abbott MP
- Nat Smith MP
- Jackson Director (NSW Australian Christian Lobby)
- Greg Smith SC (Former Attorney General)
- Damien Tudehope MLC
- Alan Jones
- Blaise Joseph (Centre for Independent Studies)
- Kevin Connolly MP
- Stephen Chavura (Campion College)
- Dallas McInerny (Catholic Schools NSW)



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Over the years different event booking platforms have been used to manage and book events for the Reformers, such as Eventbrite, Events, and the Nation Builder platform. Events have been **hidden or deleted** from platforms and many were privately advertised. As a result, it is difficult to obtain a full list of Reformer functions. Below are some which could be located online.

Date	Venue	Event
21 Apr 2018	Pennant Hills Bowling Club	Family Values in Politics- With Marijke Rancie 'Political Posting Mumma' and Damien Tudehope MP
24 June 2018	Beercroft Bowling Club	Protecting Religious Freedoms for our Family and Faith
10 June 2019	Castle Hill RSL Club	Conservative Policy Series: Special Guest Alan Jones
18 Sep 2019	Cherrybrook	Abortion Bill in Review - The Lefts March Through the Institutions
8 Nov 2019	Cherrybrook	Abortion Bill NSW - Where to now for Christian Values
22 Nov 2019	Pennant Hills Bowling Club	Abortion is passed, Euthanasia is on its way - Where to from Here?
14 Dec 2019	West Pennant Hills	Abortion Bill in Review - The Lefts March Through the Institutions
17 Dec 2019	Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School, Kellyville	Religious Freedom - Why did Morrison Delay with Lecturer Stephen Chavura
27 Feb 2020	Castle Hill RSL Club	Conservative Q&A - 'Education in Australia' Edition
18 Mar 2020	Picton Bowling Club	The Threat to Religious Freedoms - What is Next?
18 Dec 2020	Twin Creeks Golf & Country Club, Luddenham	Christmas Drinks with Tanya Davies MP, Member for Mulgoa

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Please feel free to show your support and buy tickets to the events at these links:

<https://discover.events.com/au/state-of-new-south-wales/castle-hill/e/leisure/protecting-religious-freedoms-family-faith-beecroft-bowling-260256590>

<https://discover.events.com/au/state-of-new-south-wales/pennant-hills/e/business/family-values-politics-marijke-rancie-political-posting-mumma-damien-tudehope-mp-pennant-hills-bowling-club-255559833>

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/conservative-policy-series-special-guest-alan-jones-tickets-61916286279>

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/abortion-bill-in-review-the-lefts-march-through-the-institutions-tickets-85457023257>

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/religious-freedom-why-did-morrison-delay-with-lecturer-stephen-chavura-tickets-85745375727>

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/abortion-is-passed-euthenasia-is-on-its-way-where-to-from-here-tickets-81262529413>

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/abortion-bill-nsw-where-to-now-for-christian-values-tickets-78922247567>

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/abortion-bill-in-review-the-lefts-march-through-the-institutions-tickets-72893904631>

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/conservative-qa-education-in-australia-edition-tickets-88460065437>

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/christmas-drinks-with-tanya-davies-mp-member-for-mulgoa-tickets-130750513305>

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-threat-to-religious-freedoms-what-is-next-tickets-97437703795>

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Protecting Religious Freedoms for our Family and Faith



24 JUN Sun 2018
3:00 PM → 5:00 PM

Ended

Hosted by **NSW Reformers**

☆ Add to favorites

We are encouraged to be involved in civic and political affairs to make our communities wholesome places to raise families.

You are invited to an event with Tony Abbott MP and Damien Tudehope MP.

Please join us at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club to learn how to simply and effectively engage in the political landscape. Issues such as the "safe schools" agenda, life issues and the ability to practice our **faith will be addressed**.

Please take a few hours out of your busy lives to attend and bring like-minded people as we try to turn the tide within the current political landscape.

Save event



Find tickets
eventbrite.com



The Beecroft Bowling Club
128 COPELAND ROAD, BEECROFT,
NSW, Beecroft, 2119, NSW, Australia



Event from

eventbrite.com

Report this event

Are you an event organizer?

Create events for free. They will be immediately recommended to interested users.

CREATE AN EVENT

Our last Conservative Q&A on the topic 'Religious Freedom' was a smashing success!

And as promised our next Conservative Q&A will be on the topic, 'Education in Australia'.

Our last Conservative Q&A was sold out over a week before the event so please be sure to register for a free ticket before they run out!

Our guest panellists for this edition of 'Conservative Q&A' are:

Dallas McInerney - CEO of Catholic Schools NSW

Kevin Conolly MP - Member for Riverstone, Parliamentary Secretary for Education, former teacher.

Marie Yeo - A product of Home-Schooling and current Research student in Theology at the University of Notre Dame Australia

Blaise Joseph - Senior Research Fellow on Education at the Centre for Independent Studies

Dr Paul Morrissey - President of Campion College

Come along and be a part of the crowd of the 'Conservative Q&A - Education in Australia Edition'.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR A FREE TICKET

Spaces are VERY limited so please click on the button below or above to secure your place in the crowd:

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The NSW Reformers were dealing with such a high volume of money and cash, and conducting so many activities that it necessitated the registration of an Australian Business Number.

This fact alone demonstrates the sheer complexity, elaborateness and intensity of this sophisticated recruitment/stacking operation.

The screenshot shows the 'ABN Lookup' page for the Australian Government. The title is 'Current details for ABN 35 184 583 948'. Below this, there is a section for 'ABN details' with the following information:

Entity name:	NSW Reformers
ABN status:	Active from 14 Nov 2020
Entity type:	Other Unincorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Not currently registered for GST
Main business location:	NSW 2575

Below the ABN details, there is a section for 'Deductible gift recipient status' which states: 'Not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts'.

The Nation Builder database

The NSW Reformers used the Nation Builder platform to collate a database of potential and active members. Data was imported from numerous sources starting with the Same-Sex Marriage No campaign, lists of members in other religious and conservative organisations, and surveys that were started and distributed.

There are **tens of thousands** of people in the NSW Reformers database. An export of the NSW Reformers Nation Builder database outputted 157 elements of data for each person in the database. These column headers were:

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|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. nationbuilder_id | 16. email2 | 30. do_not_contact |
| 2. external_id | 17. email2_is_bad | 31. website |
| 3. civicrm_id | 18. email3 | 32. facebook_username |
| 4. salesforce_id | 19. email3_is_bad | 33. twitter_login |
| 5. prefix | 20. email4 | 34. meetup_id |
| 6. first_name | 21. email4_is_bad | 35. primary_address1 |
| 7. middle_name | 22. unsubscribed_at | 36. primary_address2 |
| 8. last_name | 23. phone_number | 37. primary_address3 |
| 9. suffix | 24. work_phone_number | 38. primary_city |
| 10. full_name | 25. mobile_number | 39. primary_county |
| 11. legal_name | 26. mobile_opt_in | 40. primary_state |
| 12. email | 27. is_mobile_bad | 41. primary_zip |
| 13. email_opt_in | 28. fax_number | 42. primary_country_code |
| 14. email1 | 29. do_not_call | |
| 15. email1_is_bad | | |

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43. primary_country	83. mailing_county	110. user_submitted_country
44. primary_fips	84. mailing_state	111. user_submitted_fips
45. primary_submitted_address	85. mailing_zip	112. user_submitted_submitted_address
46. address_address1	86. mailing_country_code	113. signup_type
47. address_address2	87. mailing_country	114. tag_list
48. address_address3	88. mailing_street_number	115. note
49. address_city	89. mailing_street_prefix	116. employer
50. address_county	90. mailing_street_name	117. occupation
51. address_state	91. mailing_street_type	118. marital_status
52. address_zip	92. mailing_street_suffix	119. sex
53. address_country_code	93. mailing_unit_number	120. demo
54. address_country	94. mailing_zip5	121. ethnicity
55. address_fips	95. mailing_zip4	122. language
56. address_submitted_address	96. mailing_fips	123. religion
57. billing_address1	97. mailing_sort_sequence	124. church
58. billing_address2	98. mailing_delivery_point	125. born_at
59. billing_address3	99. mailing_lot	126. is_deceased
60. billing_city	100. mailing_carrier_route	127. is_prospect
61. billing_county	101. mailing_submitted_address	128. is_supporter
62. billing_state	102. user_submitted_address1	129. support_level
63. billing_zip	103. user_submitted_address2	130. inferred_support_level
64. billing_country_code	104. user_submitted_address3	131. priority_level
65. billing_country	105. user_submitted_city	132. created_at
66. billing_fips	106. user_submitted_county	133. updated_at
67. billing_submitted_address	107. user_submitted_state	134. recruiter_name_or_email
68. work_address1	108. user_submitted_zip	135. recruiter_id
69. work_address2	109. user_submitted_country_code	136. point_person_name_or_email
70. work_address3		137. parent_id
71. work_city		138. capital_amount
72. work_county		139. spent_capital_amount
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75. work_country_code		
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77. work_fips		
78. work_submitted_address		
79. mailing_address1		
80. mailing_address2		
81. mailing_address3		
82. mailing_city		

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140.	received_c apital_amount	147.	donations_ amount	153.	donations_ raised_count_this_ cycle
141.	is_donor	148.	donations_ raised_count	154.	donations_ raised_amount_thi s_cycle
142.	is_fundrais er	149.	donations_ raised_amount	155.	is_volunte er
143.	is_ignore_ donation_limits	150.	donations_ pledged_amount	156.	availability
144.	first_donat ed_at	151.	donations_ count_this_cycle	157.	membershi p_names
145.	last_donate d_at	152.	donations_ amount_this_cycle		
146.	donations_ count				

The data shows that NSW Reformers were tracking the contact details and social media accounts of potential members.

