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Rev Fred Nile Raises Health Issues with Winds Farms

In his speech to the NSW Parliament on Tuesday 22 October 2013, Mr Nile stated the following:

PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OPERATIONS ACT: DISALLOWANCE OF PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OPERATIONS (SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES) REGULATION 2013

Reverend the Hon FRED NILE: The motion by Dr John Kaye seeks to disallow the Protection of the Environment Operations Amendment (Scheduled Activities) Regulation 2013, which provides for licensing fees in relation to coal seam gas exploration and activities and electricity generation activities by means of wind turbines on wind farms. The Christian Democratic Party supports the regulation and opposes the disallowance motion. It is interesting that the regulation takes the new approach of redefining controversial matters. On page 4 the regulation provides that where one sees the term "coal seam gas" one should use the definition "natural gas". I also note that the section dealing with wind farms includes the new description "electricity works". Dr Kaye will have to watch out for the term "electricity works" because it means a wind farm.

Dr John Kaye: No, that is not correct.

Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE: That is in the regulation. I thought a wind farm was far more than electricity works. I will now take up the point emphasised by Dr John Kaye that there is no research indicating that wind farms cause health problems.

Dr John Kaye: Unless you eat one.

Reverend the Hon FRED NILE: I asked the library to print out the research that indicates it does have health impacts.

Dr John Kaye: You had better send it to the National Health and Medical Research Council now because they say there isn't any.

Reverend the Hon FRED NILE: You cannot deny it if there is research. I have been supplied with some research papers that have been published in reputable journals. The abstract of an article published in the September to October 2012 issue of *Noise and Health* states:

Industrial wind turbines (IWTs) are a new source of noise in previously quiet rural environments. Environmental noise is a public health concern, of which sleep disruption is a major factor.

It goes on to state:

Participants living within 1.4 km of an IWT had worse sleep, were sleepier during the day and had

worse SF36 Mental Component Scores compared to those living more than 1.4 km away.

Further, it states:

The adverse event reports of sleep disturbance and ill health by those living close to IWTs are supported.

The abstract of an article in the September to October 2011 edition of *Noise and Health* states:

Statistically significant differences were noted in some HRQOL domain scores, with residents living within 2 km of a turbine installation reporting lower overall quality of life, physical quality of life and environmental quality of life.

That should concern The Greens. The abstract goes on to state:

Those exposed to turbine noise also reported significantly lower sleep quality, and rated their environment as less restful. Our data suggest that wind farm noise can negatively impact facets of HRQOL.

The acronym HRQOL stands for health-related quality of life. A report in *Science of the Total Environment*, dated 15 May 2012, stated as part of its major conclusions:

People living in the vicinity of wind turbines are at risk of being annoyed by the noise, an adverse effect in itself. Noise annoyance in turn could lead to sleep disturbance and psychological distress.

The abstract of an article entitled "Perception and annoyance due to wind turbine noise—a dose-response relationship" in the *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, which deals with the effect of sound, states:

A statistically significant dose-response relationship was found, showing higher proportion of people reporting perception and annoyance than expected from the present dose-response relationship from transportation noise.

That means the noise from trucks and so on. It goes on to provide:

The unexpected high proportion of annoyance could be due to visual interference, influencing noise annoyance, as well as the presence of intrusive sound characteristics. The respondents' attitude to the visual impact of wind turbines on the landscape scenery was found to influence noise annoyance.

A report in the magazine *Hearing Research*, dated 1

September 2010, states in summary:

There are, however, abnormal states in which the ear becomes hypersensitive to infrasound. In most cases, the inner ear's responses to infrasound can be considered normal, but they could be associated with unfamiliar sensations or subtle changes in physiology. This raises the possibility that exposure to the infrasound component of wind turbine noise could influence the physiology of the ear.

