

Labor launches campaign on Central Coast with new commitments for hospitals, roads, jobs and environment

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NSW Labor Leader Luke Foley has officially launched Labor's Central Coast campaign in Gosford today.

Major policy announcements at the launch were highlighted by **a record investment of more than half a billion dollars to redevelop Central Coast Hospitals for the future and boost ambulance services** without privatising the electricity network.

- \$568 million to redevelop Gosford and Wyong Hospitals for the future – without privatising electricity;
- A brand new Nurse Walk-in Centre on the Coast that would be open seven days a week from 7.30am to 10pm and take some of the pressure off Gosford and Wyong Hospitals;
- An expanded Ambulance Service on the Coast with 500 new paramedics recruited state-wide between 2015 and 2019;
- \$100 million to upgrade the Pacific Highway between Ourimbah and Lisarow and \$45 million to complete the Warnervale Link Road – without privatising electricity;
- Completion of the West Gosford Interchange, intersection upgrades to Wyong Road, the Central Coast Highway at East Gosford and the Terrigal Drive Upgrade;
- \$12 million for a Gosford Performing Arts Centre;
- Racing tax relief for clubs at Wyong and Gosford – with the aim of creating a standalone Sydney Saturday race day at Gosford and boosting visitor and tourism numbers;
- Central Coast Jobs Summit in view of the 28 per cent teenage unemployment rate;
- Investigate bringing a new Government Department to the Central Coast;
- An immediate moratorium on coal seam gas activity on the Central Coast – extending to cover Mangrove Mountain;
- A permanent legislated ban on the Wallarah 2 mine;
- \$2 million to clean up Tuggerah Lakes, mitigating stormwater pollution, foreshore erosion and loss of wetlands and marine life; and
- Commitment to preserve and enhance Peat Island as public space, rejecting the Liberals' push to sell it off to developers and drop in multi-storey apartments.

Mr Foley was joined at the launch by Deputy Labor Leader and Shadow Minister for the Central Coast Linda Burney and candidates David Harris (Wyong), Kathy Smith (Gosford), David Mehan (The Entrance), Yasmin Catley (Swansea) and Jeff Sundstrom (Terrigal).

Quotes attributable to Labor Leader Luke Foley:

“The Coast has been let down by the Liberals over the last four years – and Labor will bring a new approach to the Central Coast.

“Labor will invest in the local hospitals and schools of tomorrow on the Coast – and we won’t privatise the electricity network.

“Labor’s vision for the Coast is simple – we don’t want people to feel forced to travel down to Sydney every day. We want them to be able to live, study, work and achieve their dreams right here.

“At this election, we’re proposing a unprecedented plan to invest in the Central Coast.

“Labor will keep the electricity network in public hands. Unlike Mike Baird, we won’t sell off Ausgrid, supplier of power to every Coast home and every Coast business.

“We’ll use the profits our electricity network makes to fund improved services on the Coast – modernising Wyong and Gosford Hospitals and taking care to resource them long after the upgrades are done.

“Mike Baird’s telling the people of the Coast, cop the privatisation of electricity and we will buy you off with a road. People shouldn’t have to accept that blackmail.

“We’ll reserve \$100 million to upgrade the Pacific Highway between Lisarow and Ourimbah and another \$45 million to complete the Warnervale Link Road – and we’ll do it without privatising electricity.

“A 28 per cent teenage youth unemployment rate on the Coast is absolutely unacceptable.

“My strategy to grow jobs on the Coast includes racing tax relief to help Wyong and Gosford clubs diversify their operations and attract more visitors. That doesn’t simply mean more jobs at the track – it means jobs in hospitality, tourism and events.

“A standalone major Sydney Saturday race meet at Gosford would be the highlight of the region’s sporting calendar – and I’m determined to achieve it.

“A Foley Labor Government will rejuvenate Wyong and Gosford town centres. The Liberals took away scores of jobs at WorkCover, I’m interested in bringing a Government department or agency back.

“The Liberals’ broken promise over the Wallarah 2 mine will live long in infamy on the Central Coast.

“Labor will legislate a permanent ban on Wallarah 2, we’ll preserve Peat Island from overdevelopment and we’ll impose a moratorium on coal seam gas activity on the Coast – covering Mangrove Mountain. This is the strongest environmental platform Labor has ever put to the people of this region at an election.”

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