

# UDIA NSW Election Statement

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With one month to go until NSW goes to the polls, the countdown has begun. Saturday 23 March 2019 could be a historic day for NSW. Will the NSW Liberal Party win and become the longest serving or will NSW Labor win and forge a new path for NSW, and cut the ribbons for the infrastructure now underway for years to come. Both Parties are poised for planning reform, both looking to manage growth. In reality, very little separates the current agendas.

The community is asking if the infrastructure currently being delivered over the past eight years was worth it? Is the living with constant construction hoarding and waiting in traffic getting tiring?

The Premier is pleading with voters, 'lets get it done NSW', echoing the view that they just want the infrastructure done and open. The Light Rail has become a symbolic project of pent-up frustration; however, there has also been much good particularly around the Sydney Metro.

The Labor opposition has been focused on the key issues Michael Daley identified when he assumed the leadership:

- Development
- Jobs for the Regions
- Cost of Living
- Health and Education

UDIA has tracked the key planning related election commitments from both parties for our members. The election commitments from both parties emphasise the community's expectation for quality and liveability, underpinned by open space.

Over the final month of the election campaign the UDIA will be pursuing its top 10 tasks to provide certainty, housing affordability, and housing supply to house the next generation:

1. Provide certainty by detailing the implementation of the Greater Sydney Commission vision for three cities
2. Ensure the 30-minute city global benchmark is a Premiers Priority and a key deliverable for planning and government strategies in consultation with industry
3. The third city – the Western Parkland City will power NSW growth for the next 30 years and therefore, implementation is key and we need full commitment funding for the North South Rail, including the connections to Marsden Park and the connections south to Macarthur
4. Establish an Urban Development Program to prioritise projects, funding and supporting infrastructure
5. Re-cap developer contributions - don't further tax a market in a downturn!

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6. Reform the infrastructure funding system along the principles of a boarder tax based system envisioned by the 2013 Planning White Paper
7. Commence investigations and funding into fast rail connections to the regions to boost affordability and economic growth for a Sydney and regional conurbation of cities
8. Commit to continuing to promote transit-oriented development and using this to enable critical urban renewal
9. Providing additional resources to support councils LEP amendments and development assessment processes
10. Following the Hayne Royal Commission, we need a better way to finance housing for the next generation.