The studies I am referring to have looked at the impact of wind turbines on different aspects of a person's health. A report published in the Danish journal *Occupational and Environmental Medicine*, dated July 2007, provides in summary:

Annoyance was associated with both objective and subjective factors of wind turbine visibility, and was further associated with lowered sleep quality and negative emotions ... There is a need to take the unique environment into account when planning a new wind farm so that adverse health effects are avoided. The influence of area-related factors should also be considered in future community noise research.

The extract of an article published in the *Journal of Laryngology and Otology*, dated 21 January 2013, states:

There is some evidence of symptoms in patients exposed to wind turbine noise.

Another article raised photosensitive epilepsy, which I had not seen before. The article published in *Epilepsia*, dated June 2008, states:

Since risk does not diminish with viewing distance, flash frequency is therefore the critical factor and should be kept to a maximum three per second, i.e., sixty revolutions per minute for a three-bladed turbine. On wind farms the shadows cast by one turbine on another should not be viewable by the public if the cumulative flash rate exceeds three per second. Turbine blades should not be reflective.

That article says that the flashing of turbine blades can cause reactions in people who have photosensitive epilepsy.

There should be more studies on the impact of wind farms. The research papers to which I have referred demonstrate that there are harmful or negative aspects associated with wind farming. For those reasons, the regulation should remain in place and should not be disallowed.

REV FRED NILE CHALLENGES GREENS' CAMPAIGN AGAINST HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS

In his question to the NSW Parliament on Tuesday 22 October 2013, Mr Nile asked the following:

HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS

Reverend the Hon FRED NILE: My question is directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services. Has any comparison been made between the hazard reduction programs conducted during the 16-year period of the former Labor Government and the period of the current Coalition Government? What effect, if any, has The Greens campaign against hazard reduction had on our national parks?

The Hon MICHAEL GALLACHER: We are all very big on hazard reduction on this side of the House.

The PRESIDENT: Order! Members will come to order. The Minister has the call.

The Hon MICHAEL GALLACHER: When we were in Opposition we made our position on hazard reduction very clear. One of the key targets in our 2021 plan, and the Reverend the Hon. Fred Nile would recall this, is to increase by 20,000 annually the number of properties protected by hazard reduction in New South Wales by 2016. Another key target is to increase by 45 per cent the annual average area treated by hazard reduction activities by 2016. In 2012-13 hazard reduction was conducted on 281,492 hectares across the State. A lot has been said about hazard reduction over the last couple of days, particularly during the last week. It is a shame that the people who are commenting quite often do not really know what is going on.

One of the distinguishing features of hazard reduction—and the Hon. Steve Whan was previously a Minister for Emergency Services so he would know this—is that local NSW Rural Fire Service [RFS] personnel are part of the hazard reduction teams that decide the approach that will be taken in local government areas around the State. Public landholders,

private landholders and the Rural Fire Service form part of that team. More importantly, local councils are also at the table. I recognise that some councillors around the State have been saying things that are contradictory to what their council representatives are doing on these hazard-reduction teams.

The Hon Duncan Gay: They are probably wrong.

The Hon MICHAEL GALLACHER: They are wrong. The reality is that at a time when the community is scared and when they want answers, it would be far better if people who have no knowledge of what is happening in hazard reduction keep their mouths shut. Their ignorant comments are striking further fear into the hearts of people who have lost their homes and their livelihoods, and who live in fear of the onset of fire around them. The people on the ground, particularly the Rural Fire Service personnel, are the ones who work out with bushfire management teams what must be done and how the situation should be addressed. They are most certainly making those calls.

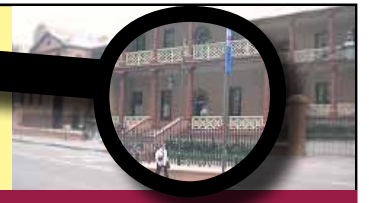
To suggest that somebody sitting at a desk in Sydney is making the decisions is wrong. As the Hon. Steve Whan would know, these local bushfire management committees are the local decision-making team assessing the risk. This morning when I was with the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service he told me that he has had an opportunity to look at the fire history across the fireground in the Blue Mountains. People are working around the clock to get that information and to ensure that the information is available to the public. If people look at the amount of hazard reduction that has taken place in that community over 10 years, it really makes a mockery of any opposition— [Time expired]

Reverend the Hon FRED NILE: I ask a supplementary question. Will the Minister further elucidate his answer?

