



# Greg Piper MP

## Member for Lake Macquarie



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#### **KEEP THE LOTTERIES, SAYS GREG PIPER**

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, says that the Government should abandon its plans to sell the NSW lotteries.

According to Mr Piper, lotteries were introduced in 1930 to raise money for public hospitals.

“Lotteries were started to pay for hospitals, so the Government could use the proceeds to provide one for the growing Morisset community.”

“Successive governments have diverted the income for other uses, but the need for hospitals is just as great today as it was in 1930,” Mr Piper said.

According to Mr Piper, the privatisation of lotteries was included in the Government’s desperate mini-budget in the wake of the failed electricity privatisation.

“Lotteries bring significant and ongoing revenue and the only logic in cashing in now would be to get a short term windfall to address years of fiscal mismanagement,” he said.

“Privatisation of services and assets isn’t the way forward for NSW,” Mr Piper said. “The Government shouldn’t sell off an income stream when the money is needed to help build communities.”

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