

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO INTEGRITY, EFFICACY, AND VALUE FOR
MONEY OF THE LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS
ALLOCATION PROCESS**

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Legislative Council – Public Accountability and Works Committee
NSW Parliament House
6 Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Committee,

RE: SUBMISSION TO THE INQUIRY INTO THE INTEGRITY, EFFICACY, AND VALUE FOR MONEY OF THE LOCAL SMALL COMMITMENTS ALLOCATION

Thank you for providing the opportunity to make comment on the integrity of the Local Small Commitments Allocation process.

To the best of my knowledge, the Local Small Commitments Allocation promises were at the sole discretion of the local Labor candidates for all of NSW's electorates.

To this end, I would like to draw the committee's attention to the Member for Riverstone's decision to allocate money (\$50k) to North West Community Services Inc, a wonderful charity which operates in the Riverstone Electorate.

The head of that charity, Suzanne Lawrence, is a great and generous person. However, she is also (and has been since the election) the Senior Electorate Officer for Mr Kirby, who Mr Kirby described in his maiden speech as a "dear friend" and someone who "led [Mr Kirby] into politics".

Given the public inquiry has been set up to investigate the "the oversight of funding determinations, the transparency of decision making and the independence of the assessment of projects" alongside "the role of... MPs in proposing projects for funding", I would think it would be in the Committee's interest to determine exactly how the funding came to be offered to North West Community Services. It may also be in the committee's interest to determine to what extent the 'dear friendship' between Mr Kirby and Ms Lawrence saw \$50k of public money be given to Mr Kirby's senior staff member's charity.

I trust the committee will look into these matters thoroughly.

I am available for contact on (02) 8882 9555 should the above require substantiation.

Yours Sincerely,

RAY WILLIAMS MP
Member for Kellyville