



Sharon Grierson MP
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NSW ALP Conference

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson says the weekend's NSW ALP Conference has confirmed the importance of listening to the Party's rank and file membership.

Ms Grierson, who yesterday voted to uphold the Party's platform of opposition to the privatisation of essential services, said the debate reflected community concern about finding the best way to sustain affordable and reliable energy supply in a carbon-constrained future.

"Conference today reaffirmed yesterday's decision supporting the Party policy and platform which opposes privatisation of essential services, and called for an urgent meeting of the Party officers and the four NSW parliamentary leaders to consider this issue further," Ms Grierson said.

"Future energy supplies in a carbon constrained environment need to be carefully planned and managed – we should not be leaving that vital role solely to the private sector."

The conference also saw the election of Sharon Claydon, an electorate officer for Ms Grierson and a passionate rank and file ALP member, to the powerful state administrative committee.

"Sharon's election means our region now has a strong, experienced voice on the administrative committee to represent rank and file members in Sydney."

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