The Hon MICHAEL GALLACHER: I thank the

honourable member for the opportunity to say a few more words. Hazard reduction will no doubt be subject to, and quite rightly so, a degree of public debate once these fires currently affecting many communities are extinguished and as we prepare for further fires. There will be an opportunity to look at maps of hazard-reduction activities. They will be on the internet. Shane Fitzsimmons, the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service does not pull any punches when it comes to being prepared to have a debate about these issues. The work that he has done speaks for itself. As I have said previously, I am not a scientist; I have never professed to be a scientist. I hear people saying that we should be burning off these areas every year—we should have hazard-reduction burns every year. I have heard these comments anecdotally from the community.

Shane Fitzsimmons is as great an environmentalist as anyone in this place or indeed any other place. He truly believes in the Australian bush and its precious nature. He makes a very conscious decision to ensure that his prime objective is to protect life and property, but he does that mindful of his responsibilities to the environment. If you talk to him about this, he will say, "You know, if we had hazard reduction every year, as some people are calling for, we would have an environment that would have no Australian fauna and no Australian flora because it would be decimated. Our native animals would no longer be able to live there. Pests and rodents would move in. Weeds and bracken fern would move in, because many native plants take so many years to regenerate." I thank the honourable member for his question. I wish that people would keep their ignorant comments to themselves rather than talk to the media at a time when the community needs comfort.



Rev Fred Nile Supports the Historic National Disability Insurance Scheme

In his speech to the NSW Parliament on Tuesday 29 October 2013, Mr Nile stated the following:

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (NSW ENABLING) BILL 2013

Reverend the Hon FRED NILE [5.56 p.m.]: I am pleased to support the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NSW Enabling) Bill 2013. The Hon Paul Green has already spoken on the bill in detail, but I want to put on the record my personal support for this historic legislation. The legislation has been introduced following much controversy and different views held by the Gillard-Rudd Labor Government and the Coalition Opposition led by Tony Abbott. In some way, the people who needed the legislation were ignored while the two main political parties in our nation engaged in a power struggle. Thankfully, that struggle seems to have been resolved—on the surface anyway—and I am pleased that this legislation is now progressing. It is long overdue.

When we look at the needs of people with disabilities and the provisions of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, it is puzzling why it has taken so long for this legislation to progress. Some of the issues relating to people with disability are so obvious, it is difficult to understand why they were ignored and not resolved even in stages. The Hon. Paul Green read Paul's story into *Hansard*. It is a very sad commentary on our system, which seems to be set up to make life difficult for people with disabilities rather than to assist them. I am pleased

that we have now reached agreement with this legislation, which will greatly assist people with disabilities and hopefully give them the support they need to live their lives the way they want. The legislation will benefit more than 140,000 people with disability in New South Wales and many thousands across Australia.

The New South Wales commitment of \$3.1 billion will be directed exclusively to enable people with disability to plan individual funding packages to purchase supports based on an assessment of their capacity and circumstances. The Commonwealth will provide \$3.3 billion, making total funding of \$6.4 billion. Both the Commonwealth and the State are to be commended for their substantial contributions to the disability sector. The bill will help to achieve critical objectives: to ensure that the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme delivers maximum continuity of services for people with disability as they make decisions about their future; to promote the retention of a skilled disability services workforce; and to maximise the capacity of the disability services sector.

