

INTRODUCING ADAM ...

I'm Adam Blakester and I am seeking a mandate from the people of the New England electorate to take your voices to Canberra.

I love this place. I love our communities across this electorate and I believe we deserve better leadership and better representation. I know we can achieve that by working together.

I was fortunate to be raised in a loving and fun family with its roots in Werris Creek, Tambar Springs and Gunnedah. While growing up and starting my career in Sydney, my heart and my passion for rural and regional sustainability drew me back and in 2007 I returned to settle near Uralla and Armidale with my partner Claire and daughter Jaz.

My career is so broad that I can only sum it up by saying that I have always strived to make things better, particularly through great governance, strategy, performance and accountability. I have experience in mental health, children and family services and education. My original profession, which I still draw on heavily, was in taxation, finance and law. The skills and experience I have in renewable energy, regenerative farming and environmental restoration will continue to be very important to our community into the future.

I have been instrumental in securing nearly \$1/2 billion of resources and funding for projects across regional NSW.

My team and I will listen, learn and lead together with our electorate and with other community, industry and sector leaders. We will act in the best interests of our electorate, not vested interests, and we will do it together.

I pledge to the people of New England that I will act at all times with honesty and integrity; my priority will be to listen to the voices of the people of New England, not to those who would seek to influence me for their selfish interests alone.

My commitment is to a bright future and I will guide the development of our shared future with vision, passion and commitment.

Please join our movement for better public governance and government. Sign up at www.adamblakester.vote.

Achievements

I know what it takes to support our communities and I know how to successfully negotiate and work across sectors and with all tiers of government.

Working with the public sector, with private donors and philanthropists and with community organisations, I have been integral in securing nearly \$1/2 billion in resources and funding for projects across regional NSW. Greater outcomes have been achieved beyond here in national and international areas.

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Projects have included:

\$15 million for the expansion and upgrade of an alcohol and drug rehabilitation facility for Freeman House and St Vincent de Paul
\$4 million for alcohol and drug rehabilitation services delivery for Freeman House and St Vincent de Paul.
\$300,000 for community transport for Wee Waa Community Care.
\$500,000 for community wind farm initiatives.
\$6,428,789 funding including in-kind contributions for various Starfish Initiatives projects.
\$2 million for habitat restoration for Southern New England Landcare.
\$150,000 for Lismore Community Solarfarms.
\$200,000 (including in-kind support) for strategy development for the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail project.
\$2 million for mental health service coordination for Richmond PRA.
\$5,000 for the Myall Creek Memorial.
\$33,000 for Natural Funeral Service.
\$500,000 for the New England Sustainability Strategy.
\$430 million for social and community housing for Homes North.
\$5,425,570 for a soil sustainability and biochar project.
\$10,711,570 for a solar power, hot water, heating and cooling systems project.
\$2,423,888 for various sustainability projects for Paradigm Play.
\$6 million for Tamworth Youthie and Coledale renewal for Tamworth Regional Council.
\$2 million for the Living Classroom for Gwydir Shire Council.
\$1 million for the Walker House complex disability needs housing for the Ascent Group.
\$500,000 in-kind support of the Zero Net Energy Towns project.

Qualifications

My original qualifications were in commerce and taxation law, gaining a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) with a sub-major in Law at the University of New South Wales. These qualifications have been expanded with formal studies in governance, strategy, facilitation, leadership, negotiation, training, communication and consciousness.

I am an alumnus of Social Leadership Australia (formerly the Sydney Leadership Program) and was Dux of Marist Brothers College Pagewood (1987). My primary schooling was at Lady of the Annunciation (Pagewood) and Marist Brothers Daceyville.