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NSW OPPOSITION CONDEMNED FOR VOTE AGAINST CLUBS

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NSW Labor and the Greens should be condemned for their vote against a Parliamentary motion calling on the Prime Minister to abandon her deal with Tasmanian Independent Andrew Wilkie 'which will harm the New South Wales clubs', Minister for Tourism and Hospitality, George Souris said.

The motion also asked the Opposition leader to declare whether he supported the mandatory or voluntary pre-commitment scheme.

"It is shameful and contemptible that 19 Labor MP's and the lone Green MP voted against this motion which simply asked Members to show solidarity with the club movement, its members, employees and the communities they support, Mr Souris said".

"The Member for Liverpool's attempt to introduce an amendment claiming this was a Federal issue that should not be debated in the NSW Parliament demonstrates breath-taking ignorance which must surely outrage the thousands of club members in his electorate and those many community organisations which benefit from those clubs.

"The same goes for the other 18 Labor MP's and the Balmain Green who cynically voted against supporting NSW clubs.

"The position of the NSW Opposition is not supported by their Labor colleagues from other states.

"At the recent COAG meeting in Canberra, all States and Territories, including the three Labor States, voted against the Gillard/Wilkie scheme and for voluntary pre-commitment".

Mr Souris said the NSW Opposition Leader, John Robertson and his colleagues, should now be held to account for their attitude in abandoning State rights and the interests of their constituents.

Mr Souris pointed out that there were about 1400 clubs in NSW with a combined membership of almost six million and employing 45,000.

"It is estimated that the Gillard/Wilkie scheme would cost at least 16,000 jobs and about \$3 billion in technology installation costs and loss of revenue.

"All club members and the many beneficiaries of clubs' community support in these Labor electorates should contact their local members and let them know just what they think of their decision not to show the same support that their interstate colleagues have shown.

“I can assure the public that the Liberal/National Government will never abandon the interests of NSW clubs and will do everything in our power to overturn this ill-conceived and dangerous Gillard/Wilkie scheme”.

Below is a list of those who opposed supporting the NSW Club Movement and some vital statistics:

Electorate	MP	Clubs	Employees	Members	Volunteers	Installation Costs	Revenue Reduction	Job Losses
Auburn	Barbara Perry	11	370	82,726	427	\$13,000,000	\$21,400,000	256
Balmain (Green)	Jamie Parker	6	108	20,638	165	\$4,100,000	\$4,600,000	55
Bankstown	Tania Mihailuk	9	844	136,500	487	\$27,400,000	\$51,800,000	621
Blacktown	John Robertson	3	306	70,367	210	\$11,400,000	\$20,500,000	245
Cabramatta	Nick Lalich	13	1210	178,670	719	\$31,400,000	\$70,300,000	842
Canterbury	Linda Burney	9	367	44,780	377	\$9,800,000	\$15,200,000	182
Cessnock	Clayton Barr	20	409	49,131	714	\$13,200,000	\$11,600,000	139
Fairfield	Guy Zangari	7	455	38,512	358	\$12,600,000	\$25,800,000	309
Heffron	Kristina Keneally	10	176	21,032	308	\$3,000,000	\$1,700,000	20
Keira	Ryan Park	12	317	29,758	414	\$8,100,000	\$7,400,000	89
Kogarah	Cherie Burton	8	174	19,379	266	\$5,200,000	\$5,900,000	70
Lakemba	Robert Furolo	11	593	50,223	439	\$17,000,000	\$35,300,000	423
Liverpool	Paul Lynch	6	333	56,899	266	\$10,400,000	\$18,000,000	215
Macquarie Fields	Andrew McDonald	1	13	1,491	48	\$585,000	\$687,000	8
Maroubra	Michael Daley	14	592	76,754	543	\$15,000,000	\$21,000,000	252
Marrickville	Carmel Tebbutt	9	148	18,334	214	\$4,700,000	\$5,100,000	62
Mt Druitt	Richard Amery	3	432	58,164	189	\$13,200,000	\$21,200,000	253
Shellharbour	Anna Watson	8	596	75,962	319	\$13,600,000	\$17,100,000	205
Toongabbie	Nathan Rees	4	319	64,410	242	\$11,400,000	\$19,100,000	229
Wallsend	Sonia Homery	9	251	31,053	247	\$6,200,000	\$6,700,000	80
Wollongong	Noreen Hay	20	805	117,816	712	\$25,500,000	\$27,600,000	330
TOTAL		193	8,818	2,242,599	7,664	\$256,785,000	\$407,987,000	4885