

# Labor's 50 Positive Policies

## 1. **TACKLE RISING POWER PRICES:**

Re-regulating the electricity market to bring power prices down by up to 24 per cent.

**2. CASHBACK FOR M4:** Labor will bring back the M4 Cashback, saving regular motorists more than \$2,000 per year. The M4 is not a new road and has already been paid for.

## 3. **TOLLING TRANSPARENCY:**

Under the Liberals, tolls are set in secret backroom deals. That is why Labor will require IPART review all new toll contracts to ensure they are in the public interest.

**4. FAIR FARES - FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR CHILDREN:** Providing free public transport for children on the Opal network until the age of 16 or when they graduate high school.

## 5. **FAIR FARES - REFUNDS FOR LATE TRAINS:**

Labor will refund fares for trains that are more than 30 minutes late due to an avoidable delay.

**6. FAIR FARES - REDUCE THE AIRPORT STATION ACCESS FEE:** The \$13.40 Airport Station Access fee will be slashed to just \$5 and free for airport workers.

## 7. **END NO FAULT EVICTIONS:**

Labor's Fair Go for Renters policy will bring certainty and balance to the rental market by ending no grounds evictions, enforcing longer lease templates and restricting rent increases to once a year.

## 8. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING TARGETS:**

A full audit of government-owned land and the creation of the Affordable Housing Land Register (AHLR), a 25% affordable housing target on government-owned land and implementing a 15% Affordable Housing target on privately developed land.

## 9. **VACANT PROPERTY TAX:**

Following the success of the Victorian vacant property tax, Labor will crack down on the up to 100,000 dwellings in Sydney that remain empty.

## 10. **SCRAP FEES FOR BIRTH CERTIFICATES:**

Providing a free birth certificate for every child, saving parents the \$58 fee per child.

**11. BAN INSTANT CASH LOAN MACHINES:** Stop these fast money, high interest machines that prey on vulnerable communities.

**12. NO FURTHER PRIVATISATION:** No further privatisations of health, electricity, transport or water under a Labor government after eight years and \$70 billion of assets flogged off by the Liberals and Nationals.

**13. NURSE TO PATIENT RATIOS:** Labor will improve patient care and reduce wait times with mandated nurse to patient ratios in emergency departments and paediatric wards, employing thousands of new nurses.

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## **14. REGIONAL NURSE RATIOS:**

Delivering hundreds more nurses in regional NSW through new nurse to patient ratios, to bring staffing levels in regional hospitals to the same level as the big city hospitals.

## **15. ELECTIVE SURGERY ACCELERATION PLAN:**

A plan to reduce waiting lists and waiting times for non-urgent elective surgery in NSW.

## **16. DETOX AND REHAB FOR ICE ADDICTS:**

Combat head-on the scourge of ice in NSW by opening six clinics across the state for the detoxification and rehabilitation of patients with severe ice addictions.

**17. DRUG SUMMIT:** A bipartisan drug summit to be held in 2019, modelled on the historic 1999 summit to respond to changes in illicit drug use over the last 20 years.

**18. SECURE OUR HOSPITALS:** An extra 250 new hospital security guards with additional special constable powers so that the people protecting our hospitals have the same powers as the people protecting our parliament.

## **19. TOUGH PRO-FLUORIDE LAWS:**

Creating tough new fluoride laws to override the anti-fluoride movement and ensure water fluoridation is accessible to as many NSW residents as possible

## **20. UNPRECEDENTED SCHOOLS BUILDING**

**PROGRAM:** Labor will prioritise new schools over Sydney stadiums and conduct an immediate audit of all government land to identify priority sites for new schools.

**21. COOL SCHOOLS:** \$800 million (\$300 million from the Sydney stadium splurge) to ensure every public school will be air-conditioned.

## **22. CHILDCARE OR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE IN ALL NEW SCHOOLS:**

Ending the dreaded double drop off by co-locating childcare or before and after school care in all new schools.

## **23. SAVE TAFE - PRIVATE PROVIDER INVESTIGATIONS UNIT:**

Cracking down on dodgy private training providers with a Private Provider Investigations Unit.

## **24. SAVE TAFE - 70 PER CENT GUARANTEED**

**FUNDING:** guaranteeing TAFE funding into the future by allocating 70 per cent of the vocational education and training budget to our world class TAFE.