As members know, the Government already funds and delivers support to more than 90,000 people with disabilities across New South Wales. I have had a fair bit of contact with a number of those people in various ways, particularly at what was the Ryde Centre. In the old days when we had institutionalised care, many people with disabilities were

living there, until the change to group homes and so on. But it meant I could see how people with various types of disabilities were coping with life. The Home Care Service of NSW is the largest organisation of its kind in the country and delivers community care support to 50,000 older people and people with disabilities to enable them to remain in their own home. That must be commended. Most people want to stay in their own home. The 14,000 staff who currently work in the government sector to deliver services to people with disabilities are highly experienced and trained.

I know there is concern about their future because of the transfer of responsibility from the State to the Commonwealth, and the impact of that on their roles, their future, their income and working conditions. I am sure we will hear more about that from the Deputy Leader of the Opposition in due course. Hopefully, there will be no reduction or diminution in what those people currently receive. Indeed, there should be an increase, if anything. For this legislation to be successful, it is important that it helicopters cross-party support. This issue is too important to fail. The Commonwealth has a sad record of past failures in various ways, which I do not need to detail now. We want the National Disability Insurance Scheme to be not a failure but a great success for people who suffer with disabilities. They should not expect anything less than successful completion and implementation of this program. I am pleased to support it.

Rev Fred Nile Calls for Action to Stop Illegal Tobacco Importation

In his question to the NSW Parliament on Tuesday 12 November 2013, Mr Nile asked the following:

ILLEGAL TOBACCO IMPORTATION

Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE: I ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services a question without notice. Is the Government aware that KPMG estimates that 1,433 tonnes of illegal tobacco has entered Australia in the past 12 months, up 154 per cent, and also calculates that illegal tobacco now comprises 13.3 per cent of Australian sales, close to the market share enjoyed by the world's biggest manufacturer, Imperial Tobacco? Is the Government aware also that the Australian Crime Commission reported that organised crime was involved in the importation of illegal tobacco? What are the Government's plans to control the growth of illegal tobacco, which completely undermines the current warning labels on legal cigarette packets and threatens the health of New South Wales citizens?

The Hon. MICHAEL GALLACHER: That is a very good question indeed. The member asks what the State Government is doing to ensure that this issue is given the primacy that it deserves. It has been evident that over the past couple of years we significantly prosecuted the case, albeit unsuccessfully, for a greater focus by the former Federal Labor Government on our borders, because if it is guns it could easily be drugs, if it is drugs it could easily be some other illegal substance, or in this case, as the member has rightly identified, tobacco. It could well be steroids, it could well be growth hormones or it could well be precursors for some other substances.

The member should take some comfort in the knowledge that the Abbott-led Federal Government has recognised that money needs to be injected into Customs to protect our maritime nation. We are a maritime nation; invariably, 99 per cent of all cargo comes in through our ports, as opposed to our airports. The quantity of tobacco that the member spoke of is equivalent to 20 shipping containers full of illegal tobacco coming into this country and making its way onto the streets. I am encouraged by the messages of support and the language I hear from the new Federal Government about its commitment to a greater focus on protecting our borders to ensure the detection of illegal tobacco, handguns, drugs or some other product being smuggled into this country.

Reverend the Hon. Fred Nile: What is this Government doing as well?

The Hon. MICHAEL GALLACHER: I thank the honourable member for his supplementary question. Rest assured that policing agencies not only in New South Wales but also around the country are very aware of the criminal trafficking of tobacco into this country, in the same way that other items are being trafficked into the country. In respect of seizures by police, I will seek advice from the NSW Police Force in relation to its events, arrests or seizures over the past few years. Many of these activities are undertaken in tandem with Customs and the Australian Federal Police. So, whilst the illegal tobacco may come into New South Wales, it might well be destined for some other part of the country. But I will seek advice in relation to the specifics and the excellent work being done by police in that area.

Rev Fred Nile Calls for Increased Police Law Enforcement Powers

In his speech to the NSW Parliament on Thursday 24 October 2013, Mr Nile stated the following:

LAW ENFORCEMENT (POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES) ACT 2002

Reverend the Hon FRED NILE: My question is addressed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Hon Michael Gallacher. Can the Government report on the controversial Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002, known as LEPR, introduced by the Carr Labor Government in 2002? How has this legislation handcuffed police for the past 11 years and prevented them from clearing out the violent and antisocial elements controlling our streets? Can the Government also report on the strict guidelines police must follow before they can arrest an offender—

The Hon Amanda Fazio: Point of order: The question clearly contains argument. It should be ruled out of order.

