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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR WARRINGAH

Summer 2021



Dear Warringah Resident,

Thank you for your efforts to stay home over the Christmas and New Year break. For those living in the Northern Beaches, thanks for complying with the lockdown measures. And for those of you living south of the Spit Bridge, I know lockdown meant many of you could not visit friends and family.

This was tough on many, but your efforts made a huge difference in reducing the number of cases. We saw record COVID-19 testing during that time, which was a testament to our community coming together in a time of crisis. Please continue to follow the NSW Health advice and when a vaccine becomes available, I encourage you all to follow the advice from the federal and NSW governments.

As we look towards 2021, please remember to support local businesses that were so badly impacted last year and during the summer break. My team and I are working hard to get relief for these businesses and your patronage will help immensely.

Locally, I am finding solutions for the community that includes helping people with the NDIS, immigration issues, advocating for the preservation of the Harbour Trust and encouraging residents to reduce their emissions through Warringah's Roadmap to Zero.

Federally, the Climate Change Bill has now been introduced and has been referred to a Parliamentary inquiry to examine the Bill's merits. I will also be presenting a Bill on Truth in Political Advertising and will continue to push for the establishment of a National Integrity Commission.

If you have any issues or concerns, please email me at zali.steggall.mp@aph.gov.au or call **9977 6411**. You can also subscribe to my electronic newsletter www.zalisteggall.com.au/sign-up and find me on social media:



SCAN ME

SNAPSHOT

20
Months
in office

Emails
Received
27100

Cases
Closed
14900

Zoom and
in person
meetings
since COVID-19
430

402
grants awarded
in Warringah

Over
130
speeches in
Parliament

Cases
Created
15500

3
Community
Surveys

276
Warringah
organisations/
Individuals
awarded
grants



Over a thousand people have signed up to Warringah's Roadmap to Zero, including individuals and businesses wanting to make small changes to help protect and care for the local environment.

The Roadmap is a collection of everyday actions, grouped into categories, that shows how you can reduce your carbon footprint, and therefore the emissions that contribute to global warming. Here are just a few examples:



Energy - Close blinds on hot days to reduce the need to run fans or aircon



Waste - Avoid single-use plastics and invest in a re-useable coffee cup and refillable water bottle



Transport - Use public transport over driving, whenever practical



Food - Introduce "Meat-free Mondays" into your weekly schedule



Water - Make sure you are using a water-saving shower head & check the temperature of your water system



Finance - Move your banking and super to companies committed to sustainable investment

You can view the complete Roadmap checklist on my website. There, you can download a handy checklist to place on your fridge as a reminder to think sustainably in your lifestyle choices and also track your progress at

www.zalisteggall.com.au/roadmap-to-zero



Congratulations to 12-year-old Abby from Allambie Heights who has taken inspiration from the Roadmap to start her own clean-up campaign in her local neighbourhood.

Not only has she downloaded the Roadmap waste checklist to see how her family can reduce their landfill, but she's designed a poster to encourage people to pick up litter and is asking local businesses to display it.



For businesses, you can build your own "Green Recovery" by using the instant asset write-off that was delivered during last year's federal budget. For more information on how you can take advantage of this, please visit my website:

www.zalisteggall.com.au/green_recovery



**#CLIMATE
ACTNOW**



I introduced the Climate Change Bill into Parliament in November and it is now before a Parliamentary inquiry with the *Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy*. The Committee asked for feedback from the public and organisations and it received over 6600 submissions, which is a fantastic result.

Submissions were made by the UK Climate Change Committee, the Business Council of Australia and many Warringah residents. There were a number of presentations during the two public hearings on the 29th January and 1st February.

Thank you to all who wrote in and presented evidence. Australia needs to legislate for Net Zero by 2050. Go to www.climateactnow.com.au for more information.



NDIS

My team and I regularly assist community members who are participating in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

We have heard concerns in the community about the proposed Independent Assessment Scheme which will overhaul the way people are assessed for their plans.

We have also heard firsthand accounts of the difficulties some people face obtaining adequate plans and the workload and stress that this often causes.

With these concerns in mind, I am hosting an online forum for participants with the National Disability Insurance Agency, their carers and providers, with a senior officer of the NDIA.

To sign up for the forum, please email zali.steggall.mp@aph.gov.au.

I will continue to advocate for a better NDIS. A recording will be available from 12 February until 28 February. Please email my office at zali.steggall.mp@aph.gov.au and we can send you a link.



WORKING FAMILIES

COVID-19 exposed weaknesses in our ability to support working families through the current childcare system which was reflected in the multiple changes in funding during the pandemic. My electorate office received many calls from distressed parents, childcare centre operators and staff of childcare centres.

I believe we can do much better in supporting working families and add to our economic growth in the process. This view is supported by new research published by the Parenthood Group and Equity Economics.

In support of this research, I will be tabling a motion in Parliament on 15 February, calling on the Government to:

1. Increase health and wellbeing support for parents and children by amending parental leave legislation to provide for a year of paid parental leave that can be shared by both parents;
2. Lower the cost of early childhood education for all families; and
3. Improve access to paid carers' leave for parents of sick children.

HARBOUR TRUST



I have been nominated to be on the 10 Terminal Reference Group that the Harbour Trust has formed to assist the 10 Terminal and Parklands Renewal Project. I would welcome your feedback on the future project direction of this important site at Middle Head in Mosman.

I have also joined the North Head Sanctuary Bushfire Recovery Group, which has been set up by the Harbour Trust to support and coordinate recovery efforts following the bushfire at North Head on 17 October 2020. I know the fire concerned many local residents who care deeply for North Head and its many animals and plants.

As well as sharing relevant local knowledge and expertise, the Group will consider best practice approaches to land and bushfire management at North Head. We can never be complacent about bushfires in our area and the steps we need to take to be prepared. Please keep up to date at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/

INTEGRITY AND TRUTH IN POLITICAL ADVERTISING

Last year, a key area of legislation that the crossbench took on was the push for greater integrity in federal politics. This culminated in the presentation of the Australian Federal Integrity Commission Bill by Independent MP Helen Haines in late November, a Bill that I seconded.

Building on that theme, this year, I will table a new Bill on truth in political advertising. Australia Institute polling shows that 9 of 10 Australians want truth in political advertising legislation. In 2020, the ACT became the second State/Territory to adopt truth in political advertising legislation, following in the footsteps of South Australia.

I am currently consulting with a range of experts on the draft legislation and will aim to table the Bill in Parliament in the first half of 2021. To keep updated on the progress of this Bill and to have your say, please email me at zali.steggall.mp@aph.gov.au.



There are many grant opportunities that can help our community here in Warringah. My office has assisted schools, community groups, sporting clubs, veterans representatives, businesses and individuals in our electorate to share in the several hundred grants that we have been awarded. We have a dedicated Grants Officer, Wendy Camelotti, whom you can contact with any questions you may have by emailing wendy.camelotti@aph.gov.au or to view open grants, please go to www.zalisteggall.com.au/grants

GRANT RECIPIENTS



"The Balgowlah Bowling & Community Club has been extremely fortunate to receive over \$11000 in a recent Federal Govt Grant. This will allow us to replace ALL internal (over 20-50-year-old) fluorescent lights and fittings, saving the Club over \$3000 per year in lighting, power, and maintenance costs. plus assisting with our carbon reduction program.

These are such difficult times that financial assistance by way of this grant courtesy of our Federal Member Zali is awesome! We strongly recommend that all Clubs persist in applying for these grants," **David Bartholomeusz & Paul Barrett, Balgowlah Bowling Club**

BIALA

A big thank you to the knitting ladies and residents at Dee Why Gardens who donated money to purchase wool, gave their time and skills, as well as a lot of love, to knit blankets and scarves for all of the girls at Biala Aboriginal Girls Hostel at Allambie Heights. Faye Church and Colleen McCombie heard about the call-out that Zali's team made to the community, asking for assistance for the girls at Biala.

"We started knitting straight away. We used the colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags to make a rug for every girls' bedroom and a scarf for each of them. We're so happy to know that the girls will have these colourful rugs and scarves to brighten up their rooms," **Faye Church, Dee Why**



TESTIMONIALS

"I want to thank Zali and her team for being so approachable and responsive. There were some dark days there where we really felt invisible and your communication, efforts and support made a massive difference to us mentally and emotionally," **Lindy Louise, Mosman**

"Learning to live with COVID19 continues to be challenging for all our families. Those of us with loved ones in aged care have sometimes struggled to navigate the changing situations set up to safeguard the elderly. Getting the balance right has not been easy and our family is deeply grateful for Zali's ability to work closely with both Federal and NSW Health to assist us," **Sally, Fairlight**



COMING UP

Left We Forget

ANZAC DAY

April 25 Anzac Day ceremonies
please check the website of your local RSL club to find out the arrangements this year.

WARRINGAH FACTS

- There are two old motorbike wrecks at the bottom of Cabbage Tree Bay in Manly – have you seen them?
- Mosman Bay was once home to a whaling station in the 1800s
- The name Warringah is believed to be the Aboriginal name for “sign of rain”, “across the waves”, or “sea” (Australian Electoral Commission)
- There have been nine federal representatives for the seat of Warringah since 1922 of which Zali is the 9th.

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