



# The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP Premier of NSW Minister for Western Sydney

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### PREMIER UNVEILS 100 DAY ACTION PLAN

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell today unveiled his **100 Day Action Plan** – a blueprint to start the change needed to make NSW Number One again.

Mr O'Farrell said with the new Cabinet in place work would begin immediately to deliver the commitments made during the election campaign.

He said by delivering the key issues in the Action Plan, the NSW Government would make giant strides towards helping the State to recover after 16 years of neglect.

"The clock started on the 100 Day Plan at noon yesterday when the last of my Cabinet Ministers were sworn in," Mr O'Farrell said.

"My instruction to the Cabinet was clear – work starts now so let's get on with the job.

"We will be the busiest Government in Australia – delivering dozens of commitments and initiatives to make people's lives better."

Mr O'Farrell said that in his first week in office he had ordered an audit of the State's finances and begun the rollout of additional Landcom blocks to make it easier for families to purchase a home.

He said the 100 Day Plan features a range of key commitments made during the election campaign including:

- establishing a Special Commission of Inquiry into Labor's failed electricity sale;
- planning and budgeting work for the South West and North West rail links including the establishment of project teams;
- introducing legislation for the creation of Infrastructure NSW and appointing a Board to run it;
- preparing for the NSW Government's first budget in September;
- commencing implementation of the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan;
- beginning negotiations on the M5 widening to reduce congestion;

- introducing legislation to strengthen police powers including the re-introduction of the offence of “drunk and disorderly”;
- implementing the Better Hospitals and Healthcare plan which includes a \$3 billion investment in city and regional hospitals, more beds and additional nurses;
- establishing the Public Sector Commission; and,
- restoring accountability by regulating lobbyists, introducing legislation to restrict political donations and eliminate taxpayer-funded political advertising.

Mr O’Farrell said he remained determined to pressure the Federal Government to provide funding for crucial infrastructure including the North West Rail Link.

“We have a clear mandate to build the North West and South West rail links and that is where the Federal funding should be directed.”

Mr O’Farrell said his team faced an enormous task to turn around the damage done to NSW over the last 16 years, particularly the neglect of infrastructure.

“We cannot build new rail lines, new roads and new hospitals overnight but we will get the process moving in the first 100 days so these projects become a reality – not the cruel hoaxes they were under Labor,” he said.

“We are going to honour our commitments and the ground work begins today.

“We are going to give NSW families a reason to be proud of NSW again by building the infrastructure and restoring confidence in the State again.”