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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **FRED NILE SUPPORTS NSW PREMIER**

#### **For immediate circulation**

The Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC has delivered his full support to the Premier Gladys Berejiklian. In a contribution to the debate on the motion of no confidence against the Premier, Rev Nile made it clear that the focus of any such condemnations should be at the guilty party, namely Daryl Maguire, and not the Premier herself.

By voting against the motion, the Upper House was effectively split 20 to 20 – under the circumstances, the President of the House put his casting ballot, defeating the motion. Had Rev Nile not supported the Premier by voting against the motion, it would have passed by one vote causing significant embarrassment to the government.

Below is an extract of Rev Nile's speech extracted from the Parliamentary *Hansard*.

#### **Motion of No Confidence in the Premier of NSW**

Wednesday 14 October 2020

**Reverend the Hon. FRED NILE (11:47:30):** I do not support the motion of no confidence. I almost want to amend the motion to read, "That the House has no confidence in Daryl Maguire." instead of "That the House has no confidence in the Premier." Daryl Maguire is the villain in this drama. He is the one who should be the target, not the Premier. The Premier may have made some misjudgements in her personal relationship with him, which she now regrets, but I do not believe that it is the role of the Parliament to judge a

person's private activities in such a way as to have a motion of no confidence moved against them. I fully support the part of the motion that states:

*(a)in July 2018 Daryl Maguire resigned from Parliament, after it was revealed that he was seeking commission payments for facilitating investment in development proposals in the Canterbury Bankstown local government area;*

*This fact has been confirmed at the ICAC hearings. I also support the part of the motion that states:*

*(b)at the time of Mr Maguire's resignation, the Premier stated that she "was shocked" by his conduct and that Mr Maguire by those actions "let down his constituents, the people of New South Wales and the NSW Liberal Party";*

I fully support the Premier's statements and oppose the motion of no confidence.

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