Another interesting data point is 'Tags' which list all the different categories that the person has been tagged with. This appears to show the source of the persons details. Some of the tags that have been exported from the NSW Reformer database include:

1.	against abortion	13.	David Clarke Database	28.	Previous or Current Liberal Member
2.	anti safe schools	14.	Economy	29.	Pro christian policy
3.	Barnaby Joyce Petition	15.	euthanasia	30.	pro family tax
4.	blue mountains sec	16.	euthanasia 2019	31.	Religious Freedom petition Aug 18
5.	C4M_Berowra_M itchell	17.	feb 3 sign up	32.	Safe Exclusion Zones List
6.	Castle Hill Business Branch	18.	folau petition	33.	signed up
7.	Castle Hill SEC	19.	gay surrogacy stop petition	34.	Social Issues
8.	Catholic	20.	Gender ideology Petition TAS Birth Certificates	35.	ssmList
9.	Christianity in schools petition	21.	GMail	36.	submitted
10.	Climate Sceptic	22.	joint form	37.	via internet
11.	completed 2019 survey	23.	lower immigration	38.	yes response text
12.	current political party member	24.	Mailchimp	39.	Young Liberal
		25.	member	40.	zoe's law petition Oct18
		26.	Mitchell FEC		
		27.	pending		

The tags appear to indicate that various sources, including internal Liberal Party lists, Catholic lists and petitions were used to add people to the NSW Reformers database.

It is not clear how this data was obtained and if people knew their details were being entered into the NSW Reformers database.

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Reformers in the media

The NSW Reformers have attracted surprisingly little media attention given the high-profile nature of their key decision makers and their aggressive and coercive tactics.

Why would the media turn a blind eye to an operation that used tens of thousands of dollars from elected officials to mass recruit hundreds of members in every corner of NSW for the purpose of replacing or bullying elected officials?

The most comprehensive coverage of the Reformers was an article in the SMH by Tom Rabe and Jacqueline Maley on 8 August 2019. This article can be accessed at the below link and has been included in this chapter.

Read article: <https://www.smh.com.au/national/conservative-christian-plot-to-take-control-of-nsw-liberal-party-20190807-p52evl.html>

The Sydney Morning Herald

Conservative Christian plot to take 'control' of NSW Liberal Party

8 August 2019

A group promoting religious freedom is working to recruit 5000 Christian conservatives to the NSW Liberals as part of an ambitious scheme aimed at taking "control" of the state division of the party.

Leaked documents obtained by the Herald, which contain metadata leading back to Federal and NSW parliaments, reveal the NSW Reformers group hopes to recruit thousands of members across Sydney.

The Guardian

The Right stuff: why shellshocked NSW Liberal moderates are fearing factional fights

23 January 2022

The MP most under threat is the federal environment minister, Sussan Ley, in the seat of Farrer in southern NSW. She is facing a challenge from conservative Christian Ellis, a member of the right faction, who moved to Deniliquin from Sydney. He previously worked for Perrottet and the former federal resources minister Matt Canavan.

...

Ellis was one of the organisers of a right group known as the NSW Reformers, which gained publicity in 2019 over a plan to recruit 5,000 members to the Liberal party through conservative churches.

Read article:

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2022/jan/23/the-right-stuff-why-shellshocked-nsw-liberal-moderates-are-fearing-factional-fights>

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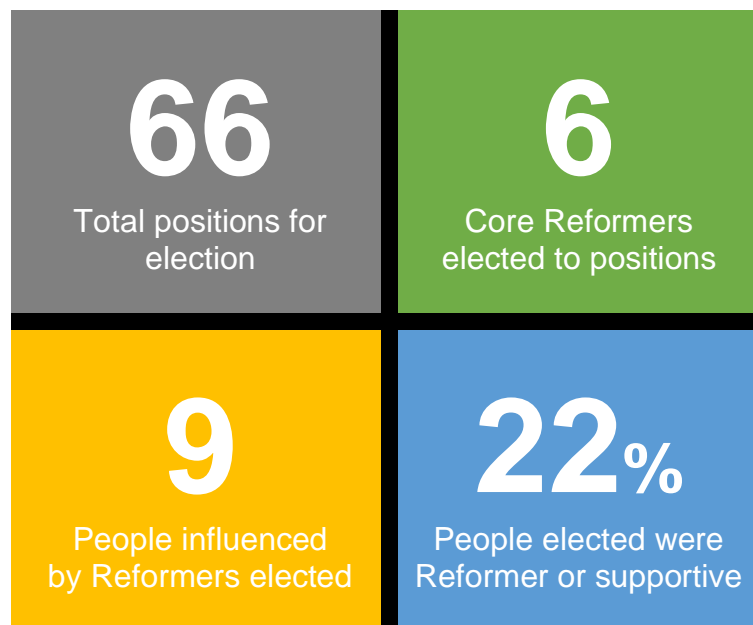
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Influencing the Liberal Party

The work and efforts of the NSW Reformers was cultivated over the course of numerous branch and conferences AGMs of the Liberal Party. As they put their members into branches, they would take executive and delegates positions at that AGM. The first state-wide success of the reformers was at the Liberal Party's State Executive AGM in 2019.

The Reformers were able to get themselves elected into numerous positions, and have people who support them or they could influence be elected into positions.

At a glance: The success of the NSW Reformers at the 2019 Liberal Party AGM



Out of a total of 61 positions that were up for election, core Reformers were elected to 6, with a further 9 positions going to people that were influenced or supportive of the Reformers. People supportive of the Reformers or otherwise working for/with the Reformers now occupied almost 1 out of 4 spots.

This was a remarkable feat for what was a select group within one part of what was the smallest faction of the Liberal Party.

Most importantly though was that the Reformers elected **Christian Ellis** onto the State Executive. With Ellis being one of the three Right Wing faction members on State Executive and being able to influence the two others, the Reformers were in a prime position to affect outcomes in the areas they desired.

One area Ellis and the Reformers affected outcomes in was the candidates put forward by the Liberal Party for the **Hills Shire Council** for the 2021 Local Government Election.

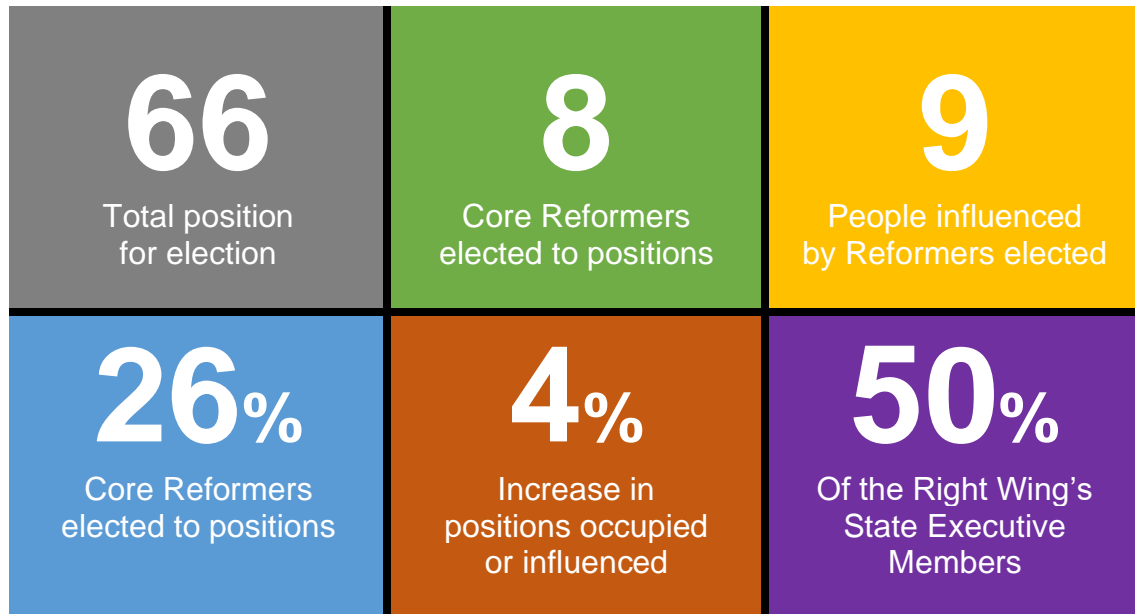
Another key election was that of **Charles Perrottet** as the Deputy Chair of the powerful **Local Government Oversight Committee**, which would go on to eventually be the body that put forward the list of names of who should be the candidates for the Hills Shire Council.

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The success of the Reformers at the 2019 AGM would be eclipsed by their success at the next AGM held, where most importantly the Reformers now made up 50% of the Right-Wing factions total State Executive members.

At a glance: The success of the NSW Reformers at the 2021 Liberal Party AGM



The Reach of the NSW Reformers

The NSW Reformers divided amongst their core members the different areas of the state that they wanted to install people into seats in, or influence the incumbent members in those seats.

