

State of politics in NSW far from reassuring

So this is the state of politics in NSW. We have Troy Grant's decision to retire at the 2019 election saying: "The political landscape has changed dramatically since 2010. It's a nastier place than it was back then". Then we have Daryl Maguire resigning from the Liberal Party, but choosing to stay on "representing" Wagga Wagga after being investigated by the ICAC for attempting to broker property deals for clients ("MP quits Libs after ICAC evidence", July 14-15). Not long before we are just left with the dregs in Macquarie Street?

Julian Hare, Penshurst

Maguire is obviously trying to distance his alleged actions from staining the reputation of the government and yet he remains a voting member of Parliament on full pay who, now as an independent, will vote with the government any way. If his parliamentary vote is considered too tainted for his party then it's too tainted for the Legislative Assembly as well.

John Bailey, Canterbury

Tip of the iceberg?

Glenn Johnson, Laura

The difference between NSW and some territories is the solicited bribe here is 1.5 or 3 per cent, rather than 10 per cent. Not sure how to work out what that implies

for the supply or demand of bribes here, compared with elsewhere.

Alex Erskine, Cremorne Point

Let's hope ICAC is sufficiently resourced to scrutinise the wheeling and dealing that's led to the MTR corporation poised to develop up to 27-storey apartments above metro stations in Crows Nest for starters. Of the 549 (3 per cent) submissions lodged from the community and councils along the T3 Bankstown line responding to the metro environment impact statement, only 17 were supportive of the heavy rail line being replaced with a metro. It's about as popular in the community as replacing one sports stadium with another. It's becoming obvious why it's being done: property development.

Kate Lumley, Hurlstone Park

On every occasion the NSW ICAC gets a mention in the *Herald* I bless those little cotton socks worn in Canberra. It's so reassuring to know there's not a snowball's chance in hell such events could happen in the nation's capital.

Col Shephard, Yamba

"Show me the money!"

Peter Hayes, Port Macquarie

Well done, ICAC, despite your underfunding. Good to see the back of another aspirational politician.

Marie Healy, Hurlstone Park