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OPPOSITION MOVES MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE AGAINST ROBYN PARKER

The NSW Labor Opposition has today moved a motion of no confidence against Environment Minister Robyn Parker – for repeatedly failing to warn the community about toxic chemical leaks and lacking even a basic understanding of her ministerial responsibilities.

The motion reads:

That the Minister for the Environment and Heritage no longer enjoys the confidence of the House, given she:

- 1. Failed to inform the public for more than 54 hours of the Hexavalent Chromium leak from the Orica chemical plant at Kooragang Island on the 8th of August.*
- 2. Failed to inform the public for more than 24 hours of the Ammonium Nitrate leak from the same Orica chemical plant on the 9th of November.*
- 3. Neglected to speak to any representative of Orica about these extremely serious threats to public safety, including CEO Graeme Liebelt, who tried to contact her on at least three separate occasions.*
- 4. Has admitted that she doesn't read documents before she signs them in her capacity as Minister.*
- 5. Has demonstrated that she has no understanding of the legislation in her portfolio during budget estimates hearings.*
- 6. Has lost the confidence of the people of NSW and is clearly incapable of performing her duties as Minister for Environment and Heritage.*

"It's clear Robyn Parker is not fit to be NSW Environment Minister," Opposition Leader, John Robertson said.

"After failing to warn the community of not one, but two toxic chemical leaks from the Orica plant at Kooragang Island, it is blaringly obvious that Ms Parker is simply not up to the job.

"In addition to not knowing the name of the Orica CEO, Graeme Liebelt, Ms Parker has confirmed she has never spoken to anyone from Orica, let alone visited the Kooragang Island plant.

"This follows her shocking performance at Budget estimates, where Ms Parker claimed 'logging protects koalas'.

"Robyn Parker is far and away the worst performing Minister in the O'Farrell Government – it defies belief the Premier would guarantee her a Ministerial position until 2015."

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