

**From:** Greg Piper's Office  
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**1:** I remain totally opposed to the privatisation of public assets which provide nothing more than a short-term windfall for the Government and long-term pain for the taxpayer. Both the major parties have sold off major public assets during their time in Government, so don't believe the myth that one is any better than the other. I absolutely commit to opposing any future privatisation of public assets by the incoming government.

**2:** I absolutely oppose the statutory wages cap of 2.5%. I was very vocal about this issue during the Covid period and remain solidly opposed to any wages cap.

**3:** I'm not certain as to the particular alterations the PSA is referring to, but I'm happy to work with the PSA to address those issues of concern. The NSW Industrial Relations Commission must maintain its independence and neutrality and its powers to uphold the integrity it once had must be restored and protected.

**4:** I have expressed concern for some time about the rise in temporary employment over permanent employment in the public service, particularly when it comes to teachers and school support staff. I have great concern that temporary employment appears to be becoming institutionalised. The vast majority of those temporary employees should be in permanent positions and I will continue to push any government towards converting those roles into permanent and full-time positions.

**5:** Industrial relations is an ever-changing environment. The current Government Sector Employment Act is now 10 years old. The pace of change in our modern society, particularly given the extraordinary changes and demands experienced through the Covid pandemic, should require that the Act is reviewed immediately, and every five years.



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