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THE YEAR THAT WAS: 1988 NSW CABINET PAPERS RELEASED

The historic closure of the State Brickworks and the establishment of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) – 1988 was an historic year for the NSW Government.

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin today joined former NSW Premier Nick Greiner to release the 1988 NSW Cabinet Papers.

“In 1988 we celebrated the bicentenary, introduced *Home & Away* to the world and honoured Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders through artwork at the Sydney Biennale,” said Mr Harwin.

“It was also a huge year in NSW politics, with Nick Greiner’s Coalition winning a landslide election through a swing of 8.3% - the second largest in NSW history at the time - to end twelve years of Labor rule.

“The election of his government ushered in several changes that transformed public administration in the state and paved the way for similar reform in other states and the Commonwealth that remain in place today.”

Significant Cabinet decisions made in 1988 included:

- In February the Unsworth Cabinet debated a proposal for the **redevelopment of Luna Park** by Prome Investments.
- In March the Unsworth Cabinet approved the preparation of **legislation to reduce ‘restrictive’ controls on AMP** given the new environment of deregulation.
- In March the Greiner Cabinet approved the **Ministerial Code of Conduct**.
- In May the Greiner Cabinet approved the **establishment of the Independent Commission Against Corruption**, Australia’s first anti-corruption body.
- In May the Greiner Cabinet **decided to close the State Brickworks and Homebush Abattoirs** during an emerging debate on the role of the state.

“Having committed \$1.6m to digitising art collections across regional NSW and welcomed the State Archives and Records Authority of NSW to my portfolio, I’m pleased to continue increasing access to the archives including this fascinating glimpse into State political history,” Mr Harwin added.

To access the digitised cabinet papers visit:

<https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/collections-and-research/guides-and-indexes/cabinet-papers-1988> - please credit **NSW State Archives & Records**

