

CONFERENCE OF LEADERS OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTES IN NSW



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Mr Frank Sartor
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Dear Mr Sartor,

I write on behalf of the Social Justice committee within the NSW Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes. CLRI (NSW) represents approximately 3,500 Catholic religious, men and women, throughout the state, as well as many people working in organisations run by religious institutes.

I would like to express my concern as I follow so many reports in the media. At the very least there seems to be gross lack of transparency in the area of planning, large developments and donations made by developers. It would seem that changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act in 2005, giving the Minister for Planning such wide powers, creates a conflict of interests.

It is disappointing to learn that the Labor Party, despite its stated values, can put itself into such compromising positions. Only complete transparency can win back the people's trust.

It would seem also that the wide powers given to the Minister for Planning need to be re-assessed.

Yours sincerely,

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