

SCOTT MORRISON'S TRACK RECORD

FAILS THE FAIRNESS TEST

X Championing an \$80 billion handout to multinationals and banks

X Cuts to hospitals

X Lack of energy policy to bring electricity prices down

X Cuts to schools

Scott Morrison's priorities hurt Macarthur families and businesses. Sign and tell the new Prime Minister and the Coalition Government that we deserve better.

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ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO HELP

As your local MP, I can help you and your family with enquiries or problems with Commonwealth Government departments including the Family Assistance Office, Medicare, Pharmaceutical Benefits, Superannuation, Taxation, Workplace Relations, Veterans Affairs, Citizenship, Passports, Centrelink, Immigration, Defence, Science, Sport and the Arts. **Dr Mike Frelander MP** FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MACARTHUR

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Your Federal Member for Macarthur

Dr Mike Frelander MP

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Push for an expansion to paediatric services



I have advocated for increased paediatric services to be provided as part of the recently announced next stage of the development of Campbelltown Hospital. I have asked for the development of a potential paediatric ICU, paediatric surgery and increased paediatric outpatient services including paediatric respiratory medicine, gastroenterology, cardiology, neurology, ENT, ophthalmology, endocrinology and orthopaedic services. We also urgently need upgrades to our diabetes services, allergy immunology clinic and child development services.

Having worked in the area as a paediatrician for 35 years and continuing my paediatric clinic at Campbelltown Hospital, I am well

aware how unresponsive the major paediatric units have been to our needs. The time for the residents of Macarthur accepting second class treatment is long gone, particularly in the face of rapidly expanding population and healthcare needs.

State and Federal Governments must consult with the Cathedrals of Paediatric services, the two major paediatric teaching hospitals to provide support to all the children of NSW by providing integrated outreach services throughout the state, including Macarthur. No more spin, no more public relations. I invite the State and Federal Health Ministers to come directly to Macarthur and talk directly to local paediatricians and families. The Government must cease turning a blind eye to the health needs of Macarthur.

Message from Mike

Scott Morrison might be the new Prime Minister, but it's still the same old Coalition, who are only interested in themselves and looking after the top end of town.

As Treasurer, Mr Morrison was the architect of some of the Turnbull Government's worse decisions, including:

- Cutting \$17 billion from schools
- Spending the last two years trying to give the banks a \$17 billion tax cut
- Cutting penalty rates
- Cutting \$700 million from hospitals
- Denying Macarthur urgently needed transport infrastructure

Our population is rapidly increasing and there is more demand than ever on the Macarthur region's medical services, but the Coalition are cutting \$3.35 million from Campbelltown Hospital. Slashing funding from a hospital that is already bursting at the seams just shows how out of touch this Government is with the needs of Australians.

A Shorten Labor Government will fully reverse the Coalition's cuts to health through a \$2.8 billion Better Hospital Fund, which will fund more beds in emergency departments and wards, more doctors, more nurses and more health staff.

Among other things, we will also build the North/South Rail link, and the Leppington to Western Sydney Airport Rail link.

Labor is united, ready to serve and has a clear vision for Australia through a range of inclusive policies.

I will continue to work hard and will always fight for increased funding for hospitals, schools and infrastructure to improve the lives of people in my community.

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Out and About with Mike



KIDS IN THE HOUSE

It was great to meet with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation during their "Kids in the House" day down in Parliament.

It was a pleasure to spend time with Macarthur locals Kirilly White, Will Cullen and Mikayla Hayton during their visit!



SAVE OUR ABC

The Liberal-National Government has unfairly cut \$83.7 million from the ABC. These cuts are bananas! B1 and B2 seemed very happy when I told them that Labor is committed to reversing these cuts in Government. I am co-chair of the Parliamentary Friends of the ABC, and am always happy to catch up with my friends in pyjamas!



SCHOOLS IN CANBERRA

It is always a pleasure to catch up with students from Macarthur when they are on their school excursions to Parliament House.

They are the highlight of any sitting week!

I recently joined students and staff from Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow, at a moving service at the Australian War Memorial.

FIX OUR SCHOOLS

As many of you would be aware, many of our local schools are in much need of some TLC. Passfield Park School, in particular, is in dire need of attention. This matter has been raised with me on a number of occasions by concerned locals.

The school, over the years has received very little maintenance, with mere touch-up jobs occurring that fail to address the unrelenting mould problem and poor state of the buildings.

I think the school needs to be re-built entirely.

I publicly invited the NSW Premier, along with the State and Federal Education Ministers to join me on an inspection of the school during a speech in Parliament – the Premier has ignored my formal representations and requests, so now hopefully she will hear our community's concerns!



LABOR COMMITS \$3 BILLION FOR WESTERN SYDNEY RAIL

I am pleased to have helped secure a commitment of \$3 billion for vital rail infrastructure in Western Sydney under a Shorten Labor Government, bringing jobs, economic development and a better quality of life to people living in Macarthur. The funding will be used to extend the South-West rail link from Leppington via Bringelly to the new airport at Badgery's Creek, and a new connection from Macarthur in the south to St Marys in the north - serving the massive job corridor at Sydney Business Park. This project is expected to take 1,000 cars off the road every time a train leaves the station, with Deloitte estimating the project will add over \$44 billion in benefits to the economy by 2040.

NBN SERVICE GUARANTEE

I know that the roll out of the National Broadband Network has been tumultuous.

The Abbott-Turnbull-Morrison Governments' Multi-Technology Mix has been a complete mess.

In 2017, complaints about the NBN alone increased by 204%, with the Macarthur community being a "hot-spot" for telecommunications issues.

Labor has developed an NBN Service Guarantee and will enact this in Government, to support small businesses and consumers alike.

We'll set clear standards for connection timeframes, fault repair timeframes, and missed technician appointments – and ensure that NBNCo is held to account with enforceable penalties.

COULD YOU BE A LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPION?

The Local Sporting Champions program provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international championships.

If successful, applicants will receive \$500-\$750 towards the cost of attending their championships.

For eligibility criteria or to apply, head to:

https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions