

Vale Wayne Goss

Dear Ann

I have the sad news of informing you that former Labor Premier Wayne Goss died earlier today.

After a long battle with ill health Wayne passed away at age 63, peacefully at home with family. Labor today is keeping his whole family in our thoughts, particularly his wife Roisin, and children Ryan and Caitlin.

The Labor family in Queensland today will be in mourning as we remember Wayne's huge legacy. Not only did he win elections for Labor, ending thirty-two years of National Party rule, he irreversibly changed Queensland reforming the state for the better.

There can be no greater Labor leader for Queensland in the modern age than Wayne Goss. In 1989 he led Queensland out of the dark and into the modern world. He swept away government corruption, decriminalised homosexuality, reformed electoral laws and appointed the state's first female Governor.

'Goss the Boss' was a giant for Labor and for Queensland. He will be sorely missed. I encourage all members of the Labor family and movement to spend time in your local branches remembering and celebrating the achievements of Wayne Goss.

Details of any service marking his life will be made in the days ahead.

Anthony Chisholm  
State Secretary