Whilst the Reformers worked as one group with common goals, each core reformer had their specific area of focus and was the main contact for that area. They would be responsible for cultivating talent in that area, dealing with the MPs and local stakeholders, and meet with people living in those areas to sign them up into branches.

Generally, the areas that were focused on were as follows:



Christian Ellis

Southern NSW (Farrer, Albury, Wagga Wagga, etc)

Ellis relocated to the seat of Farrer and focused on recruiting members into branches in Southern NSW with the goal of taking either the seat of Farrer, Albury, or the Matthew Mason-Cox's LC seat. This has been documented in the media on several occasions.



Rob Assaf

Mulgoa, Northern NSW – North Coast (Armidale, Port Macquarie, etc)

Working as the Regional Engagement Manager of Greyhounds Racing NSW, Assaf used his employment related travel to go to areas that had greyhound racing tracks to work on branches. He also used his expense account to 'wine and dine' stakeholders, at times not in line with policy, such as paying for meals/ drinks and being reciprocated equivalent funds to participate in gambling.

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Jean-Claude Perrottet

North-West Sydney (Mitchel, The Hills, etc)

Worked for Damien Tudehope, the MLC allocated to the North West Sydney area of the Liberal Party. His use of work time and resources on reformer matters was documented in the media and raised in Parliament.

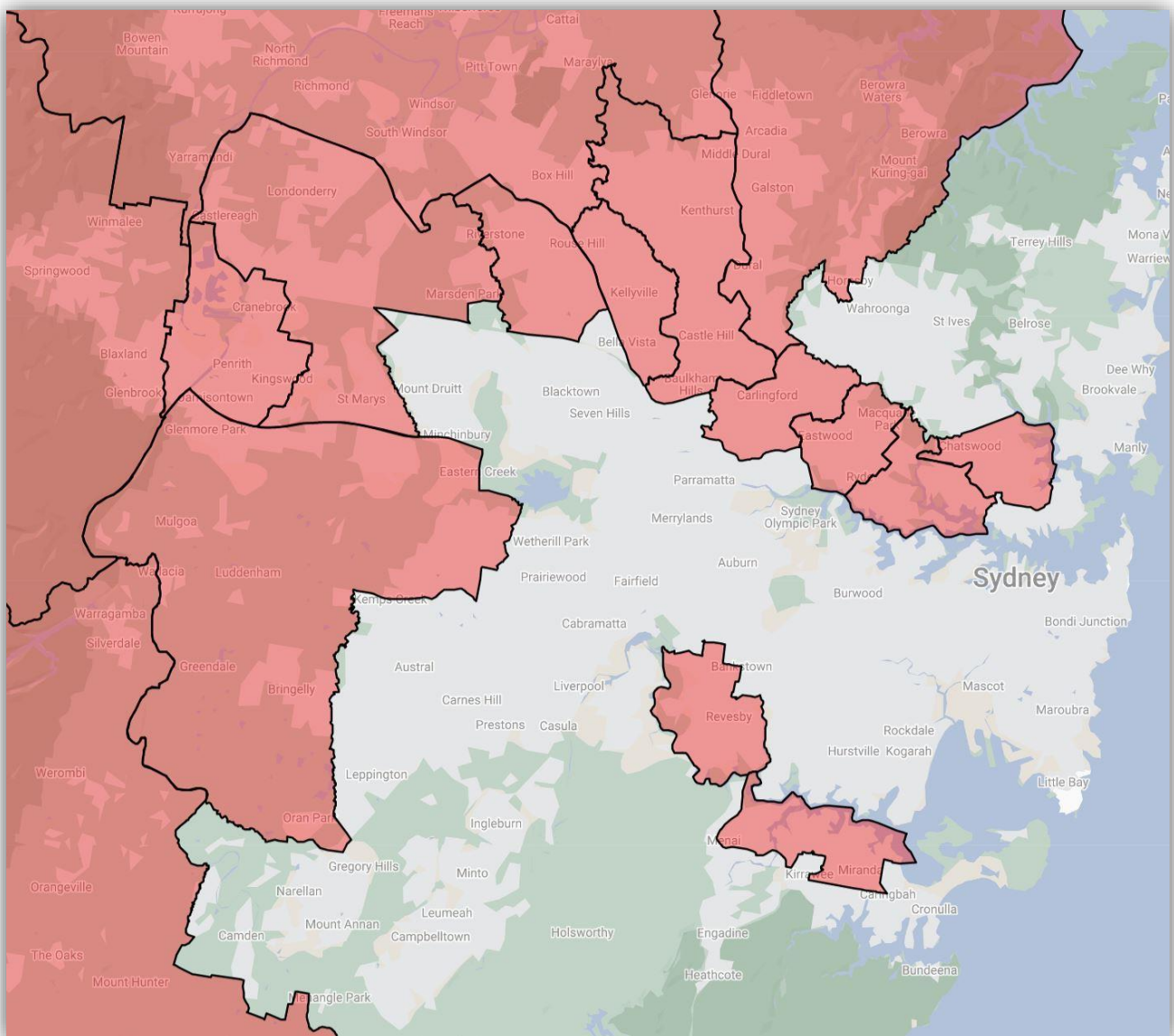


Dylan Whitelaw

Southern Highlands, South West Sydney (Mittagong, Goulburn, Wollondilly, etc)

Dylan worked for Senator Fierravanti-Wells before moving on to be employed by Christian Ellis lobbying firm, then was employed by Matthew Mason-Cox in the President's Office, then by Anthony Roberts in the Planning Ministers Office, and finally became self-employed starting his own lobbying firm. All his jobs enabled him to focus work time on Reformer duties.

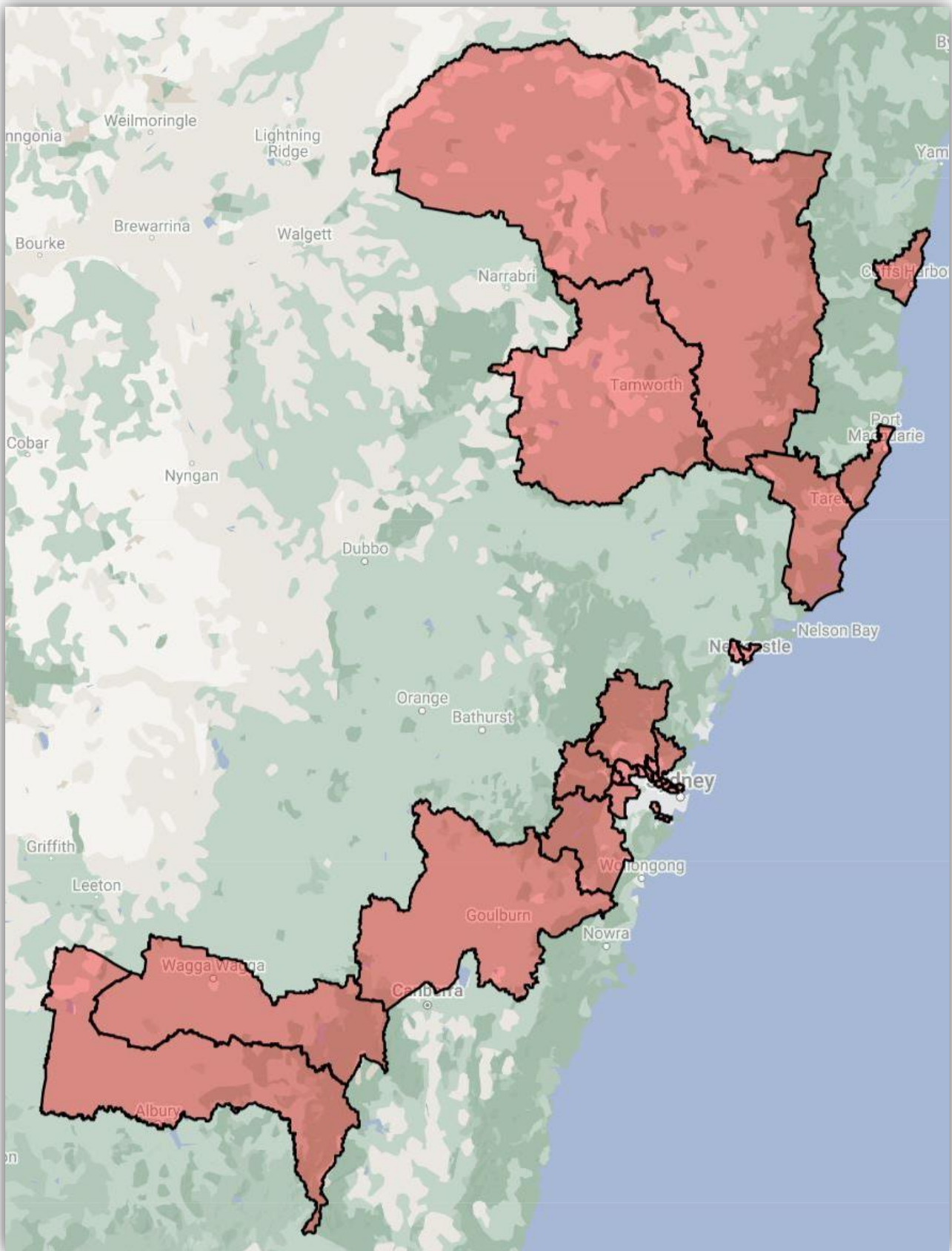
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Questions that should be looked into

Question 1

What are the contact details in the ABN registry for the NSW Reformers (ABN 184 583 948)?

