



MEDIA RELEASE

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A FRESH TEAM FOR REBUILDING NSW

NSW Premier Mike Baird and Deputy Premier Troy Grant today announced the team that will deliver on the Coalition's mandate to provide an extra \$20 billion for vital infrastructure in our cities and our regions.

"This is a Cabinet for today and tomorrow," Mr Baird said.

"The team that Troy and I have chosen represents the perfect mix of experience and new talent to take the State forward.

"I am particularly proud that Gladys Berejiklian and Gabrielle Upton will become the first women in NSW history to hold the positions of Treasurer and Attorney General."

Mr Grant said the new Cabinet team will have a strong regional focus, with nine Ministers representing regional communities.

"This is a Cabinet that represents all communities across the state," Mr Grant said.

"The benefit of having strong regional representation in Government is more voices at the decision-making table.

"These changes mean regional NSW now has individual ministers responsible for crime and safety, tertiary skills and aboriginal affairs while maintaining oversight of protecting our precious land and water resources.

"Regional NSW is back at the heart of government."

Mr Grant, a twice-decorated police officer for 22 years, becomes Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts and Minister for Racing, and is the senior minister in the Justice cluster.

Significant changes to the structure of government, reflected in Cabinet appointments, include a new cluster, Finance, Services and Innovation, which will be led by Minister for Finance, Services and Property, Dominic Perrottet.

Andrew Constance becomes Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and, along with Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Duncan Gay, will play a key role in delivery of the Rebuilding NSW package.

In line with an election commitment, Pru Goward becomes Australia's first Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, in addition to her responsibilities as Minister for Women, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research and Assistant Minister for Health.

The Government has signalled its determination to attract more businesses from interstate and reduce red tape by appointing Victor Dominello to the new role of Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

Responsibility for TAFE has moved from the Education cluster to the Industry cluster and will be the responsibility of Minister for Regional Development, Skills and Small Business, John Barilaro.

The NSW Liberals & Nationals made a number of significant announcements on TAFE during the campaign that indicate the importance of the vocational education and training sector in the Government's push to create 150,000 new jobs during its second term of office.

The Industry cluster will be led by Anthony Roberts (Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy), who will be tasked with delivering the jobs commitment.

Additions to the Cabinet team are: Niall Blair, who becomes Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Lands and Water; Mark Speakman, who becomes Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage and Assistant Minister for Planning; David Elliott, who becomes Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Veterans Affairs; and Leslie Williams, who becomes Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Assistant Minister for Education.

The number of parliamentary secretaries has been boosted from 13 to 16 to enable for the first time dedicated Parliamentary Secretaries for the Hunter and Central Coast (Scot MacDonald), the Illawarra and South Coast (Gareth Ward), the North Coast (Chris Gulaptis), Western NSW (Sarah Mitchell), Southern NSW (Katrina Hodgkinson) and Western Sydney (Ray Williams).

These positions will report direct to Cabinet each quarter and will hold ministers to account for delivery of the Coalition's election commitments across the regions.

Mr Baird and Mr Grant thanked outgoing ministers Jai Rowell, Matthew Mason-Cox, Katrina Hodgkinson and Kevin Humphries for their service to NSW.

The new Cabinet will be sworn in at Government House tomorrow morning.

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NEW SOUTH WALES CABINET
LIST OF MINISTERS

2 April 2015

The Honourable Michael Bruce Baird MP
Premier, and Minister for Western Sydney

The Honourable Troy Wayne Grant MP
Deputy Premier, Minister for Justice and Police, Minister for the Arts, and Minister for Racing

The Honourable Gladys Berejiklian MP
Treasurer, and Minister for Industrial Relations

The Honourable Adrian Piccoli MP
Minister for Education

The Honourable Duncan John Gay MLC
Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and Vice-President of the Executive Council

The Honourable Anthony John Roberts MP
Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy

The Honourable Jillian Gell Skinner MP
Minister for Health

The Honourable Andrew James Constance MP
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

The Honourable Bradley Ronald Hazzard MP
Minister for Family and Community Services, and Minister for Social Housing

The Honourable Robert Gordon Stokes MP
Minister for Planning

The Honourable Dominic Francis Perrottet MP
Minister for Finance, Services and Property

The Honourable Gabrielle Cecelia Upton MP
Attorney General

The Honourable Prudence Jane Goward MP
Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Medical Research, Assistant Minister for Health, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

The Honourable John George Ajaka MLC
Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, and Minister for Multiculturalism

The Honourable Stuart Laurence Ayres MP
Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, and Minister for Sport

The Honourable Victor Michael Dominello MP
Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation

The Honourable (John) Giovanni Domenic Barilaro MP
Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business

The Honourable Paul Lawrence Toole MP
Minister for Local Government

The Honourable Niall Blair MLC
Minister for Primary Industries, and Minister for Lands and Water

The Honourable Mark Raymond Speakman SC MP
Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, and Assistant Minister for Planning

The Honourable David Andrew Elliott MP
Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Veterans Affairs

The Honourable Leslie Gladys Williams MP
Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Education

LIST OF NSW PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES*

The Honourable David Clarke MLC
Parliamentary Secretary for Justice

Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Major Events and Tourism

Mr Ray Williams MP
Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier for Western Sydney

Mr Matt Kean MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Treasury

Mr Scot MacDonald MLC
Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter and Central Coast

Mr Gareth Ward MP
Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast

Mr Daryl Maguire MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Veterans and the Centenary of ANZAC

The Honourable Catherine Cusack MLC
Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier

Ms Tanya Davies MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Youth Affairs and Homelessness

Mr John Sidoti MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads

Dr Geoffrey Lee MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Communities

The Honourable Richard Colless MLC
Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources and Regional Planning

Mr Christopher Gulaptis MP
Parliamentary Secretary for the North Coast

Mr Andrew Gee MP
Parliamentary Secretary for the Deputy Premier and Regional Roads

The Honourable Sarah Mitchell MLC
Parliamentary Secretary for Regional and Rural Health and Western NSW

Ms Katrina Hodgkinson MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Southern NSW

*Parliamentary Secretaries to be appointed once Parliament is returned.