The Hon Michael Gallacher: To the point of order: Having listened to the question, I am in a position to answer that part of the question I believe to be in order.

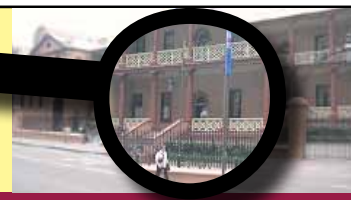
The PRESIDENT: The word "handcuffed" is argument. The Leader of the Government has obviously been listening assiduously to my rulings. Reverend the Hon. Fred Nile will not be able to conclude his question because his time has expired but the Minister can respond if he has sufficient information.

The Hon. MICHAEL GALLACHER: I thank the member for his question. On 10 October Premier O'Farrell appointed former Minister for Police, the Hon. Paul Whelan, and former Shadow Attorney General, Mr Andrew Tink, to provide urgent advice on police powers in the Law Enforcement (Powers and

Responsibilities) Act 2002, commonly known as LEPR. One could not get two better people who support the NSW Police Force and who are legally qualified to do such fine work. I am pleased that Mr David Shoebridge has arrived in time to hear me comment about legally qualified people who support the NSW Police Force.

Addressing the long-held police concerns about arrest powers in section 99 of the Act is central to the review. Addressing the complexity of part 9 and section 201 is also critical in the review. A report on section 99 is due in coming days; a report on part 9 and section 201 will follow as soon as possible. The complete report is due in early December, and we all await it. Those on this side of the House are very keen to see the report of former Minister for Police, the Hon. Paul Whelan, and former Shadow Attorney General, Mr Andrew Tink, which will review the concerns that have been raised and ensure that there is some clarity.

Other members believe that police powers need to be wound back. They would like to "reapply the handcuffs"—that was the analogy used not so long ago in relation to this legislation. If The Greens, and Mr David Shoebridge in particular, get their way, the Act will be known not as LEPR but as "leprosy". The police will have an unworkable piece of legislation if The Greens have their way. The saving grace is that police know they have a number of champions on the crossbench who are great supporters of them: Reverend the Hon. Fred Nile and the Hon. Paul Green from the Christian Democratic Party, and the members of the Shooters and Fishers Party. I am sure that they too look forward to the findings of the review undertaken by Paul Whelan and Andrew Tink.



Rev Fred Nile Expresses Concern over Home Schooling Changes

In answer my question on 19 September 2013 – the Government responded in NSW Parliament on Thursday 24 October 2013:

HOME SCHOOLING INFORMATION PACK

The Hon DUNCAN GAY: On 19 September 2013 Reverend the Hon. Fred Nile asked me a question regarding a home schooling information pack. The Minister for Education has provided the following response:

(1-4) The Office of the Board of Studies [the office] is responsible for administering the provisions of the Education Act 1990 [the Act] for home schooling registration. The requirements and processes for registration are described in the office's Registration for Home Schooling in NSW—Information Package [the information package] as published on the Board of Studies' website. Applications for home schooling are assessed by authorised persons appointed by the office under the Act.

From time to time, the information package is amended. Previous amendments have reflected the increased school leaving age and the introduction of registration for years of schooling. The most recently updated information package was published on the Board of Studies' website in August 2013.

The main reason for updating the information package was to provide information about the staged implementation of new Kindergarten to year 10 board syllabuses in English,

mathematics, science and history from 2014 to reflect the Australian curriculum.

All children in New South Wales have to follow an educational program based on the board's syllabuses in force at any given time regardless of whether they are in school or being home schooled.

The updated information package also responds to requests from parents for clarification and more explicit information about the requirements and processes for home schooling registration.

