

**Australian Labor Party
Annual Conference 2014
NSW Branch Rules Committee
Minority Report**

The party has issued its Rules Report ahead of conference. The preamble indicates that there were differences of opinion on both the principles and the detail on a number of issues.

We have taken the unusual step of releasing this **Minority Report** because there was one issue on which there was a **major division**. That issue was the future role of direct election in NSW Labor.

Eighty three party units moved resolutions calling for direct election in our party forums. The majority on the Rules Committee rejected one hundred and twenty four of these resolutions. They covered areas as diverse as the preselection of members of parliament, and the election of party officers, the administrative committee and of delegates to conference.

This represents a significant groundswell in the ranks of ordinary party members that is not being addressed. **Put simply, party members feel that power in the NSW Labor Party is in the hands of too few people.**

The move to bring back Policy Committees, while welcome in itself, will also see changes to the first state-wide direct election ballot under the NSW Branch rules.

Further, we welcome the fact that at this conference we will adopt a move to directly elect Labor's leader. However reforming Labor in Macquarie Street, but leaving Labor in Sussex Street untouched, is not acceptable.

We look forward to the debate on these issues at the conference.

John Graham	Assistant General Secretary
Jan Burnswoods	Member
Peter Primrose	Member
Anthony D'Adam	Member

27th June 2014

**Party units moving rules resolutions calling for direct election at the
2014 NSW Annual Conference**

**ALEXANDRIA BRANCH
ASHFIELD BRANCH
AUBURN BRANCH
BALMAIN SEC**

**BEGA BRANCH
BEGA SEC
BENNELONG FEC
BEROWRA FEC**

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BRANCH
BLUE MOUNTAINS SEC
BRADFIELD FEC
BYRON BAY BRANCH
CALARE FEC
CARINGBAH BRANCH
CASTLE HILL SEC
COOK FEC
CRONULLA BRANCH
DOUBLE BAY BELLEVUE HILL
BRANCH
EASTWOOD BRANCH
EDEN-MONARO FEC
ENMORE CAMDENVILLE
BRANCH
GILMORE FEC
GLEBE BRANCH
GRAFTON BRANCH
GRAYNDLER FEC
GREENWAY FEC
HARBORD BRANCH
HEFFRON SEC
HORNSBY BRANCH
HORNSBY SEC
HUME FEC
JERVIS BAY ST GEORGES
BASIN BRANCH
KATOOMBA BRANCH
KIAMA BRANCH
KINGS CROSS BRANCH
KOGARAH CARLTON BRANCH
KU RING GAI BRANCH
KU RING GAI SEC
LAMBTON NEW LAMBTON
KOTARA BRANCH
LANE COVE BRANCH
LITHGOW BRANCH
MACQUARIE BRANCH
MACQUARIE FEC
MAITLAND EAST BRANCH
MAYFIELD BRANCH
MID MOUNTAINS BRANCH
MONARO BRANCH
MORUYA BRANCH
MT COLAH BEROWRA BRANCH
MURRAY DAY BRANCH**

**NEWCASTLE BRANCH
NEWCASTLE FEC
NEWCASTLE SEC
PAGE FEC
PENNANT HILLS BRANCH
PENRITH SEC
PORT MACQUARIE SEC
QUAKERS BILL BRANCH
QUEANBEYAN BRANCH
ROBERTSON FEC
ROZELLE-LILYFIELD BRANCH
SAPPHIRE COAST BRANCH
SEFTON BRANCH
SNOWY RIVER COOMA
BRANCH
SPRINGWOOD
FAULCONBRIDGE BRANCH
STOCKTON BRANCH
SUMMER HILLS SEC
SURREY HILLS BRANCH
SWANSEA SEC
SYDNEY FEC
TAREE BRANCH
THE ENTRANCE SEC
TORONTO BRANCH
THE HILLS BRANCH
TOONGABBIE BRANCH
TUMBI UMBI BRANCH
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