

MEDIA STATEMENT

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TANYA DAVIES STATEMENT

I would like to congratulate the Premier and Deputy Premier on Saturday's election result; it was a strong endorsement of this Government's record delivering for the people of NSW under the leadership of Gladys Berejiklian.

While the election result is still to be finalised, it is clear Gladys will lead the Liberals & Nationals Government into its third term.

I have taken time to reflect on my own circumstances and after careful consideration and discussion with my family, I have decided not to put myself forward for consideration as a member of the next cabinet.

I came to the role with my newborn son, Harry, and my nine-year-old daughter, Laura. At this time in my life I have decided I need to spend more time with my family and more time closer to home in my electorate representing the people of my community.

This decision did not come lightly. It has been an immense honour and a privilege to serve under Gladys' leadership. She has led a cabinet team which delivered unprecedented economic prosperity, and improvements in infrastructure and services that have positively impacted the people of NSW.

As Minister for Mental Health I have been proud to oversee the ongoing reform of NSW's mental health system, which is putting greater emphasis on care in the community. This is reform that various Labor Governments refused to tackle and I leave the mental health portfolio with a clear road map to continue changes that will improve the lives of people living with mental illness and their families.

I was pleased to have been the Minister responsible for developing the State's first Women's Strategy, which will improve the economic opportunity, participation and health of women and girls across NSW.

This Government was the first to develop a comprehensive plan to address the issues of our ageing population and it has been fulfilling to continue the good work of my predecessors implementing the NSW Ageing Strategy.

The Liberals & Nationals Government has announced a number of important policy measures during this election, which will help relieve cost of living pressures and improve the lives of seniors across NSW.

I would like to thank the people of Mulgoa for their overwhelming endorsement on Saturday and giving me the opportunity to represent them for another four years.

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