

# STATEMENT

23 May 2016

## **Charges laid against former senior NSW Australian Labor Party official**

The NSW Electoral Commission has laid charges against a Central Coast man for Disclosing Protected Information and, Using enrolment information that had been provided by the Commission for a purpose not permitted under *the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912* [“the Act”].

The Commission alleges that in May 2015, the man disclosed protected information for a purpose not permitted under the Act. Also, that in June 2015, the man used the information, that had been lawfully provided by the Electoral Commissioner to a registered party [the Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)] under the Act, for a purpose not permitted under the Act.

Two charges have been laid by the Commission, under sections 43(2) and 42(1) of the Act.

The New South Wales Crown Solicitor’s Office is prosecuting this matter on behalf of the Commission.

Each offence carries a maximum penalty of \$110,000, but as the matter will be heard by the Local Court of NSW, the maximum fine that can imposed is \$22,000 for each offence.

The Court Attendance Notices have been served and the matter is listed before the Downing Centre Local Court on Tuesday 7 June 2016.

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