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MEDIA RELEASE

Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC to retire from Parliament

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Christian Democratic Party Founder, the Reverend Honourable Fred Nile MLC today announced that after 40 years in the NSW Parliament, he will retire this November from the Legislative Council.

Rev Nile has recommended to the CDP's State Board, and it has unanimously agreed, that Lyle Shelton, former Managing Director of the Australian Christian Lobby, will be his successor subject to the agreement of the CDP's State Council.

"It has been the privilege of my life to represent Christ's values in the NSW Parliament on behalf of the Citizens of this great State.

"I am delighted to be recommending Lyle Shelton as my successor and I am confident this news will be received with great enthusiasm by our Members.

"The need for unashamedly Christian voices in public life has only increased in recent years and I can think of no one better than Mr Shelton to carry this forward," Rev Nile said.

Mr Shelton said: *"I am honoured that Rev Nile and the CDP State Board have recommended that I succeed him in the NSW Parliament and lead the party into the future. I look forward to seeking the support of the*

party's State Council. There has never been a greater need for Christian ethics and principles in our parliaments."

Rev Nile was elected to the NSW Legislative Council in 1981 and is the longest serving current sitting member of the Parliament.

He has been a constant champion for the natural family, human rights for the unborn, religious freedom, the dignity of women, measures to combat binge drinking, drug rehabilitation services, gambling advertising reform and much more.

Rev Nile achieved many legislative successes, notably his Tobacco Advertising Prohibition Act which banned remaining forms of tobacco advertising in NSW.

His Smoking Regulation Act which banned smoking in motor vehicles was also passed.

His vote secured the first Aboriginal land rights legislation passed more than 30 years ago, something the Indigenous people of NSW remember with gratitude.

Another significant achievement was the Parliament's support of Rev Nile's motion condemning the Armenian, Assyrian and Greek Genocide.

Rev Nile leaves a formidable legacy and Mr Shelton said he was looking forward to the challenge, along with the Party's Members and Supporters, of continuing this legacy into the future.

Rev Nile will remain active in the Party as Immediate Past President, Honorary Chairman of the Board and Editor and Chief of the Party Newspaper, Family World News and email Newsletter Salt and Light

Rev Nile will continue his support for the many organisations including, NSW Aboriginal Land Council; Australian Christian Nation Association (ACNA) The Christian World View (CWV); The Australian Army Reserve (in which Rev Nile served); St. George 45th Regiment and The 30th Scottish Association; Australian Monarchist League (AML), Australians for Constitutional Monarchy (ACM); The Jewish National Fund (JNF)

Australian Jewish Association (AJA); NSW Jewish Board of Deputies ;
Family Life International and Australian Christian Lobby (ACL)

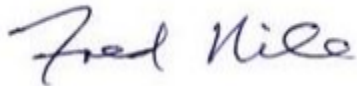
Rev Nile's long-standing support will continue with the many ethnic organisations including The Armenians, the Coptic Christians, the Assyrians, the Macedonians and the Greeks. Additionally, Rev Nile will continue his support with his many Charities including St Vincent Hospital and Cancer Council and SMS Lighthouse.

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Nile".

Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC

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