

Political Briefings: - Barry O'Farrell MP, NSW Leader of the Opposition:
Thursday 27th May 2010

1) Libertarian and Progressive Conservatism:

Concept/Strategy as stated to Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Julie Bishop MP, re Chief of Staff emails in late 2009 for then Federal Leader of Opposition, Malcolm Turnbull MP.

2) Tailored Policies/Programmes:

Obviously the Federal and NSW political, economic, social and cultural circumstances are different or at least not exactly the same. Sydney's "regionalism" has historical peculiarities as the "founding city" of the nation. Sydney always looked to the Mother Country, UK, and its colonial "off-shoots: in Tasmania, Victoria, New Zealand and Queensland, and through them to the Pacific Islands in the South West Pacific. NSW was predominantly Free Trade in perspective rather than Protectionist as in Victoria.

3) Political Parties in New South Wales:

The ALP – since Sir William McKell MP, Premier 1941-47

- a) McKell to Renshaw - Premiers 1941-65
- b) Wran and Unsworth – Premiers 1976-88
- c) Carr to Keneally – Premiers 1995-2011

The Liberal Party – since Sir Robert Askin MP, Premier 1965-75

- a) Pre WW11 – Bertram Stevens 1932-39
- b) The Bob Askin years - a decade of alleged "corruption".
- c) Greiner and Fahey – 1988-1995

4) Barry O'Farrell – State Leader of the Opposition:

a) Comment by Nick Greiner:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/opinion/election-is-the-only-opinion-poll-that-matters/story-e6frg6zo-1225869365983>

b) The Rudd/Abbott contest for PM -2010

c) Three/four terms of 'Good' Liberal Party Government – 2011/27

5) ACCCI Interests

- a) NSW is "in" the Trade Business – Ministry for Foreign Economic Relations
- b) Greater Sydney as a World City – one Mayor, many Deputies.
- c) Regional perspectives beyond Canberra - Cocos Island to Apia, Samoa
- d) Indauspac – Leading Australia and not a "dead weight".

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