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## Media Release

# Liberal candidate wants to take the community backwards

The Liberal Party candidate for the seat of Lindsay wants to take the local community backwards by supporting a return to WorkChoices, cuts to schools and cuts to health, said Federal Member for Lindsay, David Bradbury.

Professional spin doctor Fiona Scott, who was selected as the Liberal candidate for the next Federal election, must explain why she supports a return to the worst elements of WorkChoices and why she wants to take money out of schools and the health and hospital system.

“Fiona Scott is a professional spin doctor, and she has demonstrated in her first statement to the public that her campaign is going to be more about spin than the facts.

“She says that the Federal Government has done nothing for Western Sydney, but in the Lindsay electorate alone I have been proud to have secured almost half a billion dollars worth of investment in our local community in just the past two and a half years.

“This far exceeds anything provided by the previous Liberal Government, who had been in office for almost 12 years.

“Now Fiona Scott and Tony Abbott want to rip some of that funding away and take our community backwards.

“The Liberal candidate for Lindsay supports Tony Abbott’s plan to remove unfair dismissal protection for workers and to bring back the individual contracts that destroyed the wages and conditions of Australian families.

“These are the worst elements of WorkChoices, and Fiona Scott and Tony Abbott want to take Australia backwards by bringing them back.

“The Liberals also want to cut money from our health and hospitals system.

“I am proud to have secured \$96.4 million for a redevelopment of the Nepean Hospital, the largest-ever Federal Government investment in Nepean Hospital.

“The Government is also introducing long-term reforms to our health system to help clean up the mess created when Tony Abbott, as health minister, ripped away \$1 billion from our hospital system.

"Now, Fiona Scott and Tony Abbott want to take our health and hospital system backwards by ripping away another \$820 million.

"Ms Scott also supports Tony Abbott's plan to abolish the computers in schools and trades training centres in schools programs and rip away funding for new school buildings.

"In our local community, I have delivered funding for two Trades Training Centres, more than 3,000 computers for high school students, and more than \$100 million for school repairs and maintenance and new classrooms and libraries in primary schools.

"Fiona Scott and Tony Abbott want to rip away funding from these important programs and will take our schools and our skills training backwards by depriving students and teachers of the modern learning resources they need.

"Fiona Scott and Tony Abbott are a risk to the working conditions of Australian families, and a risk to our schools and hospitals.

"Ms Scott must explain to people in our community why she supports Tony Abbott's plan to take Australia backwards."