

After just over a year in since being elected, there are some achievements, with more challenges ahead. Here's my **Year in Review 2013**:

- The Government has committed to seek funding building a new public primary school in Ultimo following assessment by the Inner City Schools Working Party which was set up in response to my question in Parliament. The working party's next role in 2014 is to look at increasing inner city high school capacity and I'll be pushing to get action here too. I have also campaigned for selective public schools to open to a larger local intake.
- I kept the Government to account by consistently raising the closed approval process for a second casino facility on public land at Barangaroo. I called for the legislation to be open to public consultation, but my motion was voted down by the Government and Opposition. I will make a submission on the DA for the building when the proposal is released next year.
- Late last year I got the Government to extend the freeze on new and expanded liquor licences on Oxford Street and have asked for a further 12 month extension for next year. The Government has begun taking the problem of alcohol-fuelled violence, particularly in Kings Cross, seriously with some important schemes introduced. While I support introduction of ID scanners in Kings Cross, the hours of operation fail to target problem times and I will monitor the impacts on businesses and locals' privacy and continue to push for longer transport hours and evidence based approaches, with a motion to set up a Parliamentary Inquiry for real action not just band aid solutions.
- My Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Private Educational Authorities) Bill got the Board of Studies to release a public policy against discrimination and threaten to deregister schools refusing to provide a safe and inclusive environment for all students. In 2014 I will work with legal centres and advocacy groups to support students through the complaints process.
- My motion in Parliament to recognise Australia's slave history was supported unanimously and the Government is now working with community leaders to help remove disadvantage among Australian South Sea Islander descendants.
- I worked with environment groups lodging petitions, speaking in Parliament, asking questions and talking to media to put pressure on the Government to withdraw plans to allow recreational hunting in national parks. There is now only a limited trial of hunting which will only be permitted under the terms, control and supervision of the National Parks and Wildlife Service.
- I opposed new planning reforms in Parliament and in my submission on the Planning White Paper. The bills were amended in the upper House and will be presented again in the lower House next year. I will assess any changes made by the Government and push for outcomes that protect the community voice and environmental sustainability.



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- Working with all parties, I got amendments to the Local Government Amendment (Early Intervention) Bill 2013 to limit the Minister for Local Government's discretionary power to intervene with councils. Next year I will work to oppose any proposal for forced council amalgamations that reduce grass roots representation.
- I've strongly opposed the sale of inner city social housing and been advocating for better repairs and maintenance and to retain the Surry Hills Community Development Worker, and will keep working with public tenants to improve safety and amenity.
- Following the Government's decision to put light rail through Surry Hills and Moore Park, I've been working with residents, businesses and community groups to identify and prevent impacts on access and amenity. Over the next year, we need to make sure that the new transport service benefits local communities along the route.
- My question in Parliament got the Government to change the default by-law for strata title apartments to remove blanket bans on pets. The Government is working on wider strata reforms and I will continue to push for changes that improve transparency, amenity and management of apartments.
- I've also enjoyed spending much time meeting with local groups and individual constituents as well as speaking at events, and will continue to work on individual constituents' concerns with NSW Government agencies.

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