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NSW LIBERALS AND NATIONALS PLEDGE NSW-INDIA TRADE MISSION TO UNLOCK INVESTMENT

NSW Liberal Leader Kellie Sloane has announced she will lead a trade and investment mission to India within her first year as Premier along with Deputy Premier Gurmesh Singh if the Liberals and Nationals are elected to government in March.

With over 350,000 Australians in NSW of Indian cultural heritage and over \$6.8 billion in two-way trade between NSW and India, Ms Sloane said that strengthening the relationship to unlock more investment opportunities would be part of the Liberals and Nationals plan to grow the NSW economy and create more local jobs.

“India is the world’s fastest growing economy, and I want to strengthen the NSW-India relationship, so that our state is first in line to attract investment and unlock new export markets,” said Ms Sloane.

“The former NSW Liberals and Nationals Government understood the importance of the NSW-Indian relationship to our economy and established trade and cultural arrangements in Gujarat with Narendra Modi and the Sister State Relationship with the Maharashtra Government.”

Leader of the NSW Nationals Gurmesh Singh said that the Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement, signed by the Federal Liberals and Nationals Government in 2022 had created new opportunities for regional NSW that a Liberal and Nationals Government would turbocharge.

“NSW farmers produce the best food and fibre in the world, and we want to back them to access the opportunities that India presents to grow exports and create more jobs in regional NSW,” said Mr Singh.

Mr Singh went on to say that after four years, the Minns Labor Government had failed to strengthen the NSW-India relationship and called on the Premier to match the Liberals and Nationals pledge.

Achievements of the Former NSW Liberal and Nationals Government

- Successful trade missions led by Premiers Barry O’Farrell, Mike Baird and Dominic Perrottet.
- Established productive trade, research and cultural arrangements in Gujarat with then Chief Minister (now Prime Minister) Narendra Modi.

- Supported the former Federal Liberal and Nationals Government's Australia-India Economic and Cooperation Trade Agreement.
- Established a Sister State Relationship with the Maharashtra Government in 2012.

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