Blog - IT'S TIME TO REVIEW THE REVIEW!

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Back in school we were always taught that under our system of Government, communities elect their representatives, the political party with the most representatives form a Government and Government Ministers make decisions on the communities behalf.

Right? Well sort of.

Sort of, because all too often in recent history we are seeing those elected by the community 'contract out' decision making and hiding behind words like 'transparency' and 'independence' to pass the buck.

Now I am not suggesting that Governments and Ministers should not undertake analysis when looking to change policy or make major reforms.

But let's get real about this. Here in NSW 12 months ago the community spoke loud and clear that they wanted change. Yet here we are, one year on and we have a Government, despite a record majority, who have already clocked up more than 30 reviews or inquiries.

That is more than one a fortnight!

We have even had a review (although I haven't seen the outcome) into Daylight Savings!!

As elected Members, the community puts their trust in us to make decisions, so let's do our job and make decisions.

No doubt there will be some, maybe even many that the community disagree with and that is why under our Westminster System we have regular elections, in NSW that's four years.

Politicians do not have a right to contract out decision making. The community didn't elect heads of departments; they elected community members to be their voice.

By all means we should take advice, but we should get on with the job of making the decisions we feel are in the best interests of our communities.

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