

PAUL SCULLY'S WOLLONGONG WRAP UP



Office & Mail: Suite 2S, Rear Ground Floor, 111 Crown Street, Wollongong, NSW 2500
Phone: (02) 4226 5700 **Fax:** (02) 4226 9963 **Web:** www.paulscullymp.com.au
Email: wollongong@parliament.nsw.gov.au **f** PaulScullyWollongong **t** @paulscullymp

Join the fight to keep the GONG SHUTTLE FREE

In June 2013, Gladys Berejiklian said: "Can I assure you that the Wollongong service will continue forever more."



Recently, the Berejiklian Liberal Government lobbed a surprise announcement on Wollongong – from 29 January 2018, the Free Gong Shuttle will

no longer be free.

Despite strong community anger, the Premier said in Question Time on 14 November 2017:

"The Illawarra has never had it so good."

The Free Gong Shuttle is a crucial part of Wollongong's public transport infrastructure.

It provides much needed transport services for students, pensioners, carers and other commuters for access to Wollongong Hospital, the University of Wollongong, Wollongong TAFE and the Wollongong CBD.

It reduces traffic congestion on our local roads.

No-one supports this decision by the Government.

My Parliamentary colleague, Member for Keira, Ryan Park MP, and I have launched a petition to **keep the Gong Shuttle Free.**

I urge you to sign the petition on the back page and get your friends and family members to do so as well.

Petitions are also available at my office at Suite 2S, 111 Crown St, Wollongong NSW 2500.

Together, as a united community, we can send the Premier a clear message: Keep the Gong Shuttle Free!



SAVE OUR FREE GONG SHUTTLE

THE FACTS

- ▶ The Gong Shuttle was introduced in March 2009 by the former Labor Government.
- ▶ Commuters can use it for free.
- ▶ The Free Gong Shuttle service links Wollongong Hospital, the University of Wollongong, TAFE and Wollongong CBD.
- ▶ It reduces congestion on our local roads.
- ▶ 3.3 million passengers use it every year.
- ▶ The Berejiklian Government announced recently that from 29 January 2018, using the Gong Shuttle would attract Opal Card fares.
- ▶ No-one in Wollongong supports the Berejiklian Government's decision.
- ▶ Wollongong City Council, the University of Wollongong, Illawarra Business Chamber, South Coast Labour Council, and Transport Workers Union have all condemned this decision.

INSIDE

- Community Wins: Shellharbour and Port Kembla Hospitals to remain in public hands (P2)
- Labor's Illawarra Jobs Plan (P3) ■ Save our Free Gong Shuttle – SIGN THE PETITION (P4)

COMMUNITY WINS

Shellharbour & Port Kembla Hospitals to remain in public hands

Following nearly 13 months of strong community campaigning, the Berejiklian Government finally back flipped and announced that Shellharbour and Port Kembla Public Hospitals will remain publicly-owned and run hospitals.



The Government had proposed making Shellharbour Public Hospital part of a public-private partnership (PPP) in a surprise announcement last year. This decision would also directly impact on services at Port Kembla Public Hospital.

It offered no further details on what health and hospital services would be available, except that a call for expressions of interest by for-profit health providers was under

consideration. Those expressions of interest remain secret.

NSW Labor Leader, Luke Foley MP, made clear at a public rally of nearly 1000 Illawarra residents that Shellharbour Public Hospital should remain a publicly-owned and run hospital and called for the Berejiklian Government to abandon its plans to privatise our health and hospital system.

I was very concerned that had the Government gone ahead with its privatisation plans, there would be increased pressure on the Illawarra's main regional hospital in Wollongong.

NSW Labor will now hold the Berejiklian Government to account on a firm timetable for the \$251 million upgrade of Shellharbour Hospital, which it promised at the March 2015 election.

This summer be safe and please swim between the flags



Labor's Illawarra Jobs Action Plan

Wollongong and the Illawarra are a priority for NSW Labor.



We have already announced a suite of policies to invest in the region's road and rail transport infrastructure, create more jobs, and expand business opportunities by linking up with Australia's third largest economy in south-west Sydney.

NSW LABOR'S POLICIES INCLUDE:

- ▶ Mandating the use of local, Australian-made steel in NSW Government infrastructure projects;
- ▶ \$50 million to upgrade the Appin Road;
- ▶ \$50 million in foundation capital and work with the private sector to progress construction of the Maldon-Dombarton rail link;
- ▶ \$50 million to upgrade the WIN Entertainment Centre;
- ▶ \$5 million to upgrade the Mt Keira Summit Park;
- ▶ \$40 million to build a new interchange at Springhill and Masters Roads;
- ▶ Relocating Liquor & Gaming NSW to Wollongong creating up to 200 new jobs;
- ▶ Re-establishing the Green Jobs initiative;



- ▶ \$5 million to build a Maker Space at the University of Wollongong's Innovation Campus; and
 - ▶ \$25 million to upgrade the Unanderra Station, including installing its lifts.
- NSW Labor's policy also includes restoring the Minister for the Illawarra position to NSW

Cabinet, as well as, an annual State of the Region Address and a Cabinet meeting held in the Illawarra.

Labor's *Illawarra Jobs Action Plan* can be found on my website at:
www.paulscullymp.com.au

IN CONTRAST

The Berejiklian Government has no plan for Wollongong*

***Source:** Answer to Question on Notice (Q 5875) published on 31 May 2017.

The Premier did not identify any projects in Wollongong funded through the \$20 billion Rebuilding NSW Infrastructure Program.

SAVE OUR FREE GONG SHUTTLE

SIGN THE PETITION

Support Paul Scully MP & Ryan Park MP in their fight to **Save our Free Shuttle**

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

This Petition of Wollongong residents brings to the attention of the House that we oppose the Berejiklian Government's proposal to introduce standard Opal fares on the currently Free Gong Shuttle from the 29 January 2018. The Free Gong Shuttle was introduced by the former Labor Government in March 2009 and has become an important part of Wollongong's transport and tourism infrastructure, as well as providing much needed public transport services for students, pensioners, carers and other commuters for access to Wollongong Hospital, the University of Wollongong, and the Wollongong Central Business District. It has also helped reduce traffic congestion on Wollongong streets. The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to oppose the Berejiklian Government's plans to introduce standard Opal fares and keep the Free Gong Shuttle free.

1	NAME:	MOBILE:	SIGNATURE:
	EMAIL:		
	ADDRESS:		
2	NAME:	MOBILE:	SIGNATURE:
	EMAIL:		
	ADDRESS:		



Please return completed petitions to: Suite 2S, 111 Crown Street, Wollongong NSW 2500.

For more information please contact Paul Scully's office on **4226 5700**.

For extra petitions please download and print from **www.paulscullymp.com.au**

Merry Christmas

As we head into the Christmas and New Year season, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy festive season and a prosperous 2018.

It has been an honour to represent to you in the NSW Parliament since I was elected last November at the Wollongong by-election.

I look forward to continuing to work hard for the people in the Wollongong electorate.

HERE TO HELP

Paul Scully MP, Your State Member for Wollongong

If I can help with any State Government matters please call my office on **(02) 4226 5700** or send an email to **wollongong@parliament.nsw.gov.au**

Office & Mail: Suite 2S, Rear Ground Floor, 111 Crown Street, Wollongong, NSW 2500

f Like Paul's page on facebook PaulScullyWollongong

t Follow Paul on Twitter @paulscullymp

Web: www.paulscullymp.com.au

