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### **LATEST PUSH TO REMOVE PRAYER IN NSW**

The latest push to remove prayer from the NSW Legislative Council is strongly opposed by the Christian Democratic Party.

The push, which is being spearheaded by Greens MLC Abigail Boyd, will remove the Lord's Prayer and replace it with a moment of "silence" during which MPs can "reflect on their responsibilities." Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC makes the following comments:

- "Parliamentary prayer is one of the most important moments of the day when the House sits to conduct its business."
- "The prayer provides a grounding for all Members of Parliament because it acts as a reminder of our heritage and also the fact that there is a higher moral authority that must be respected by politicians."
- "The Greens have always waged a war against prayer because they have spared no effort to undermine the structures of our culture and civilisation."
- "When you remove God from the political and legislative process, all that is left is a 'will to power'. This has been a disaster in the past. We should learn from the mistakes of history."
- "We have defeated the Greens' anti-religious bigotry in the past, and we shall defeat them again on this occasion."

There have been two attempts at removing prayer in the Legislative Council in the past, and both have failed: on 17 October 2001 (when the motion was defeated 5 to 31) and on 16 September 2003 (when the second motion was defeated 7 to 30).

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fred Nile".