



Jenny Aitchison MP

Member for Maitland

Jenny Aitchison MP – Maitland Branch Report – 5 June 2017

May has been a very busy month, with Parliament sitting for 4 weeks.

Jenny has made the following speeches in Parliament and you can get copies from our office, website or facebook page:

- Community Recognition Statements Maitland and District Historical Society Fortieth Anniversary
- Bills - Second Reading Public Health (Medicinal Cannabis) Bill 2017
- Motions Regional Infrastructure Investment
- Matter of Public Importance Thyroid Disorders Awareness
- Private Members' Statements Student Sexual Assault
- Bills - Second Reading Crimes Amendment (Intimate Images) Bill 2017
- Community Recognition Statements Mindaribba Warriors Rugby League Team
- Motions Vivid Sydney
- Matter of Public Importance Ovarian Cancer
- Community Recognition Statements Tribute to Colleen Smith
- Community Recognition Statements Tribute to Les Darcy
- Bills - Second Reading Transport Administration Amendment (Closure of Railway Line Between Rosewood and Tumbarumba) Bill 2017
- Bills - Second Reading Crown Land Legislation Amendment Bill 2017
- Private Members' Statements Lower Hunter Hospital, Maitland
- Motions Accorded Priority - Priority Racism
- Matter of Public Importance National Domestic Violence Remembrance Day
- Community Recognition Statements Tribute to Merle Phillips
- Motions Accorded Priority - Priority Rural and Regional Roads
- Question Time North Coast Floods

Lower Hunter Hospital Petition

Last week Jenny lodged the Lower Hunter Hospital petition in Parliament and was joined by members of the HSU NSW, NSW Nurses and Midwives Association and the Australian Salaried Medical Officers' Federation who have been fighting against this government's unfair hospital privation agenda.

Broken Hill

Jenny was in Broken Hill as the NSW Premier re-announced the Murray River pipeline. Still no business case and no idea of what the water will cost at the tap for local residents.



Mobile Office

Held a mobile office at Tenambit recently. The next mobile office will be held on June 15 at the Shamrock Hill Multipurpose Centre.

Transpose DV

Jenny represented the Federal leader of the Opposition Bill Shorten MP and the NSW Leader of the Opposition Luke Foley at the launch of Transpose DV, an initiative of Nisreen Aqabani.

Fire and Emergency Services Levy

Yet another backflip by the Premier, this time on the Fire and Emergency Services Levy. The Levy was due to be introduced in a month but has thrown the community, Councils and insurers into chaos and confusion.

The new tax was in the words of the Treasurer, "the most significant reform of a generation", and yet after five years in the making the Government has waited until the eleventh hour to act.

Councils have been preparing to bundle the new tax in with rates notices. Householders and businesses were weighing up the cost and insurers were meant to have dropped their premiums in anticipation of its introduction on July 1.

Touted by the Premier and Treasurer as a fairer way of funding the state's fire and emergency services, the Government has faced a concerted backlash from householders who have seen their bills skyrocket.

Only now that the inequity of the tax has been exposed has the Premier and her Treasurer been prompted to act and go back to the drawing board.

There now hangs a question mark over the future funding of emergency services now that the tax has been shelved.

The latest backflip follows Mike Baird's infamous one on greyhounds last year and the Premier's u-turn on some Council amalgamations.

Media Releases

- Aitchison welcomes maintenance boost
- Wear orange Wednesday to support our SES
- Statement on the announcement of the retirement of Peter Blackmore
- NSW Labor reveals the true amount of demountable classrooms
- Encouraging nominations of local business women of the year for the 2017 Telstra Business Awards
- 10,000 signatures say keep our hospital public
- Morpeth Public School named as Water Catchers finalist
- Government pinching jobs from Maitland again
- Nell recognised at Jean Arnot luncheon
- Labor calls on minister to ensure kids are safe from sexual assault at school