



Sharon Grierson MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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ONE YEAR REPORT CARD & FUTURE AGENDA FOR NEWCASTLE

On the last sitting day for 2008, Sharon Grierson MP has outlined to the Parliament her report card on the first 12 months of the Rudd Labor Government and her agenda for Newcastle's future.

Ms Grierson told Parliament that she was on track to deliver her election commitments to the people of Newcastle in the critical areas of infrastructure, health and education.

"These are the big issues that affect people's daily lives, and I'm proud that the Government has delivered for Novocastrians in our first 12 months," Ms Grierson said.

"We've also killed off the Work Choices laws that the people of Newcastle hated, and made big investments in finding climate change solutions – both at the local and national levels."

Ms Grierson said that delivering on these election commitments in the first year was an excellent base on which to build the future agenda for Newcastle.

"That the Prime Minister bought his Cabinet to the people of Newcastle in September shows our commitment to making our region a participant in the big issues facing the nation."

"It's been wonderful to work with local stakeholders and the community over many years to build our local expertise and advocacy around issues like sustainable energy, research and the knowledge economy, service and manufacturing innovation, legal and family support services, and local infrastructure investment."

"I'll keep building these agendas to ensure Newcastle is a sustainable, productive, compassionate and innovative city."

Sharon's 12 Month Report Card for Newcastle and statement to Parliament are attached.

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