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O'Farrell reaffirms his plan to scrap Part 3A – axing NSW jobs and investment

Opposition Leader Barry O'Farrell today re-affirmed his scheme to abolish Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act*.

“We need to give local planning controls back to councils, including scrapping Part 3A.”

- Barry O'Farrell, Radio 2GB, September 22, 2009

“Business leaders from across NSW have expressed their alarm to me at the O'Farrell scheme,” NSW Treasurer Eric Roozendaal said.

“Barry O'Farrell is risking the future economic growth of NSW.

“In the current economic climate, Barry O'Farrell's scheme would effectively shut down the state's engine room and undo important job creation and investment strategies.

“Barry O'Farrell wants to send us back to the Dark Ages, leaving major projects and projects of state significance at the mercy of local government.

“Barry O'Farrell is risking the state economy and jobs in NSW for a cheap political headline.”

Industry groups like the Sydney Chamber of Commerce and the NSW Minerals Council support Part 3A and its ability to help fast-track regionally significant commercial, industrial, retail and residential development.

Since September 2008 the NSW Government has approved 447 major projects, creating nearly 62,000 jobs and more than \$19 billion worth of investment in NSW.