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**Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC
NSW Governor
Government House Sydney
Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000**

Dear Attorney General and Governor,

The Covid-19 pandemic has claimed lives, destroyed businesses and severely impacted the mental health of many. In times of crisis Australians look to politicians for leadership, guidance and most importantly accountability.

NSW Parliamentarians have been designated as 'essential workers' and yet our workplace remains closed both physically and remotely. Members continue to draw upon their salaries but cannot perform their core functions, that being democratic representation. We have not had a sitting of the Legislative Council since June 24, 2021.

The NSW Parliament is the only Parliament in Australia that remains closed. Even in the grim darkness of the first and second world wars the Legislative Council remained open.

The NSW Legislative Council is charged with holding the Executive of the Day to account as part of our democratic system. The choice of whether to sit is up to the Members of the Legislative Council rather than the Executive of the Day. The refusal by the State Government to send Ministers to the Legislative Council violates long standing conventions, protocols and standing orders.

We, the Members of the Legislative Council call upon the State Government to honour their commitments to democracy and return their Ministers to the Chamber

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Hon Penny Sharpe MLC
Opposition Leader in Legislative Council

X 

Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC
Christian Democratic Party Leader

X 

Hon Mark Latham MLC
Leader of One Nation

X



Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC
NSW Greens

X



Hon Robert Borsak MLC
Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party

X



Hon Mark Pearson MLC
Animal Justice Party

X



Hon Emma Hurst MLC
Animal Justice Party

X



Hon Justin Field MLC
Independent