The updated information package also has regard to suggestions made by the NSW Ombudsman to improve the openness and transparency of the registration process and to raise awareness of home schooling applicants of the way in which home schooling is monitored in New South Wales.

The clarified and explicit information has not changed the requirements for home schooling registration.

(5) Extensive and open consultation was conducted during the development of the new syllabuses. Information about the development and publication of the syllabuses has been available on the board's website for more than a year. In August and November 2012 the peak body for home schoolers, the Home Education Network, provided information for families about the development and publication of the new syllabuses. The office's authorised persons have been discussing the new board syllabuses with

home schooling families for more than a year.

In July and September 2013 board officers met with the Home Education Association to discuss the updated information package and other relevant issues. In September board officers also met with the Sydney Home Education Network [SHEN], another peak body in New South Wales. Further meetings with these peak bodies are planned. The office continues to be open to consideration of matters raised by the Home Education Association, Sydney Home Education Network and other home schoolers.

The office is aware that there are differing views about the updated information package within the home schooling community.

The office has published additional information on the home schooling page of the board's website in the form of questions and answers in response to issues raised in correspondence and on social media to explain areas that may be unclear and to clarify any misunderstandings. The link to the home schooling page follows: <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/parents/home-schooling.html>

For home schooling families who were meeting the requirements for registration prior to the publication of the updated information package, the updated information package has not created a need to change the approach to home schooling; nor has it created less flexibility; nor has it made it harder to be registered.

Rev Fred Nile Calls for Total Ban on Smoking in Cars to Prevent Bushfires and Accidents

In his speech to the NSW Parliament on Thursday 21 November 2013, Rev Nile states **RURAL FIRES AMENDMENT BILL 2013**

Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE [12.16 p.m.]: I speak on behalf of the Christian Democratic Party and support my colleague the Hon. Paul Green. I draw the attention of the House to the two new offences created by this legislation covering littering involving cigarettes, matches or other material and providing for an aggravated offence and a higher penalty where such littering is carried out on days when a total fire ban is in place. The Minister and others have referred to problems caused by people smoking in cars and then throwing their cigarettes out

the window. We have heard evidence of the many times that such a cigarette has started a bushfire. As members know, I successfully moved a bill which was originally drafted to ban smoking in cars but which was amended by the Parliament to provide that the ban would apply only if children were in the car.

That was a major watering down of the purpose of the bill, which was to prevent the smoking of cigarettes and people throwing cigarettes out the window which could lead to a bushfire and accidents occurring because a driver is distracted by trying to light a cigarette, or by ash falling onto their lap. Drivers who smoke could have hot ash fall into their lap and when they try to brush it off they could

look away from the road and have a collision. In view of the legislation before the House today, I hope the Government will reconsider that bill and amended this bill provide for a total ban on smoking in cars. The provisions banning smoking in cars carrying children have not caused any problems in New South Wales and they have been observed by the community. I do not think that puts added pressure on the NSW Police Force, because once laws are passed the people of this State and Australia observe and obey them.

I conclude by expressing the great annoyance that I experience at the constant attacks on Prime Minister Tony Abbott by Mr Adam Bandt, The Greens

Federal member for Melbourne. Mr Bandt blames the Prime Minister for almost every disaster that occurs around the world, including the recent typhoon in the Philippines—a tragedy that has seen a massive loss of life. He says the Prime Minister should be called "Typhoon Tony". I believe that is irresponsible and I hope Mr Bandt will review his statements. As a prominent member of the Federal Parliament and the only Greens member of Parliament, he should be brought into line by The Greens and disciplined for his constant statements about the Prime Minister. I hope that The Greens members of the upper House will disassociate themselves from his statements.

REV FRED NILE SUPPORTS ICAC IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION INTO CORRUPTION

In his speech to the NSW Parliament on Tuesday 29 October 2013, Mr Nile stated the following:

COMMITTEE ON THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION REPORT

Reverend the Hon Fred Nile, as Chair, tabled report No. 4/55 entitled, "Review of the 2011-2012 Annual Report of the Independent Commission Against Corruption", dated October 2013.

