



The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP

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NOREEN HAY – HEAD IN THE SAND AGAIN

Wollongong MP Noreen Hay needs to explain to her constituents why she opposes a NSW Government plan which will pay for badly needed infrastructure in her electorate, NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell said today.

In today's Budget, the NSW Government announced a plan to refinance State-owned assets at Port Kembla to fund priority infrastructure projects.

Under the plan, \$100 million of proceeds from the transaction will be earmarked for infrastructure projects in the Illawarra.

In Parliament this afternoon Ms Hay attacked the NSW Government's announcement and was ejected from the chamber.

The NSW Government believes that as a regional port, Port Kembla has significant growth potential that can be more appropriately managed and financed by the private sector.

"Once again Noreen Hay has her head in the sand," Mr O'Farrell said.

"For years Ms Hay was part of a Labor Government that failed to build badly needed infrastructure in the Illawarra.

"Ms Hay is now complaining that the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government has found a way to fund the backlog of critical infrastructure in the region.

"Ms Hay must say which roads and schools should miss out on funding because of her misguided, ideological opposition to the refinancing of Port Kembla."

Ms Hay was ejected from Question Time today after a loud outburst which came after the Premier reminded her it was the anniversary of Labor's now infamous post-budget underpants dancing party.

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