Particularly the service address, service email address and the main contact person. The main operation is listed as the 2575 postcode which includes the suburb of Mittagong.

Question 2

Have the NSW Reformers had to lodge anything with the Australian Taxation Office?

Did they have any income or expenses? Did they do any book keeping?

Who paid for the venues used for events and other event related expenses?

Can they produce *dated* invoices and receipts?

Question 3

How did the NSW Reformers handle the cash they received?

Did they give receipts, keep records, and deposit the money into a bank account?

If so, could they provide copies?

If not, how was the money handled and who kept it?

Question 4

How did the NSW Reformers get access to the Same-Sex Marriage No campaign database?

Was the data given consensually? Was it stolen by someone who worked in the campaign?

Did citizens who provided their data to the No campaign know it would be given to some one else?

Have there been any breaches of any privacy or data protection laws?

Question 5

Where did the NSW Reformers get the data for their database?

Did they have permission to use Liberal Party lists? Did people know their details would be added to the NSW Reformer database? Who had access to this data?

What safeguards were in place to prevent the unauthorised access or distribution of this data?

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Question 6

Did the employers of the Reformers know that they were using employee time and resources to complete their reformer duties?

Where any of the reformers employed by Parliament during this time? Did they do Reformer work during work hours?

What was the monetary cost of the travel allowances and expenses? How many hours a day did they spend?

Was scheduling of emails and messages used to make it appear that work was done outside of work time when it was in fact done during work time?

Question 7

Were Liberal Party members forms collected in a bundle by signups?

Or was the applicant directed to submit their form directly to HQ (or even the Officeholder)?

Were forms promptly filled out, or was the applicant directed to leave parts such as “Branch” option blank, to be filled out later by the Reformers?

Question 8

How did the Reformers intend to verify a persons ‘Liberal Party membership status’ as advertised in their email?

Did they have access to Liberal Party records? Were they working with Liberal Party HQ?

Did they imply to any recruits that they are or are endorsed by Liberal Party official

Question 9

How many members recruited and signed up by the Reformers were given staffing jobs in the offices of MPs whose areas they’d stacked?

How many Reformers work for MPs and Ministers? Were they qualified for the role?

Was it coercive? Did the MP specifically employ that Reformer staff to stack?

Question 10

Were the members who were signed up made aware of the financial benefits and interests of the Reformers?

Were they made to believe that it was just influence over policy?

Did they know Reformers were financially motivated to recruit members for the purposes of obtaining jobs and elected positions?

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Question 11

Were the guest speakers at the NSW Reformers events aware that the Reformers were signing up people to the Liberal Party exclusively and the reason they were being done so?

Were they aware of the coercive tactics used by the NSW Reformers to MPs and officials?

Did they agree with what the NSW Reformers were doing?

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Note: Sensitive information that could be used to identify sources, such as names and email addresses, have been redacted to protect the identities of unrelated third-parties.

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ABOUT NSW REFORMERS

NSW Reformers is a faith-based movement that seeks to promote Christian values in society. For years, society has seen the slow erosion of these values which has, in turn, affected the rights of everyday Australians in areas such as faith, life, and speech. NSW Reformers seek to reform this great state by adding a Christian voice to it.

Christian started NSW reformers in 2018 with the vision to lead a faith-based movement by involving the surrounding community in circulating relevant and deeply fundamental petitions.

MEET CHRISTIAN

Christian Ellis

Christian has been involved with politics from a young age, beginning work for the now Treasurer Dominic Perrottet in 2012. Since then, Christian has worked for Ministers in both Liberal and National Parties at both a State and Federal Level.

Last year Christian was elected to the NSW Liberal State Executive, the governing body of the party, on the platform to give more members a say within the Party and have an ability to have their views advocated for at a Parliamentary level.

Christian's main areas of concern are an encroachment of our governing and judicial powers, or the 'nanny state', and also the red and green tape that obstructs families and communities to grow and develop.

On starting NSW Reformers, Christian’s intention was to see the NSW Reformers act as a voice within the Liberal Party to work as a united, and coordinated Christian voice

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Entity name:	NSW Reformers
ABN status:	Active from 14 Nov 2020
Entity type:	Other Unincorporated Entity
Goods & Services Tax (GST):	Not currently registered for GST
Main business location:	NSW 2575

Deductible gift recipient status

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 28 January 2021



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Mr Brace, who has previously held positions as Chief Operating Officer at Panthers Leagues Club and Chief Executive Officer at Canterbury League Club, will report directly to GRNSW CEO Tony Mestrov.

“I am delighted that GRNSW has been able to attract someone with David’s extensive experience in executive leadership roles and commercial business growth,” Mestrov said.

“David has a proven track record in developing and implementing commercial strategies and outcomes and has strong stakeholder engagement skills that will benefit our industry.

“GRNSW conducted an extensive recruitment process for the role of Deputy CEO, and to attract a person with David’s credentials, business acumen and history of achievement as a leader in the corporate world, is a great indication of the confidence in our industry.”


Mr Brace said he was “excited by the opportunity to join a thriving industry, one which continues to make great strides forward in all aspects of greyhound racing and animal welfare.”


“I have witnessed from afar the tremendous work Tony and his team have done at GRNSW, and the way they have turned the industry around in NSW over the past three years,” Brace, who revealed he has previously owned greyhounds, said.

“In speaking with Tony about what is planned for the future of the greyhound industry in NSW, I am confident that the platform of success GRNSW has built in recent times is only going to be stronger and more successful in the next part of the journey, and I’m delighted to join the team and be a part of bringing that vision to fruition.”


GRNSW has also appointed a new Regional Engagement Manager as part of its continued commitment to regional and rural NSW.

Robert Assaf, who has previously worked as an adviser to former Prime Minister Tony Abbott and as the Policy and Communications Officer at Catholic Schools NSW, has started in the role.


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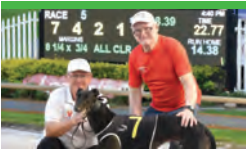
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Mr Mestrov said:

“Robert brings a strong political and communications background with him to GRNSW, and part of his role will be to liaise and work with local members in the regional areas to attain the best outcomes for local clubs and participants.

“As we know, more than 70% of our participants are regionally based and we understand the importance of giving those participants a voice in the regions.”

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or done until *The Daily Telegraph* contacted her on 20 November with the allegations, when she said it was the first she had heard of them.

This is a serious test of the leadership of the Leader of the Opposition—a serious test that she has so far failed. The family tree of the Left faction that controls western Sydney Australian Labor Party [ALP] branches is her support base. She should have severed the family ties and cut down the family tree, ground the stump and poisoned its roots—a clear message that she takes these matters seriously and will reinstate proper democracy to Labor Party branches. Despite the shock and surprise of the Leader of the Opposition about these recent confirmed cases of branch stacking, this is not the first time that these allegations have been raised.

The SPEAKER: I call the member for Maroubra to order for the first time.

Mr ANTHONY ROBERTS: In August 2017 the Strathfield Council preselections were subjected to a major review by the party relating to "widespread document irregularities". The votes of 20 Strathfield preselectors were not counted after an audit discovered that they did not live in the electorate or, in one case, were not even on the electoral role. *The Sydney Morning Herald* reported that officials alleged there was evidence unearthed that meeting minutes at the South Strathfield branch had attendance details added after the meetings had concluded. It is groundhog day—"walking the books", they call it. The branch president of the ALP's South Strathfield branch said at the time:

Look, at every branch meeting of the Labor Party you will find more and more irregularities.

The lead candidate, who secured the number one spot on the ALP council ticket, resigned after questioning from *The Sydney Morning Herald*. At the preselection Mr Datta said:

No other candidate can inspire thousands of souls in Strathfield the way I can. Many thousands of Australians have joined the Labor Party inspired by my leadership across NSW over the last 16 years.

That begs the question: How many of those thousands of people knew that they were members of the Labor Party? It begs the question: How many of those thousands of people attended meetings or how many actually exist? A branch president was quoted in relation to branch stacking at South Strathfield as saying:

We are not the professional ones. We don't know the party protocol. Nobody told us. Someone told them how to stack. Someone told them how to walk the books. And someone certainly told them how to cook those books.

The New South Wales Leader of the Opposition can clearly tell them all what is and what is not acceptable by sacking all the members involved and removing from her parliamentary team anyone found guilty of breaching the rules, branch stacking or walking those books. The Leader of the Opposition has had three months to contemplate this matter. It is never too late. The Leader of the Opposition can action it today. How many more investigations, allegations and findings does the New South Wales Labor Party need to finally take action? The Federal and State Labor leaders need to act on the systemic and demographic branch stacking that is ravaging the branches of the New South Wales Labor Party. By not acting, the Labor Party leadership stands guilty of endorsement.

The SPEAKER: Order! If the member for Port Stephens continues to interject, she will be removed from the Chamber. I place the member for Canterbury on three calls to order. I note that the member named is not speaking.

