

NSW Budget Reply June 2015

On Thursday 25 June the NSW Opposition Leader Luke Foley MP delivered the Opposition's response to the NSW Budget.

Mr Foley said jobs growth and innovation are the key focus of NSW Labor's policy platform.

Mr Foley's Budget Reply is available [here](#).

Public Services

Mr Foley expressed concern at the Federal Government's \$25 billion cuts to health and education in NSW. The Opposition is deeply concerned that the NSW Government had no plan to deal with the impact of these cuts to the budget bottom line.

He said NSW Labor maintained opposition to the sale of public electricity assets.

Infrastructure

Mr Foley said the Opposition maintained commitment to the Western Sydney Airport as a driver of jobs and tourism, and called on both the Federal and NSW Governments to ensure that the Western Sydney Airport was serviced by rail.

Higher Education

Mr Foley believes that exporting training expertise to international trade partners would stimulate innovation and increase investment.

Mr Foley also condemned the Government for a decrease in both TAFE staff and student numbers since they came to power in 2011.

Housing

Transferring more community housing to the not-for-profit sector was identified by Mr Foley as an opportunity to deliver better services and build on the successes of the community housing associations in this area.



The Shared Economy

Mr Foley said he intended to introduce a private members bill to regulate 'shared economy' businesses such as Uber and Airbnb. He said that the ride-sharing industry would continue to grow, and more consumer protection was in the public interest.

Labor's Policy Priorities

Mr Foley stated that the Opposition was committed to developing new ideas for public service delivery, capitalising on opportunities from the Asian Century and more economic development in regional NSW.

Further information

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