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Dear Dr Klugman

Thank you for writing to the NSW Liberals and Nationals about the important issues and policies facing your members.

We are pleased to respond to your survey and the issues you have raised. Please find our response attached.

The NSW Liberals and Nationals have a clear goal - **Making NSW Number One Again.**

We have a strong Five Point Action Plan for government:

1. **Rebuilding the NSW economy:** through lower taxes and business growth;
2. **Returning quality services:** we will return quality services in areas such as health, transport, education and community safety;
3. **Renovating Infrastructure:** we will renovate the infrastructure that makes a difference to both our economy and people's lives;
4. **Restore accountability to government:** by giving people a say on issues that affect their lives; and
5. **Protect our local environment** and return planning powers to the community.

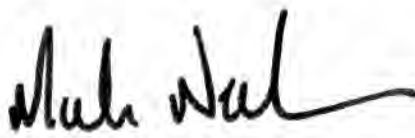
Throughout the election campaign we will be announcing further plans and policies to Make NSW Number One Again.

Find out more about our Action Plan at www.startthechange.com.au

Thank you again for providing the opportunity to outline our plans and policies.

Yours sincerely

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Response to Civil Liberties Australia

1) If elected, will you support the introduction of a Statutory Charter of Rights?

The NSW Liberals & Nationals do not support the introduction of a Statutory Charter of Rights.

2) If elected, will you support the move to repeal federal laws which allows the Federal Government to overturn of the rights of Territorians to self-determination?

As this is a matter for the Commonwealth, The NSW Liberals & Nationals have no plans on this issue.

3) If elected, will you support legislation setting limits on the ability of the Executive to go to, and continue at, war without parliamentary scrutiny and approval.

As this is a matter for the Commonwealth, the NSW Liberals & Nationals have no plans on this issue.

4) If elected, how would you ensure right to privacy from intrusive state and federal governments and bureaucrats is better protected?

The NSW Liberals & Nationals will enforce the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.

5) If elected, will you ensure that the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) and the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (SCAG) are transparent and accountable to the Australian public (by actively supporting the publishing of an agenda and minutes of meetings, as a minimum)?

The NSW Liberals & Nationals will maintain the present arrangements with COAG and SCAG and will endeavour to ensure that such meetings remain transparent and accountable to the Australian public.

6) If elected, will you conduct a review into Australia's Censorship regime to ensure that only criminal material is prohibited and that, to the greatest extent possible, adult Australians are able to read and view whatever they want - including on the internet?

The NSW Liberals & Nationals have no plans to change current censorship arrangements.

7) If elected, will you support a full, frank and comprehensive review of Australia's federal and state/territory terrorism laws, repealing those provisions which undermine fundamental rights and freedoms, and/or those provisions which have not been needed, and those already covered in the existing criminal law?

The NSW Liberals & Nationals have no plans to change current terrorism laws.

However, we will continue to rely on advice from the NSW Police Force Counter Terrorism and Special Tactics Command on any need for reform.

8) If elected, will you support the creation of a National Independent Commission Against Corruption to investigate allegations of corrupt conduct by police, politicians, judges, members of the public service or others when in a position of authority federally and in states/territories?

~~This is a Commonwealth matter. It was a NSW Liberals & Nationals Government that established the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) in 1989. Its principal functions are to investigate and expose corrupt conduct in the NSW public sector; actively prevent corruption through advice and assistance; and educate the NSW community and public sector about corruption and its effects.~~

A NSW Liberals & Nationals Government will strengthen the powers of ICAC and impose an obligation upon Ministers to report possible corrupt conduct.

9) If elected, what will you do to extend Human Rights protection in NSW, and in Australia?

The NSW Liberals & Nationals have no plans to change current arrangements.

10) If elected, what will you do about the Waldon case?

As a matter of general principle, the NSW Liberals & Nationals would be appalled by any Government Officers who unlawfully invade the privacy of people's homes and will encourage adherence by Government Officers to the law.