## **25. JUDICIAL INQUIRY INTO WESTCONNEX AND THE SYDNEY LIGHT RAIL:**

the disastrous WestConnex and Sydney Light Rail have been plagued by delays and budget blowouts. Labor will get to the bottom of these major projects so it won't happen again.

## **26. \$13 BILLION TRANSPORT ACCELERATION**

**PLAN:** Labor will listen to the experts and prioritise investment in new public transport west and south of the Sydney CBD by redirecting funds from Ms Berejiklian's wrong priorities.

**27. TRAIN TIMETABLE REVIEW:** A review into the government's disastrous train timetable that saw services cut from Western Sydney, the Blue Mountains and Newcastle.



**28. TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE FOR WESTERN SYDNEY:** A partnership with Federal Labor to fast track the new Metro West fast rail line between Parramatta and the Sydney CBD as well as deliver rail to the Western Sydney Airport.

**29. PUBLIC PLANNING INQUIRIES:** Subjecting major infrastructure projects to transparent public planning processes.

**30. END THE WASTE:** Cracking down on government waste by mandating cuts to consultants, senior executives, legal expenses, travel expenses and advertising expenses.

**31. FOLLOW THE MONEY LAWS:** Provide the Auditor-General of NSW with Follow the Money Powers to examine how outside organisations receiving public funds spend the money.

**32. FAIR SHARE - HOUSING POLICY:** Labor will require the Greater Sydney Commission rewrite its housing targets which force communities in western and southern Sydney to bear the brunt of new housing.

**33. REGIONAL JOBS FUND:** NSW Labor will ensure that all proceeds from the sale of the Snowy Hydro are spent where it is needed, in rural and regional New South Wales through a new \$4.1 billion Regional Jobs Fund.

**34. LABOR LOVES LIVE MUSIC:** Scrapping live music bans and restrictions for over 600 venues in NSW, putting the verve back into Sydney's nightlife.

**35. FRESH FOOD PRECINCT:** Creating a food and agribusiness precinct around Western Sydney Airport to deliver fresh produce and pre-prepared food anywhere in the world within 36 hours.

**36. CRIMINALISE WAGE THEFT:** New wage theft law to address systematic, ongoing and widespread failure to pay money and other employment conditions to young workers.

**37. PROTECT WORKERS:** New industrial laws to ensure 'gig economy' workers sourcing work through the likes of Uber, Airtasker and Foodora get fair pay, holidays and sick leave.

**38. BAN UNPAID INTERNSHIPS:** Banning the practise of exploitative unpaid internships unless it is part of a structured program of learning or part of a recognised qualification.

**39. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEAVE:** Providing 10 days' paid domestic violence leave for all NSW employees in both the private and public sectors, offering those who have experienced domestic or family violence more support in the workplace.

**40. BAN SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS:** A ban on single use plastic bags to ensure our environment is cleaner, healthier and safer for all, including our precious native animals.

**41. SAVE KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK:** Repealing the Kosciuszko Wild Horse Heritage Act.

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**42. HERITAGE LISTING FOR THE ROYAL NATIONAL PARK:** Protecting the Royal National Park from the Liberals and Nationals plan to build the F6 through the Royal.

**43. NO NUCLEAR POWER IN NSW:** A ban on nuclear power in NSW, in stark contrast to the Liberal-Nationals who have proposed new nuclear power.

**44. ABORIGINAL TREATY:** Establish a Treaty process in NSW, in consultation and negotiation with the state's Indigenous representatives.

**45. DECRIMINALISE ABORTION:** NSW Labor will task the Law Reform Commission to decriminalise abortion in NSW.

**46. DISABILITY ADVOCACY:** Restoring disability advocacy funding that was cut by the Liberals and Nationals to ensure all Australians have the best opportunity to succeed in life.

**47. STRONGER LAWS TO COMBAT HATE SPEECH:** Strengthening the laws against hate speech and make serious racial vilification a crime .

**48. OUR WATCH:** NSW Labor will join Our Watch, an independent, not for profit organisation working to raise awareness and engage the community in action to prevent violence against women and their children.

**49. COUNCIL DEMERGERS:** NSW Labor does not support forced mergers, nor forced demergers and instead will provide a democratic opportunity for all communities to vote on demerging.

**50. LABOR LOVES LOCAL LIBRARIES:** Increase the per capita funding subsidy to local councils for local libraries in our first term.