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Challenge to Barry O'Farrell on NSW Lotteries: Roozendaal

NSW Treasurer Eric Roozendaal today called on NSW Opposition Leader Barry O'Farrell to reconsider his opposition to the State Government's sale of NSW Lotteries.

"Newsagent groups recognise that the Government plans to sell NSW Lotteries and the Liberals have said they want to privatise the business sometime in the future," Mr Roozendaal said.

"Barry O'Farrell is creating uncertainty for small businesses across the state.

"In fact, several rural and regional newsagents have stated they have been unable to secure finance or sell their business because of the uncertainty created by Mr O'Farrell.

"Mr O'Farrell has put his own political interests ahead of small businesses across NSW.

"I call on Mr O'Farrell to immediately reverse his position on the sale of NSW Lotteries and commit to support the legislation in September."

Mr Roozendaal said the NSW Government has met with newsagent groups to discuss conditions to protect newsagents as part of the sale.

Mr Roozendaal said the sale of NSW Lotteries has been Liberal policy since the last election and was reconfirmed by the shadow treasurer just last month:

"The sale of NSW Lotteries has been put forward as policy by the Liberal-Nationals Coalition and it is no surprise that we will continue to support that policy."

- Michael Baird, Hansard, June 17, 2009

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