Ordered to be printed on motion by Reverend the Hon Fred Nile.

Reverend the Hon FRED NILE [5.06 p.m.]: I move:

That the House take note of the report. The committee notes a number of

changes that will affect the activities of the Independent Commission Against Corruption. Mr Mark Speakman retired as chairman of the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption and was replaced by Mr Dominic Perrottet. In its public hearings the committee always raises questions about Independent Commission Against Corruption investigations and resulting prosecutions. I urge members to read the relevant section of the report in which the Inspector of the Independent Commission Against Corruption stated:

I get people who say, "This is just a sham; those people won't be charged." When you explain to them, "They don't have to be

charged, that is not ICAC's function; the Commission's function is to determine the facts and then it is up to other people to decide whether there is evidence", they understand. They also understand that the Independent Commission Against Corruption can make findings on evidence that would not be admissible at a criminal trial.

The Commissioner echoed the views of the Inspector when commenting on public perceptions, stating that it was "quite unfair to blame the Commission for failure to get convictions."

The Committee enquired as to whether the ICAC considers the likelihood of conviction when determining whether to conduct a public inquiry. The Commissioner responded

that the overriding factor in determining whether or not to have an inquiry was the likely possibility of being able to expose potential corruption, not the possibility of a conviction ...

That matter is covered in detail in the report, which I urge all members to read. The Inspector of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Hon. Harvey Cooper is retiring. The Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Hon. David Ipp, is also retiring. On behalf of the Committee and the House I thank them for their considerable input into their respective roles and for the diligent way in which they carried out their duties.



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Citizens' Legislation Action

Rev Hon Fred Nile and the Hon Paul Green are seeking the Lord's guidance and your support in dealing with the challenges and opportunities facing NSW.

1. FIVE NEW CDP PROLIFE BILLS

In February 2013 the Christian Democratic Party Leader Rev Fred Nile launched a major prolife campaign to save the lives of unborn children in the womb, in addition to seeking the enforcement of the NSW Crime Act that prohibits abortions and seeking the abolition of Medicare funding for abortions.

The five CDP Prolife Bills are listed below:

1. That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to require women who are considering terminating a viable pregnancy to undergo counselling and to view an ultrasound of their unborn child. – Pregnancy Termination (Mandatory Counselling) Bill
2. That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Crimes Act 1900 to prohibit conduct that causes serious harm to or the destruction of a child in utero; and for other purposes. – Crimes Amendment (Zoe's Law) Bill
3. That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to require women seeking an abortion to be informed that the procedure may cause pain to the child in utero. – Pregnancy Termination (Information About Pain to Child in Utero) Bill
4. That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to require

the reporting of pregnancy termination and prohibit the termination of any pregnancy on grounds of sex or racial makeup of an embryo or foetus; and for other purpose. – Pregnancy Termination (Reporting and Reasons for Termination) Bill

5. That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Crimes Act 1900 to prohibit the destruction of any child in utero with a detectable heartbeat. - Crimes Amendment (Prenatal Termination) Bill

ACTION: Write to the Premier Barry O'Farrell with copy to your local state MP and upper house members urging support for these five CDP Prolife bills.

2. NSW SAME-SEX HOMOSEXUAL "MARRIAGE" BILLS

On Tuesday 20 November 2012, three Upper House Members, including Penny Sharp (ALP) and Trevor Khan (National Party), introduced Same Sex Homosexual 'Marriage' Private Members' Bills which have now been referred to the Social Issue Committee to investigate the legality of these Bills, and we thank God this Bill was defeated 21 to 19 votes. This Committee has reported that there is no legal reason why NSW cannot introduce its own Same-Sex Marriage Bill.