Mr RYAN PARK (Keira) (15:00:50): We sort of felt sorry for Robbo after that performance because everyone knows that he has been left out in the cold. The Premier does not let him do dixer anymore. No-one gets to enjoy his humour. But when the Government wants to roll out a bit of dirt, poor Robbo has to do the heavy lifting. I know his heart was not in it. He did well, and the young Liberal kid on \$120,000 a year did well. They were passionate words. I do not know whether members in the House remember the man charged after the Liberal Party chicken shop brawl. It was interesting. The Treasurer probably does not remember, but I will come to branch stacking in his part of the world soon. I think the member for Holsworthy might have had something to do with it. She was not happy. There were a few people in a chicken shop, having a brawl about Liberal Party branch stacking. The member for Holsworthy was not happy about it.

The SPEAKER: I warn the member for Canterbury for the last time.

Mr RYAN PARK: And what about the Hills area sham—religious freedom events. My good friend the Treasurer knows a lot about them. I refer to an incident reported in August 2019, which involved the very well-known and very learned Jean Claude Perrottet, the brother of the New South Wales Treasurer, Dominic Perrottet. He is also an employee of the Hon. Damien Tudehope; most of us still remember him. Jean Claude Perrottet was working to sign up members to Liberal Party branches in the Hills district in Sydney. The Treasurer has had six different electorates. The texts appear to show that Jean Claude Perrottet was working

to sign Liberal Party members up to branches between February and May, including photographs of the membership sheets. In one exchange he said, "We must be discreet."

What was the punishment for this? The Premier did not say anything, but she does not say anything about anything. She still has not read a tweet from her Parliamentary Secretary, but this afternoon she knew a lot about a Labor Party report. The State Liberal Party President, Philip Ruddock, whom we all know, said he did not have a problem with "branch development". It is not branch stacking over there. It is not "employees"; it is "consultants". Mr Ruddock said, "My view as the party president is if you're worried about being stacked then 'outstack'." This was said by the Liberal Party President. In my neck of the woods in the Illawarra, we do not know a lot about branch stacking but recently some complaints were drawn to my attention about my very good friend, the member for Kiama. A Federal member said in Parliament at the time, "The final straw came when this same State MP, after stacking my branches completely, rolled my supportive FEC committee at the AGM." That is a former Liberal Party Federal member talking about a Minister of the Crown.

Mr Dominic Perrottet: Yes, former.

Mr RYAN PARK: The Treasurer is right; he is a former member. But let us be clear: A Minister of the Crown is being referred to as a branch stacker by a former Liberal Party member of Parliament. To the credit of the member for Kiama, he outstacked. He followed Ruddock's rule. I assume Jean Claude Perrottet also followed Ruddock's rule about outstacking. Even if the Liberal's record of stacking is put to one side, it is unbelievable that a police Minister who sits in this Chamber impersonated himself as a police officer. Old Sergeant Schultzy had a go at a young man, went off his brain and then impersonated a police officer, but he is allowed to remain in this Chamber. The member for Drummoyne has been investigated by ICAC for longer than he was a Minister, and he gets to stay here. We will never be lectured to by any of them about integrity, branch stacking or the way we conduct ourselves as members of Parliament.

The SPEAKER: The Clerk will stop the clock. I gave Opposition members a little bit of leeway when they were interrupting their own speaker. A number of them are on three calls to order: the member for Canterbury; the member for Kogarah, who is no longer in the Chamber; and the member for Port Stephens. And the member for Newtown is on three calls to order. I remind them to be particularly mindful that they are on the verge of being removed from the Chamber.

Mr ALISTER HENSKENS (Ku-ring-gai) (15:06:44): The media was right today to describe the New South Wales Australian Labor Party [ALP] as being rotten to its core. The recent allegations are not an isolated event. I suppose when the unofficial ALP motto is "whatever it takes", behaviour of this kind is to be expected. This motion is necessary because anybody who tries to hide conduct of this kind is an enabler of improper conduct. The Leader of the Opposition unfortunately falls into the category of being an enabler. She has to stop being in denial and admit that everything is not alright in the New South Wales branch of the ALP. She needs to say these words after me: Sussex Street we have a problem.

This motion today is more than a matter of political argy-bargy. It involves very important matters of public interest. The falsification of ALP records is not just a matter of internal party organisation. Anything which strikes at the integrity of our democratic system is a matter of public interest to all citizens of this State. I draw the attention of the Chamber to two other significant matters. I remind the Chamber and the general public that this matter involves the jurisdiction by the ICAC because in the past five years the ALP has applied for, and been granted, over \$5 million in taxpayer funds under the State's electoral laws as a consequence of the 2015 and 2019 State elections.

By accepting those funds, the ALP can be seen as a publicly funded body exposing itself to the jurisdiction of our corruption watchdog. The branch stacking and other misconduct must be assessed as to whether it is corrupt conduct. I remind the House that New South Wales Labor has a terrible record of corruption. Labor members of the New South Wales Parliament who have been found by the ICAC to be corrupt include: Eddie Obeid, Ian Macdonald, Tony Kelly, Joe Tripodi, Angela D'Amore and Karyn Paluzzano.

The SPEAKER: I call the member for Maroubra to order for the second time.

Mr ALISTER HENSKENS: No New South Wales Liberal member has ever been found corrupt in their work as a member of Parliament. In addition, prison sentences have been served by former New South Wales Labor members of Parliament: Obeid, Macdonald, Buckets—Rex Jackson—and Milton Orkopoulos. Just this week Milton Orkopoulos, the former State ALP member for Swansea, was charged with more historic child sex offences after being convicted of acts of paedophilia in this very Parliament. In the past 12 months the ICAC has heard evidence of \$100,000 in cash in illegal donations associated with the Communist Party of China being handed to the most senior official of the New South Wales ALP. Just as it is alleged here, the ALP knew about

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Dear [REDACTED]

Welcome to the February issue of our monthly newsletter, Two Cents Worth. In this monthly series, we will address key social and economic issues affecting our state and country.

Current Affairs

New South Wales: Mark Latham MLC's bill for increased Parental Rights.

The NSW Parliament needs to hear from you to enable it to protect parents' rights.

The *Education Legislation Amendment (Parental Rights) Bill 2020* strengthens a parent's right to choose the moral and religious education their child receives and will also better inform parents of what is happening in the classroom.

[Please let your voice be heard by completing this survey.](#) The Parliament is tallying the results and are taking these responses very seriously.

This is the one platform it has provided for individuals to be heard on this issue.

The Parental Rights Bill, tabled by Mark Latham MLC, will ban the teaching of gender fluidity in all NSW Schools. The Bill will also require that teachers recognise the role of parents in the education of their children with respect to religious and moral education!

The survey closes on Sunday 28 February 2021. Do not delay.

South Australia: Abortion up to Birth Bill

The proposed bill before the South Australian Parliament:

- Makes abortion up to 22 weeks and 6 days available on request from a health practitioner.
- Provides abortion **from 22 weeks and 6 days to birth** if two doctors think it is medically appropriate. (This loose term is not defined but will include physical or psycho-social reasons. In Victoria, an average of 65 babies post 23 weeks gestation are aborted each year for psycho-social reasons).

For more information, please visit the [Australian Christian Lobby](#)

Queensland: Born Alive Bill 2021

In most Australian states, doctors are not required to provide medical assistance to children born alive as a result of an abortion. These babies are left to gasp for breath until they die. They deserve the same rights and medical treatment as any other human being.

Queensland health's clinical guidelines for abortion state: 'if [during an abortion] a live birth occurs... do not provide life sustaining treatment... document the time and date of death.'

The Federal Member for Dawson, George Christensen has drafted a bill to protect children that were born alive as a result of abortion.

This bill is for an act to protect children born alive, including as a result of terminations. Under this bill, when a child is born alive as a result of a botched abortion, attending medical practitioners must take action to save the child's life. If they do not act to save the child they will face significant financial penalty and probable deregistration as a medical practitioner.

This bill gives effect to international agreements with which Australia is a signatory, in particular the Convention on the Rights of the Child and International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Article 6 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child dictates that, “State parties recognise that every child has the inherent right to life.”

To support George Christensen, click on the link below:

www.GeorgeChristensen.com.au/bornalive

Net Zero Emissions

The political year of 2021 has very much begun with reports that we will be headed to the polls for a federal election this year. In preparation for what could be an August/September election, we will start to see the policies of both major parties take shape.

As people engaged in the Political Process we are in a unique position to advocate on behalf of the many small business owners, aspirational Australians and families that do not have a union, corporate lobby group or ginger group on their side.

We are also a unique political party in that the Liberal Party continues to promote the power of the individual member, which not only includes during the process of pre-selection but also for the development of policy positions. This is of course fair considering that at some point in time Party members will be asked to support their local member during an election campaign through either time or money.

The Coalition has announced, and in some cases promised, various policy initiatives that we believe are at the heart of our Party’s identity.

Some highlights include:

- The National Party released a [manufacturing Paper](#), to answer the specific challenges that COVID-19 has highlighted in the structure of our economy.
- Senator Andrew Bragg's decision to reform superannuation
- Prime Minister Scott Morrison [promised religious freedom protections to protect civil liberties](#), in the lead up to the 2019 election and was a key election promise.

Our concern is that this week we have seen reports of other policies that might expose the Party in the upcoming federal election.

Many of you would have seen last week's frontpage of the Sydney Morning Herald that [the Liberal Party would be moving to a policy of net zero emissions by 2050](#).

While this is not formal party policy now is the time to debate the issue.

