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PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY ROLES REFRESHED

Parliamentary Secretary roles within the NSW Government will get a refresh with the Deputy Premier today announcing six new appointments.

Deputy Premier John Barilaro said our Parliamentary Secretary roles and responsibilities had been revised to reflect the current needs of regional NSW following drought, bushfires, floods and COVID-19, and to ensure regional NSW is at the heart of decision making within the NSW Government.

“Our Parliamentary Secretaries are integral in helping to serve regional and rural communities across the state and representing regional towns by highlighting their unique issues in the NSW Parliament,” Mr Barilaro said.

“Today I can announce that moving forward there will be six Parliamentary Secretaries spanning responsibilities including water infrastructure, regional health, regional housing, agriculture, forestry, regional tourism, energy and the arts.

“There has never been a more important time to focus on regional health and so it makes sense to have a dedicated Parliamentary Secretary to assist and support this agenda.”

The new Parliamentary Secretary appointments are;

- Sam Faraway MLC, Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and for Water Infrastructure
- Steph Cooke MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Health
- Stephen Bromhead MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Housing
- Ben Franklin MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Energy and the Arts
- Chris Gulaptis MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture and Forestry
- Geoff Provest MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Tourism and Hospitality

“These Members of Parliament already have a proven track record of serving as dedicated and effective Parliamentary Secretaries and I want to welcome Sam Faraway who is stepping into the role for the first time,” Mr Barilaro said.

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