



Gilmore Greens feel great sadness at the loss of Dr. John Kaye, NSW Greens MLC since 2007 and a tireless campaigner for the issues at the centre of social justice and protection of the environment.

John had an amazing capacity to work with communities, unions, business groups and within the NSW Greens to develop and promote policies for his many portfolio areas which included education, energy, consumer affairs, water and racing and gaming.

He campaigned with us many times for the protection of public education and was a tireless champion for TAFE and Public Schools. He worked strongly against the privatisation of the state's electricity sector and was the driving force behind the NSW Greens 100% Renewable Electricity policy.

John obtained his PhD from the University of California Berkely and his research work, prior to entering parliament, was in sustainable energy and greenhouse issues. This work and experience provided him with the solid background knowledge to cut through the spin and ignorance in the Climate Change debate.

In the Illawarra John took pride in developing with the unions and workers, the NSW Greens Steel Procurement Policy which is the basis of the Steel Industry Protection Bill currently before parliament.

John had a special love of the Jervis Bay region and visited regularly to rest from the rigours of life as an MP.

We remember how he had an incredible memory and knowledge, invariably a no-notes-presentation in everyday language and always approached his audiences with enthusiasm and engagement.

Clarity of argument, solid research, community organising skills, a deep commitment to social justice and tireless energy sums up John's work as an MP. He will be sorely missed by the people of Gilmore.

Carmel McCallum, Greens Candidate for Gilmore.