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Liberal plan for action in Parliament

Local MP Tony Simpson is looking forward to a return to Parliament on the 4th of November to implement the election promises of the new Liberal-National State Government.

The agenda for the coming months includes:

- Reforming the State's tax system;
- The restoration of an independent Freedom of Information Commissioner;
- The creation of a proper lobbyist register;
- Protecting Royal Perth Hospital;
- Scrapping Labor's 'truth in sentencing' laws that give convicted criminals an automatic 1/3rd reduction of their sentence before they've even entered gaol;
- The re-establishment the Graffiti Taskforce and increase penalties for vandals;
- A pay rise for all State school teachers;
- Free public transport for all Seniors Card holders between 10am and 3pm on weekdays and all day on weekends, as well as a Cost of Living Rebate;
- The appointment of a Seniors Ministerial Advisory Group;
- The commencement of work on a Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for the Great Western Woodlands;
- The establishment of expanded eligibility criteria for funding grants to schools to harness solar power.

"The Liberal-National Government was elected to deal with those matters that have been neglected over the past eight years," said Mr Simpson.

"Over the coming weeks and months, we will be setting out an agenda that will take advantage of Western Australia's strengths, and protect our State from any global economic slow-down.

"We have already started implementing these plans, providing all State school teachers with a 6 per cent pay rise, backdated to the 5th of September.

"I look forward to tackling these and other important issues as a part of the Barnett Government."

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