The Government has dismissed any appetite for a new tax and said that any path to net zero would be about technological advancement. This would require a change to current policy as in practise our energy market is already the result of 'tax' be it direct or indirect. They include:

1. *"Since 2013, the government has committed over \$220 million to support energy storage technologies."* (Department of Energy);
2. The Renewable Energy Target (RET) costs our energy sector (making coal producers pay money to solar/wind sources) more than **\$2.4 billion per year** in small and large scale energy certificates;
3. **Over \$1 billion** is being given to the Australian Renewable Energy Agency ([ARENA](#)), the Clean Energy Finance Corporation ([CEFC](#)), Clean Energy Regulator, CSIRO, et al each year;

4. Some estimate the subsidy figure to be closer to approximately **\$7 billion a year**.

Although the Party has not set out a policy for the upcoming election, if it were to continue down its current path to net zero we would be taking to the next election a policy to *subsidise renewable energy to achieve a target of net zero emissions by 2050*.

There are eight main reasons that we believe that this policy might expose the Party at the upcoming election.

1. At a time of economic uncertainty with COVID-19 and the exposed issues with our diminishing local manufacturing industry, the National Party has produced a policy on ways to lift manufacturing to levels of other developed nations like Japan and Germany. This plan highlights that urgent action is required to look at ways to reduce our energy prices that are a large part of manufacturing costs. Manufacturing development will have a huge impact on our country by; supporting employment, supporting regional growth which in turn helps decentralise our population away from the three major cities, and over the long term will improve our terms of trade. It is very questionable as to whether this plan is possible with a net zero target.
2. The Labor Party was sent a strong message last election that Bill Shorten's 'green future' should not replace the main priorities of government to support the creation of jobs and the delivery of services. The victory of 2019 was in some part due to voters seeing the Coalition as an alternative to Bill Shorten's plan and if this is the case, could receive voter backlash for not keeping to our long-term goals and priorities as a Party.
3. The Coalition made promises to voters on matters of great importance to them. Religious Freedom is an example of that. If we are seen to either make election promises that are not kept, or be seen to prioritise other initiatives that our voting base may not see as high a priority, this might affect support come election time.

4. Regardless of your position on green energy or coal, every Party since 2007 who has gone to the polls seeking a mandate on green energy has lost.
5. Any government intervention (like the RET) would distort the energy market and prevent the most efficient path to cheap electricity.
6. In 2019 the Federal Government did well in seats like the Hunter, a traditional Labor area that feels misrepresented. This time we could make a huge impression in seats like Dobell and Paterson. The reality of the 'energy debate' is that those tens of thousands of people who earn significant income directly or indirectly from coal-mining jobs will be, rightly so, concerned that their jobs will be transitioned out and they possibly be asked to take significant pay cuts. Solar and wind turbines hire less people than gas and coal powered generators.
7. There is a strong social case to keep industry booming. These industries like gas or coal that support towns and cities around Australia are important for the community and the country. If we advance to a point that these industries no longer provide a strong service, like cheap energy or national income, they will gradually be replaced. If the Government were to intervene in this space it would be a different question.
8. Finally, by shutting down coal-powered generators the average cost to draw coal from the ground will increase given less demand. This of course will have significant impacts on wind turbines, solar panels, construction materials, manufactured goods and almost all products that are made from coking coal (steel).

For those interested in this topic I would encourage you to move motions to be debated at State Council. There are multiple branches in NSW that are currently in the process of having meeting to move motions to have this matter debated at State Council. It is one of the best aspects to our Party that we can debate policy amongst each other and the best avenue to do that is State Council

If you have any questions on how to have motions passed by branches and then brought to State Council please feel free to reach out via email or phone:

nswreformers@gmail.com or 0435 569 101

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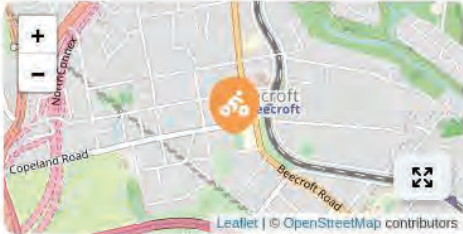
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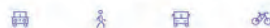


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with special guest

Alan Jones AO



COAL IS KING: HOW THE LEFT'S FAKE NEWS IS KILLING AUSTRALIA

Monday, 10 June 2019 at 6.30pm
Castle Hill RSL
77 Pennant Street, Castle Hill

if you're interested in attending please email
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By **NSW Reformers**

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When and where



Date and time

Wed., 18 September 2019,
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm AEST



Location

3 Holly Rd 3 Holly Road Cherrybrook,
NSW 2126

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About this event

Abortion Bill in Review - The Left's March Through the Institutions

The Abortion Bill has passed the NSW Legislative Assembly and is to be voted on in the NSW Upper House next week. Over the last few weeks we have seen conservative organisations and pro life groups rallying the conservative base, marching in martin place, writing letters to members of parliament and visiting politicians offices.

For too long conservatives have stood back and watched as legislaation has been passed through government. So if you are interested in attending a talk on how we have found ourselves in this political climate and what can be done going forward come along to a talk on the 26th of September at 7pm.

We hope you can make it!

Cheers,

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Nov. 08

Abortion Bill NSW - Where to now for Chrisitan Values

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The March of the Institutions - The Lefts take over - Where to Now for Conservative Christians.

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When and where



Date and time

Fri., 8 November 2019,
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm AEDT

Location

3 Holly Rd 3 Holly Road Cherrybrook,
NSW 2126[Hide map](#)

About this event

NSW recently passed the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019, which will make abortion laws in NSW some of the most extreme in the country. With many thousands protesting against this extreme abortion bill, how is it that this and other anti-life policy continues to be pushed through parliament?

Join us for an informational talk on how we can begin to implement conservative policy that respects life, human dignity, and freedom.

Please come to a talk on Friday the 8th of November.

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Abortion

Religious Freedom



With Australian Christian Lobby
NSW Director, Kieran Jackson

Nov. 22

Abortion is passed, Euthenasia is on its way - Where to from Here?

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Come Listen to Kieran Jackson Director of NSW Australian Christian Lobby and other guest speakers on "Where to now for Christian Values"

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When and where



Date and time

Fri., 22 November 2019,
8:00 pm - 9:30 pm AEDT



Location

Pennant Hills Bowling Club 52 Yarrara
Road Pennant Hills, NSW 2120

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How to get there



About this event

You are invited to a private talk hosted by the NSW Reformers with special guest Kieran Jackson. Kieran is the NSW State Director of the Australian Christian Lobby and is on the forefront of the fight for our Christian values. Come and hear from Kieran and other speakers on Abortion and the threat to Religious Freedom and what you can practically do about it.

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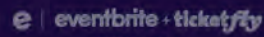
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Religious Freedom - Why did Morrison Delay with Lecturer Stephen Chavura

Stephen Chavura - Religious Freedom bill why did Morrison delay.

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When and where



Date and time

Tue., 17 December 2019,
7:30 pm – 8:00 pm AEDT



Location

Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School B
Diana Avenue Kellyville, NSW 2155

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How to get there



About this event

You are encouraged to attend a talk on Tuesday the 17th of December with Stephen Chavura - Lecturer at Macquarie University and Campion College.

Please reserve a free ticket.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Location - School Hall.

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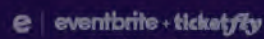
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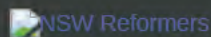
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We are just sending you the email to let you know that tickets for this event have almost sold out with just over a month to go before the event! If you haven't done so already, click the button below to secure your place before they all run out!

Our last Conservative Q&A on the topic 'Religious Freedom' was a smashing success!

And as promised our next Conservative Q&A will be on the topic, 'Education in Australia'.

Our last Conservative Q&A was sold out over a week before the event so please be sure to register for a free ticket before they run out!

Our guest panellists for this edition of 'Conservative Q&A' are:

Dallas McInerney - CEO of Catholic Schools NSW

Kevin Conolly MP - Member for Riverstone, Parliamentary Secretary for Education, former teacher.

Marie Yeo - A product of Home-Schooling and current Research student in Theology at the University of Notre Dame Australia

Blaise Joseph - Senior Research Fellow on Education at the Centre for Independent Studies

Dr Paul Morrissey - President of Campion College

Come along and be a part of the crowd of the 'Conservative Q&A - Education in Australia Edition'.

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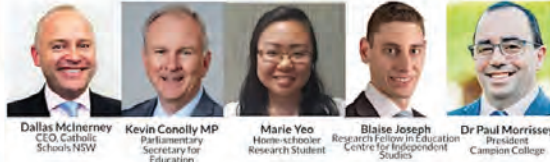
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Conservative Q&A Panel 'Education in Australia' Edition



Date: Thursday 27 February 2020

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30PM

Location: Phoenix Room, Castle Hill RSL, 77 Castle St, Castle Hill NSW 2154

Dallas McInerney
CEO, Catholic Schools NSW

Kevin Conolly MP
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Conservative Q&A - 'Education in Australia' Edition

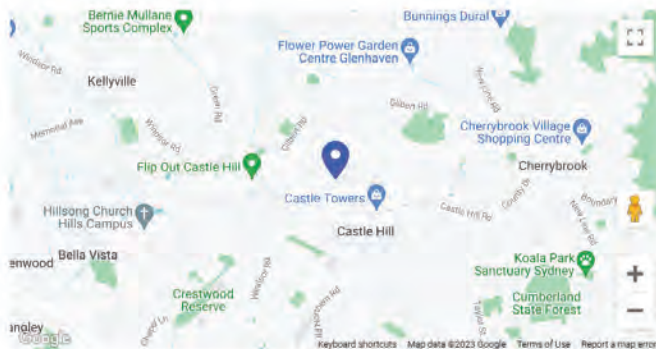
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Date and time
Thu., 27 February 2020,
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm AEDT

Location
Phoenix Room, Castle Hill RSL Club 77
Castle Street Castle Hill, NSW 2154
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How to get there



Description

You are invited to the next edition of Conservative Q&A - 'Education in Australia' Edition. The guest panelists for this event all have a deep understanding of varying aspects to do with education in Australia. This is a great opportunity to ask your questions to the panel and hear their thoughts on the big issues surrounding education in Australia.

