



Update from

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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BRADFIELD



WELCOME TO BRADFIELD

A message from Paul

Representing the electorate of Bradfield is a great privilege. The people of Bradfield are remarkable: diverse, hardworking and committed to our community and nation.

With the federal redistribution now complete, I am delighted to welcome residents of **Artarmon, Castle Cove, Castlecrag, Naremburn, Northbridge, Willoughby and St Leonards** into Bradfield. Already, I am enjoying visiting these communities and talking with locals.

Yet as I talk to people across Bradfield – from Wahroonga in the north to Naremburn in the south – I hear that all is not well. Many families are feeling mortgage stress or the pressure of energy, groceries and other necessities costing more.

Bradfield is a fortunate and prosperous area of a fortunate and prosperous country. But we can never take our good fortune for granted. I know many of us are worried that Australia seems to be drifting at the moment.

Our economy is going backwards with productivity and GDP per person falling. This government is granting so many visas that our population is up by over 1.4 million since the last election – in turn making it ever harder for young people to get into the housing market.

We need to get Australia back on track – and my Coalition colleagues and I have a plan to do just that, as I have touched on in this newsletter.

Paul Fletcher



LABOR'S GOVERNMENT SERVICES FAILURE

Many of us in Bradfield need to seek government support – and that means dealing with Services Australia for Medicare claims, age pensions and other social services payments. As Shadow Minister for Government Services, I keep a close eye on this vital agency.

Unfortunately, service levels at Services Australia have collapsed under Labor.

If you apply for the Age Pension, you are waiting on average **60 days** to have it processed, compared to 35 days when the Coalition was last in Government.

If you apply for the Disability Support Pension, you are **waiting 81 days** on average for it to be processed, compared to 40 days under the Coalition.

If you call Services Australia, the experience is just as bad with almost **two million Australians kept on hold** for longer than 60 minutes during FY 2023-24.

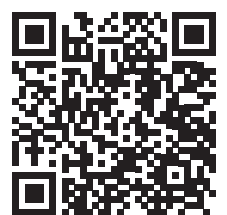
With many Australians struggling because of the cost of living crisis, poor service from Services Australia makes it worse.

The Albanese Labor Government needs to do better.



I want to hear from you!

Please fill out my survey by scanning the QR code below.



Fundraising for Type 1 Diabetes sufferers with ambassadors from Youth4Difference and volunteers from the Danii Foundation, a dedicated local organisation focused on the prevention of life threatening outcomes of the disease.



PAUL FLETCHER and the LIBERALS A TRACK RECORD OF *Delivering* FOR BRADFIELD

An MP who is part of the government of the day can always deliver more than an independent.

Paul Fletcher and the Liberals have a track record of delivering for Bradfield.

TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Delivered the \$3 billion **NorthConnex** project, opened in 2020, with over \$412 million of Commonwealth funding, reducing congestion on Pennant Hills Road and bringing quicker and safer trips for motorists
- Provided \$1.7 billion under the Asset Recycling Scheme towards the new **Metro – Chatswood to Sydenham** which is transforming how Bradfield locals travel to the CBD and beyond
- Delivered over \$12.9 million in funding under the Roads to Recovery and Black Spot programs for over 70 local road projects to increase safety and reduce congestion

EDUCATION

- Under the **Quality Schools Package**, delivered increased Commonwealth funding to schools in Bradfield, reaching \$123 million a year in 2021 – up by 59.7% for government schools, 43.1% for Catholic schools, and 19.1% for independent schools

HEALTHCARE

- **Doubled funding for public hospitals** from \$13.3 billion in 2012-13 to \$27.2 billion in 2022-23, growing to \$32.7 billion in 2025-26
- We brought **2,900 new or amended life-saving and life-changing medicines** onto the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
- Introduced **Telehealth**, providing services to over 17 million people since its introduction in March 2020



COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND SUPPORT

- Helping local organisations on the ground by funding the **Stronger Communities Program**
- Supporting our local schools through the **Local Schools Community Fund**
- Supporting local businesses under the **Industry Grants Program**

PAUL FLETCHER will fight for you in BRADFIELD

As I move about the electorate of Bradfield and speak with constituents, I hear a very clear message. You want to see our economy get back on track so you can have improved **health and aged care**, more effective **government services**, cheaper **energy bills**, and more **affordable housing**.

Australian households have endured 18 months of household recession.

Today, millions of Australians are struggling to pay their bills. **The cost of living crisis has been made worse by Labor's inflationary spending of a staggering \$315 billion** – or \$30,000 per Australian household.

Thousands in Bradfield are experiencing mortgage pain – an average family with a \$750,00 mortgage is now paying an extra \$24,000 a year on repayments. Renters have faced higher rents thanks to higher inflation driving higher interest rates.

The Coalition will get inflation under control. And a Coalition government will always focus on delivering lower, simpler and fairer taxes – so Australians can keep more of what they earn.

I will fight to support small businesses through increasing the instant asset write-off to \$30,000, and make it on-going. Our community is built on the back of small businesses – when they prosper, so does our community.

I will always listen to and put our community's priorities first. With your support, together we can build an even better Bradfield!



PAUL FLETCHER and the LIBERALS

Delivering **OUTCOMES FOR BRADFIELD**



TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The former Coalition Government supported 120,000 jobs through a record \$120 billion ten-year infrastructure pipeline across Australia, with significant projects in Bradfield.