ACTION: Write to Premier Barry O'Farrell, asking him to make the vote on these Bills an official Coalition vote against these Same Sex 'marriage' Bills NOT a conscience vote.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF CDP CURRENT BILLS

1. Alcoholic Beverages Advertising Prohibition Bill
2. Liquor Amendment (Drinking Age) Bill
3. Liquor Amendment (Health Warning for Pregnant Women) Bill
4. Gambling Advertising Prohibition Bill
5. Drug and Alcohol Treatment Amendment (Rehabilitation of Persons with Severe Substance Dependence) Bill
6. State Senate Bill
7. Sex Services Advertising Prohibition Bill
8. Family Impact Commission Bill
9. Summary Offences Amendment (Full-face Coverings Prohibition) Bill
10. Adoption Amendment (Same Sex Couples Repeal) Bill
11. Crimes Amendment (Soliciting Sex for Payment) Bill
12. Crimes Amendment (Incitement or Promotion of Terrorism and Violence) Bill
13. Child Protection (Nicole's Law) Bill
14. Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Enforcement Amendment (Banning Restricted X Rated Films) Bill
15. Pregnancy Termination (Mandatory Counselling) Bill
16. Crimes Amendment (Pre-natal Termination) Bill
17. Crimes Amendment (Zoe's Law) Bill
18. Drug Misuse and Trafficking Amendment (Injecting Centre Repeal) Bill
19. Constitution Amendment (Restoration of Oaths of Allegiance) Bill
20. St Shenouda Coptic Orthodox Monastery (NSW) Property Trust Bill

FRED NILE'S PARLIAMENTARY UPDATE



Media Releases:

- Rev Fred Nile supports the Cancer Council's Relay for Life on the second anniversary of the death of his late wife, Elaine Nile, to cancer
- Rev Fred Nile opposes harsh native vegetation legislation
- Rev Fred Nile calls for action to stop illegal tobacco importation
- Rev Fred Nile supports Police Promotions Bills
- Rev Fred Nile supports Police Promotions Bills
- Rev Fred Nile supports new NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal
- Rev Fred Nile supports improved funding for Non-Government Schools
- Rev Fred Nile supports improved Home Buyers Grants
- Rev Fred Nile urged Government to implement ICAC recommendations
- Rev Fred Nile supports Christian Coronation Service Victory For the God-given Institution of Marriage
- Rev Fred Nile strongly defends reparative therapy for homosexuals
- Rev Fred Nile urges replacement of manual mechanical beds in NSW Hospitals
- Rev Fred Nile opposes 457 visa for foreign prostitutes
- Rev Fred Nile calls for action to stop illegal tobacco importation
- Rev Fred Nile supports strong Christian counselling provisions at Barangaroo Crown Resort
- Crown Resort Passes NSW Parliament
- Zoe's Bill Passes Legislative Assembly
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- Rev Fred Nile Condemns ACT Government High Court Invalidates ACT Same Sex Marriage Law

Questions Without Notice:

- Rev Fred Nile urges action to reduce increased HIV rate
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Speeches:

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- Defeat of Same-Sex marriage in Tasmania - Now NSW Parliament debates Same-Sex homosexual "Marriage" Bill
- Rev Fred Nile commemorates the historical Light Horse Victory at Beersheba, Gaza, 31 October 1917
- Rev Fred Nile devastating attack on Same-Sex Homosexual "Marriage" Bill
- Rev Fred Nile supports the Cancer Council's Relay for Life on the second anniversary of the death of his late wife, Elaine Nile, to cancer
- Rev Fred Nile opposes harsh native vegetation legislation
- Rev Fred Nile supports Police Promotions Bills
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- Rev Fred Nile supports new NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal
- Rev Fred Nile supports improved funding for Non-

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- Rev Fred Nile strongly defends reparative therapy for homosexuals
- Rev Fred Nile supports improved Home Buyers Grants
- Rev Fred Nile supports strong Christian counselling provisions at Barangaroo Crown Resort
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2014 Committees:

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 - Gambling Inquiry - Chairman Fred Nile
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