The Guest Panelists for this edition are:

Dallas McInerney - CEO of Catholic Schools NSW

Kevin Conolly MP - Member for Riverstone, Parliamentary Secretary for Education, former teacher.

Marie Yeo - A product of Home-Schooling and current Research Student in Theology at the University of Notre Dame Australia

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Dr Paul Morrissey - President of Campion College

Last Conservative Q&A was sold out and tickets for this event are limited. Registrations are essential to ensure your ability to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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The Threat to Religious Freedom - What is Next?

WITH SPECIAL GUEST NATHANIEL SMITH MP

Picton Bowling Club, Cliffe Street, Picton
7pm on the 18th of March 2020



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SOUTH WEST SYDNEY REFORMERS



The Threat to Religious Freedom - What is Next?

WITH SPECIAL GUEST NATHANIEL SMITH MP

Picton Bowling Club, Cliffe Street, Picton
7pm on the 18th of March 2020

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Details

You are invited to a private talk with special guest Nathaniel Smith MP on the topic of the threat to religious freedom.

By South West Sydney Reformers

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When and where



Date and time

Wed., 18 March 2020,
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm AEDT



Location

Picton Bowling Club 10 Cliffe Street,
Picton, NSW 2571

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About this event

Come and hear about how we as a country have arrived in the situation we are currently in and what you can practically do about it to push back. We are pleased to have as a special guest at this event Nathaniel Smith MP, Member for Wollondilly.

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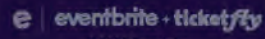
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John 1:14*

Dec. 18

Christmas Drinks with Tanya Davies MP, Member for Mulgoa

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You are invited to Christmas Drinks with Tanya Davies MP, Member for Mulgoa.

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When and where



Date and time

Fri., 18 December 2020,
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm AEDT



Location

Twin Creeks Golf & Country Club 2/8
Twin Creeks Drive Luddenham, NSW
2745

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How to get there



About this event

Come and join like minded Liberal members as we celebrate Christmas together with Tanya Davies MP, Member for Mulgoa.

Attire: Smart casual.

You are invited to:
Christmas Drinks
With Tanya Davies MP

Date: Friday 18 December 2020



Time: 7:00pm - 10:00pm
Location: Twin Creeks Golf & Country Club,
2/8 Twin Creeks Drive, Luddenham, NSW, 2745

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Conservative Christian plot to take 'control' of NSW Liberal Party

[Tom Rabe](#) and [Jacqueline Maley](#)

August 8, 2019 – 12.00am

A group promoting religious freedom is working to recruit 5000 Christian conservatives to the NSW Liberals as part of an ambitious scheme aimed at taking "control" of the state division of the party.

Leaked documents obtained by the *Herald*, which contain metadata leading back to Federal and NSW parliaments, reveal the NSW Reformers group hopes to recruit thousands of members across Sydney.



The group believes greater control of preselection would ensure a strong "conservative representation in Parliament". JAMES ALCOCK

A 900-word document titled 'NSW Reformers - Taking Back Our Nation Through Good Government' lays out the group's intentions to exert influence on politicians by joining Liberal branches and gaining pre-selection votes.

“If we recruit 5000 Christian conservatives we will control the NSW division of the Liberal Party,” it reads.

“We will organise information sessions for local coordinators as to how the intricate parts of the party work ... Politicians are far more receptive to people and causes if they directly impact their chances of being in Parliament.”

The group believes greater control of state and federal preselection in NSW would ensure a strong "conservative representation in Parliament".

The document's metadata suggests it was written by a staff member in a federal ministerial office last year. The staffer did not return calls or text messages.

The *Herald* [revealed on Tuesday that several Liberal MPs were concerned](#) the NSW Reformers were working to erode their support base in Sydney's Hills District.

Other documents show names, addresses and contact details of hundreds of constituents were collated from a series of petitions advertised on the NSW Reformers' page.

The petitions that netted the data of hundreds of constituents refers to "gender ideology", "gay surrogacy", religious freedom and Zoe's Law legislation, which would make it a crime to cause death to a fetus.

The spreadsheets also contain lists of dozens of churches across Sydney to be targeted in the recruitment drive.

The forms outline plans to call a specific amount of phone numbers listed in the documents per day, and estimate how many party memberships could be recruited.

The NSW Reformers manifesto also outlines why the group is targeting the Liberal Party and not Labor or the Australian Conservatives.

“The Australian Conservatives’ survival relies upon a supportive silent majority. This silent majority does not exist,” it says, arguing this was proven by the same-sex marriage survey result.

“We cannot afford to flee from a major party as this will forever reduce Conservative Christians to a minor influence in society with very little ability to determine legislation.”

Several Liberal MPs have told the *Herald* of anger within the party at what they believe is a concerted effort to stack out their electorate branches.

One federal NSW Liberal MP said he believed the Reformers was run by factional allies of the party's hard-right conservative Liberals.

“They’re using the [abortion bill](#) to try to recruit numbers,” the federal MP said.

“They’re taking those views and leveraging them for political advantage. Their dearest wish would be to get rid of Alex Hawke.”

Mr Hawke is a powerful centre-right factional player close to Prime Minister Scott Morrison. His defection from the hard-right faction of the NSW Liberals a decade ago caused great enmity among conservatives.

NSW Liberal president Philip Ruddock said he didn't have a problem with "branch development".

"My view, as the party president, is if you're worried about being stacked, then outstack," he said.

The NSW Reformers have no contact numbers on their website, and there is no indication on the site of who leads the group.

The *Herald* called a mobile number published on a NSW Reformers flyer and the man who answered said he had no association with the group and had not heard of it until he read about it in the *Herald*.

He said he did not know why his number was printed as a contact number. The man, who declined to give his name, said he was a Liberal party member.

Liberal branches nationally have seen a considerable bump in members since the federal election was called. Victoria received an extra 600 members on their 10,000 base, while NSW is understood to have experienced a 10 per cent jump.

Federal Liberal party president Nick Greiner said while he did not have access to membership numbers to the various state branches, "common sense dictates that when you have an unexpected victory that might generate some interest".

"I think that [increased membership] was happening for a while before the election and it seems to be accelerating," he said.

But the membership bump was "unfortunately off a relatively low base," Mr Greiner said, "which is where major political parties around the world are".

He said it had "zero to do with religion", and was due to the success of the party and to Mr Morrison's popularity.

"It's success and authenticity ... it's undoubtedly true that Scott came across in an authentic manner, it's the John Howard thing of, 'you know what you're getting with me'."

with Rob Harris



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Jacqueline Maley is a columnist. Connect via [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#).



Liberal party

The Right stuff: why shellshocked NSW Liberal moderates are fearing factional fights

Tim James's preselection in Gladys Berejiklian's former NSW seat shows the growing influence of the hard right in the state



Anne Davies

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Sun 23 Jan 2022 06.00 AEDT

Last week, a prominent member of the Liberals' right faction, Tim James, snared the safe **New South Wales** state seat of Willoughby replacing the former Liberal premier Gladys Berejiklian, a leading moderate, in the lower north shore Sydney seat.

No one saw it coming. The lower north shore is a moderate stronghold within the party and the popular former Willoughby council mayor Gail Giles-Gidney, a moderate with a high local profile, was seen as the frontrunner.

Giles-Gidney had the endorsement of the people who count in those parts: Berejiklian and the moderate powerbroker Trent Zimmerman, the federal MP for North Sydney.

But by the end of a three-hour preselection meeting attended by more than 100 members of the local branch and state executive, moderates were left shellshocked.

The new “[Warringah rules](#)” for choosing the candidate via a plebiscite of local members, with a 25% voting component from the state executive, had delivered an unexpected result.

James, an acolyte of the former prime minister [Tony Abbott](#) with a record of pushing development of gas and opposing higher carbon emissions reduction targets, was on his way to becoming the member for Willoughby.

Just a suburban soap opera? Or a sign of something deeper happening in the NSW [Liberal party](#)?

Peace and prosperity

In other states, notably [Western Australia](#) and [South Australia](#), there has been an influx into the party of conservative members recruited from Pentecostal churches and other religious groups. It has fundamentally changed the Liberal party in WA and caused tensions in SA. In [Queensland there were similar concerns](#) in 2020 about the growing influence of climate-denying Christian conservatives.

In Victoria, there have been highly publicised reports of organised attempts at branch stacking by the conservative right, including recruitment drives run out of MPs’ offices.

