

Which party has defended public services in the NSW Upper House?

	Workers Compensation	ADHC Jobs	Government Sector wages	Government Sector conditions	Superannuation	TAFE	Electricity Sell-off
Liberal National Coalition	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Australian Labor Party (ALP)	✓	✗ ^{#*}	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
The Greens	✓	✗ ^{#*}	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shooters and Fishers	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Christian Democrat Party (CDP)	✗	✗ [*]	✗	✗	✓	✓	?

Workers Compensation

Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2012 (introduced by the Liberal/National Government): The Act cut weekly payments to injured workers, cut compensation for medical expenses, removed coverage for trips to and from work, and removes the ability for workers to get legal assistance in relation to decisions to remove them from the scheme. ✓ in this column represents a vote against the Bill.

Ageing, Disability and Home Care jobs

The NDIS NSW Enabling Act 2013 (introduced by the Liberal/National Government): **The Act facilitates the privatisation of disability services in NSW and allows for the transfer of assets and staff to non-government entities.** The Act provides for the forced transfer of ADHC staff to NGOs, for-profit providers and the Commonwealth Government. ✓ in this column represents a vote against the Bill. [#]Both the ALP and the Greens attempted to amend the Bill to ensure better protections for employees (the amendments were voted down by the Government). ^{*}The ALP, the Greens and the CDP have subsequently signed pledges supporting on-going public provision of care.

Government sector wages

The Industrial Relations Amendment (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Act 2011 and the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment Regulation 2011) (introduced by the Liberal/National Government): The Amendments and Regulation gave the Government unilateral power to make it illegal for the Industrial Relations Commission to grant pay increases of more than 2.5% (or any other amount the Government decides) unless conditions are traded off. ✓ in this column represents a vote against the Bills.

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Government Sector conditions

The Government Sector Employment Act 2013 (introduced by the Liberal/National Government): The Act made jobs more insecure by removing permanent positions and making it easier for employees to be moved between roles. It damages the independence and integrity of the public sector by removing the principle of merit based employment and moving thousands of senior officers onto individual contracts that can be terminated at any time and for no reason. ✓ in this column represents a vote against the Bill.

Superannuation

Disallowance of Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Amendment Regulation 2013 (Introduced by the ALP); In 2013 the Government made a regulation that would require the Industrial Relations Commission to deduct superannuation increases from the 2.5% wages cap. The disallowance motion prevented the regulation from having affect. (The Government eventually include the regulatory change in a budget supply bill which was unscrutinised by all parties). ✓ in this column represents a vote for the Disallowance motion.

TAFE

TAFE Changes Moratorium (Secure Future for Public Provision of Vocational Education and Training) Bill 2014 (introduced by the Greens): The Bill sought to stop the privatisation of TAFE courses, restore TAFE funding, and freeze TAFE fees at 2010/11 levels. The Bill was defeated in the Lower House by the Liberal/National Government. ✓ in this column represents a vote for the Bill.

Polls and wires sell off

The Liberal/National Government is seeking to sell the state owned electricity network. The sale will mean the loss of an income producing asset that contributes billions to the funding of public services in NSW. The push for greater profits by private companies is also likely to come at the expense of workers jobs and conditions. ✓ in this column represents a public stance against the sale.