



# APOLOGY TO THE PEOPLE OF NEW SOUTH WALES

The Liberal Party organisation apologises to the people of New South Wales for the extraordinary and reprehensible conduct of a small number of its elected representatives, members and activists which has been revealed during the current inquiry by the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

The revelations have disgusted the honest, law abiding Parliamentarians, elected office bearers, members, donors and supporters of the Liberal Party.

The people of NSW have every reason to be deeply disappointed and angry at those responsible.

The central Party organisation has at all times cooperated with the ICAC inquiry and will continue to do so.

At the Premier's initiative and in recognition of the seriousness of the matters being dealt with at ICAC, the finances of the Party are being administered by The Hon. John Fahey AC.

The Party is also being assisted in identifying and remedying structural, organisational or procedural failings in its compliance with the law by a former Executive Director of the ICAC Investigation Division Mr Michael Symons.

These problems occurred four years ago.

Strong probity checks and processes are now in place.

The recent revelations, which resulted in the resignations from the Parliament of two MPs, require more than this apology or remedial action to prevent past problems in the future.

Accordingly, as an explicit act of atonement, the Liberal Party will not contest the Newcastle and Charlestown by-elections.

The Liberal Party organisation is now putting its house in order, so that at the next general election, it can in good conscience ask the people of NSW to again give us their trust and complete the task they gave us to do.

**Tony Nutt**

State Director

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