But in NSW, at least on the surface, there appeared to be peace within the warring factions, of which there are three: the moderates, the hard right and the smaller centre right. The hard right is dominated by conservative Catholics with the premier, Dominic Perrottet, its poster boy.

The centre right, controlled by the federal immigration minister, Alex Hawke, is more closely aligned with Pentecostal and Protestant churches and boasts [Scott Morrison](#) as its high-profile member.

The moderates are led by the NSW treasurer, Matt Kean, and Zimmerman.

The animus between the factions a decade ago, when John Brogden was the state opposition leader, is legendary: brawls in local branches, fierce branch stacking and chronic destabilisation of the parliamentary leader. During this time the right also split, mainly on sectarian lines.

But after a decade in the wilderness a desperate Barry O’Farrell convinced the factions they should declare a detente in the interests of winning government.

The peace was cemented under Berejiklian. Hard-right leaders like Perrottet, who has been a central player in the factions since he was in the Young Liberals, and Damien Tudehope, who commands influence in the north-west of Sydney, prospered, becoming treasurer and finance minister. David Elliott, a leading figure of the centre right, has risen too. So did the leading moderates such as Kean.

At least in cabinet, the factions had checked their weapons at the door.

But there was always the question of who would succeed Berejiklian.

The new deal

About three years ago, Kean is said to have struck a further deal with Perrottet to make Perrottet premier, even though he came from the right, while Kean would become treasurer. Until that point the moderates, the biggest faction, had laid claim to the premier's job.

Kean and Perrottet have never confirmed the deal, but subsequent events appear to confirm it.

Despite a senior moderate, Rob Stokes, nominating for premier after Berejiklian resigned, Perrottet won with support from Kean's bloc of moderates. Both men have now risen to the top before turning 40: Perrottet as premier and Kean his treasurer.

But has the deal emboldened the right and diminished the moderates?

"It's been the best infiltration I have seen in my life," says one disillusioned moderate. "Rather than beat us up, they got us to do what they want."

How much Perrottet's rise has strengthened the right is debated within the party - there have so far been no attempts to push a conservative social agenda.

"Perrottet is not offensive to most moderates - he mainly sticks to economic issues and he's endorsed net zero by 2050," says a senior moderate.

"I don't think he's sitting watching Sky after Dark night after night. He's probably reading Margaret Thatcher's biography - and we can live with that."

But the new rules for preselecting candidates have provided an avenue for increased influence and there are signs right operatives are active.

"The right are taking the car out for a spin to see what's possible," says one factional player who asked not to be named.

Abbott's original Warringah rules establishing branch member plebiscites to choose candidates were substantially modified before being adopted.

Safeguards against branch stacking, such as being a member for two years and monthly limits on new members signing up, were included. A quarter of the vote was allocated to the state executive council in the broader party interest.

James's preselection, only the second under the new rules, raises questions about whether the moderates have underestimated the right.

Grassroots action

James, a long-time participant in the faction, had hoped to succeed Abbott in the federal northern beaches seat of Warringah until the independent Zali Steggall made it unwinnable for a person with a track record of support for fossil fuels.

James has also made two unsuccessful tilts at the state seat of North Shore, also regarded as moderate territory. So Willoughby was a real surprise.

There were about 110 selectors assembled for the preselection on 12 January. James came second to Giles-Gidney in the first round of voting but edged her out in the second round.

"He was just hungrier for it," said one attendee.

By all accounts he gave a strong speech and demonstrated his policy depth as a former director of the Menzies Research Centre.

Some say Covid-19 played a role, with older members who supported Giles-Gidney reluctant to attend in person.

The NSW Liberal party said: "There were three outstanding candidates contesting the preselection, with Tim James selected by members to represent the party at the upcoming election, based on his vision for the community."

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Michelle Byrne

James had a bloc of 11 Young Liberals from the right who were eligible to vote under party rules that allow Young Liberals to attend branches where they live or adjoining branches. They included Thomas Ryan, who is married to Francesca Perrottet, the premier's sister; Anthony Swales, an electorate staffer for state minister Anthony Roberts; Pierre Okosdinossian, a graduate of Redfield College, the conservative Catholic school attended by Perrottet; and Benedict Kang,

In 2018 Kang wrote in the conservative Spectator: "At the heart of the political process is grassroots action ... Something is astir in the air, and the winds of change, of reform, are blowing. This article may very well be prophetic, and I sincerely hope

that it is. Join a party, be the conservative voice, change the tide of battle. Believe me, there has never been a better time to be young, restless, and right-wing.”

There is clear evidence elsewhere that conservatives have heeded the call and signed up to branches in anticipation of the Warringah rules.

Branches that had just five or 10 members have seen numbers swell to the 30s in the past two and half years.

The MP most under threat is the federal environment minister, Sussan Ley, in the seat of Farrer in southern NSW. She is facing a **challenge from conservative Christian Ellis**, a member of the right faction, who moved to Deniliquin from Sydney. He previously worked for Perrottet and the former federal resources minister Matt Canavan.

He also ran as a candidate for Family First against the Liberal Philip Ruddock, earning him a suspension from the party.

Ellis was one of the organisers of a right group known as the **NSW Reformers**, which gained publicity in 2019 over a plan to recruit 5,000 members to the Liberal party through conservative churches.

In Farrer, Ellis has been running on water issues and several members of the local group “Speak up for Water” have joined local branches.

Unless there is an intervention by the state executive or by the prime minister, Ley will lose, local Liberals say.

Escalating competition

Since the Willoughby upset there are also concerns about what could occur in preselection for the federal seat of North Sydney, held by Zimmerman, which overlaps Willoughby.

Until now, moderates have brushed off a preselection challenge from the right’s Hamish Stitt and the centre right’s Jessica Collins as a distraction with no chance. Now no one is so sure. Zimmerman declined to comment.

And in the north-west of Sydney there are also renewed concerns about the seat of Mitchell, currently held by the centre right’s organiser, Hawke, but under challenge from the right.

In a sign of the escalating competition between the factions, **the Hills shire mayor, Michelle Byrne** - backed by the centre right - found herself without a position on the Liberal ticket for the local government elections.

“I don’t agree with the process that has taken place within the Liberal party or how we got here,” Byrne said in her resignation statement.

So has there been a recruitment drive since in anticipation of greater democracy under the Warringah rules?

A spokesman for the NSW Liberal party said numbers had steadily increased over the last five years but declined to give details.

“The party welcomes new members from across the community, and we have had members continue to join us from a diverse range of geographic, socio-economic and cultural backgrounds,” he said.

With a federal election due to be held by May, the NSW Liberals appears to have adopted a strategy of delaying remaining preselections rather than risking the uncertainties of the Warringah rules. There is constant talk of a peace deal to carve up the seats using urgency powers.

“Whoever holds the parliamentary seats ends up being reflected in the culture and control of the party,” says one long-time factional player.

“So what happens in this election will determine how much influence the right has in NSW. If North Sydney and Wentworth were to go [to independents], they are two very important seats held by the moderates,” he says.

“While Morrison remains prime minister, then the centre right is a force, but they are the smallest group and query what happens if he is no longer the leader,” he says.

And if the right claim more seats as well as the premiership, their influence will increase.

“After the Willoughby result,” says a senior party member, “no one is at all confident about what’s happening.”

State Council Election Results and Women's Council Election Results

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- Penny George
- Christopher Rath

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- Tobias Lehmann
- Aileen MacDonald

Urban Representatives:

- James Wallace
- Matthew Camenzuli
- Matthew Hana
- Chantelle Fornari-Orsmond
- Martin Zaiter
- Sally Betts
- Zac Miles
- Michelle Byrne
- Christian Ellis
- Jacqui Munro

Country and Regional Representative:

- Michelle Bishop
- Damien Jones
- Patrick Doherty
- Mark Croxford
- Anna Chandler
- Jemma Tribe

Chair of Convention Committee:

- Alexander Dore

Convention Committee:

- Samuel Uno
- Robert Assaf
- Mark Rusev
- Kellie Sloan
- Pallavi Sinha
- James Hannah
- Dylan Whitelaw

Delegates to Federal Council:

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- Dallas McInerney
- Tobias Lehmann
- Penny George
- Caity McLoughlin
- Chantelle Fornari-Orsmond
- Naji Najjar
- Dimitry Palmer
- Michael Stublely
- Jacqui Munro

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- Julia Prieston
- Kevin Baker
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- Jessie Nguyen
- Robert Assaf
- Leo Wei

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- Martin Zaiter
- Rory Amon
- Matthew Hana
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- Blake Keating
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- Karen Howard
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- Jacqui Munro

Country Vice-President:

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- Margo Johnstone

Secretary:

- Melanie Brown

Treasurer:

- Shayne Miller

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- Sharon Ani-Watts
- Joanne Bromilow
- Brigid Meney
- Sophie Winton
- Amanda Choularton
- Adelaide Cuneo
- Belinda Russell
- Julia Prieston

- Christine Kay

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Yours sincerely

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Sarah McMahon (Richards)

Country and Regional Vice-Presidents

Michelle Bishop

Geoffrey Pearson

Urban Representatives

De Yi Wu

Kyle Kutasi

Sally Betts

Carmelo Pesce

Sam Elmir

Michelle Byrne

Susan Carter

Naji Najjar

Zac Miles

Alexander Dore

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Paul Ell

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