I helped deliver funding to build NORTHCONNEX, 9km motorway tunnels linking the M1 Pacific Motorway at Wahroonga to the Hills M2 Motorway, getting trucks off the road and bypassing 21 traffic lights on Pennant Hills Road.

Our record of delivery includes local road upgrades to ease congestion, improve safety for all road users, and enhance freight productivity for businesses through our Local Roads and Community Infrastructure, Roads to Recovery, and Black Spot programs.



HOUSING

First home buyers reached record levels (over 180,000 in 2020-21) thanks to the Coalition government's policies. Our housing plan will build on this record, encourage first home buyers and take the pressure off interest rates.

The Liberals will allow Australians to access up to \$50,000 of their super to buy their first home and extend this policy to separated women to help restart their lives. The money initially withdrawn from super will need to be returned when the house is sold to support retirement.



THE ENVIRONMENT

We have a beautiful natural environment in Bradfield, but there is more to do, such as adding to the local green space and retaining our tree canopy.

Safeguarding our national parklands, sporting ovals and community parks is vital to meet environmental, sporting and community needs for current and future residents in Bradfield.

Working with our community to achieve these outcomes is a priority for me.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Under our Stronger Communities Programme, we provided grants to community and volunteer organisations to buy new equipment, increase volunteers and upskill. Significant funding was delivered to Willoughby City Council and Ku-Ring-Gai Council for small capital projects that deliver social benefits to our community.

I was pleased to secure federal funding for the Ku-Ring-Gai Youth Development Service (KYDS) based in Lindfield and StreetWork based in Willoughby, to help these organisations deliver vital support services for our local young people.



Australians are hurting under Labor

Financial stress 'through the roof' as interest rate hikes come home to roost

NEWS

Rental crisis and cost of groceries 'wrecking people', frontline workers say

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Cost-of-living crunch sends Australian families to the financial brink

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A TRACK RECORD OF *Delivering* FOR BRADFIELD

FEDERAL GRANTS TO COUNCILS

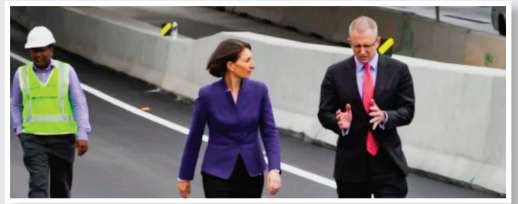
Ku-Ring-Gai Council Financial Assistance Grant \$3,145,377

Willoughby Council Financial Assistance Grant \$1,848,591



MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE

- 1** **NORTHCONNEX – \$412 million**
Tunnels linking the M1 Pacific Motorway to the Hills M2 Motorway
- 2** **M1 NORTH SMART MOTORWAY TO WARRINGAH FREEWAY – \$60 million**
Smart technologies and upgrades between motorway and arterial roads



ROADS TO RECOVERY

- 11** **CHATSWOOD – Fullers Road Upgrade \$178,000**
- 12** **NORTHBRIDGE – Kameruka Road Upgrade \$80,000**
- 13** **WILLOUGHBY – Forsyth Street Upgrade \$117,000**
- 14** **KILLARA – Stanhope Road Upgrade \$201,000**
- 15** **CASTLECRAG – The Rampart Upgrade \$84,510**
- 16** **EAST KILLARA – Barrie Street Upgrade \$397,403**
- 17** **ST IVES CHASE – Warrimoo Avenue Upgrade \$410,000**
- 18** **NAREMBURN – Dalleys Road Upgrade \$111,359**
- 19** **WEST PYMBLE – Wallalong Crescent \$278,000**
- 20** **SOUTH TURRAMURRA – Kissing Point Road Upgrade \$385,000**
- 21** **KILLARA – Springdale Road Upgrade \$201,890**
- 22** **TURRAMURRA – Eastern Road \$214,707**

FIXING BLACKSPOTS

- 3** **TURRAMURRA – The Comenarra Parkway \$185,000**
- 4** **ST IVES – Collins Road, Toolang Road \$207,629**
- 5** **PYMBLE – Pacific Highway, Bridge Street \$195,000**
- 6** **KILLARA – Lady Game Drive to De Burgh Road \$1,384,001**
- 7** **LINDFIELD – Pacific Highway, Balfour Street, Havilah Road \$41,969**
- 8** **CHATSWOOD – Albert Avenue, Olga Street \$50,000**
- 9** **ARTARMON – Hampden Road, Broughton Road \$100,000**
- 10** **ST LEONARDS – Herbert Street, South of Ella Street \$77,000**

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

- 23** **CHATSWOOD – StreetWork Australia operations grant \$1,402,308**
- 24** **LINDFIELD – The North Shore Synagogue \$449,729**
- 25** **ST IVES – Masada College Security Upgrade \$447,043**
- 26** **WEST PYMBLE – Ku-Ring-Gai Fitness & Aquatic Centre Upgrade \$450,000**
- 27** **ROSEVILLE – Roseville Park Oval Fencing \$200,000**
- 28** **NORTH TURRAMURRA – Samuel King Oval synthetic pitch \$400,000**
- 29** **GORDON – St Johns Avenue Streetscape \$100,000**
- 30** **ST IVES – Ku-Ring-Gai Wildflower Garden Pavillion \$113,780**
- 31** **ST LEONARDS – Gore Hill Redevelopment – Stage 1 \$9,500,000**