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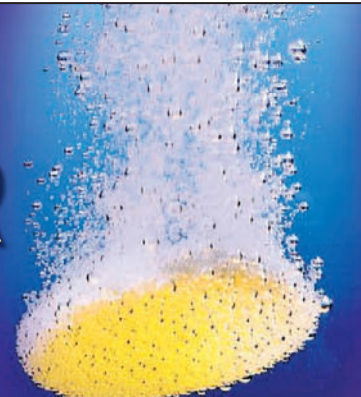
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'This is a time for healing and calm, not for belligerence.' – Morris Iemma

# Power to the Premier



Evans in his "Free Tibet" T-shirt.

## T-shirt fails Olympic meddle challenge

Jacquelin Magnay

AN AUSTRALIAN Olympic hopeful, the star cyclist Cadel Evans, may come under greater scrutiny from Chinese and Games authorities in Beijing after wearing a "Free Tibet" T-shirt during a race in Belgium late last month.

The International Olympic Committee yesterday toughened the interpretation of its Olympic Charter, adding to the rule that no kind of demonstration or political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted at any Olympic site, venue or other area.

It has said such propaganda can include "the conduct of participants ... including but not limited to their look, external appearance, clothing, gestures and written or oral statements".

Evans's political statement was subtly on display when he unzipped his racing suit during the tough climbs and after the finish of the prestigious Liege-Bastogne-Liege one-day classic on April 27. While he will not be allowed to wear the T-shirt at any Olympic site in Beijing, he is the only Australian athlete to flag his views on Tibet and will be watched by Chinese authorities.

Yesterday the Australian Olympic Committee spokesman, Mike Tancred, said all Australian team members would be briefed at the Olympic Village on the "do's and don'ts" of the Games. But the IOC's strong stance appears to be in conflict with the AOC allowing athletes to talk freely of their views on blogs and in interviews with the media.

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Time to stick together ... Morris Iemma leaves yesterday's caucus meeting.

Andrew Clennell and Brian Robins

MORRIS IEMMA won an important victory in his bid to privatise the power industry yesterday when Labor MPs decided not to take him on in caucus and even applauded the Premier for the strength of leadership he has shown during the bitter battle.

The caucus vote was expected to be a fiery exchange at which anti-privatisation MPs moved against Mr Iemma, but no motion was put against the sale.

Mr Iemma told the *Herald* last night that his Government's position would have been "almost untenable" had he backed down on the sale after the state Labor conference voted against it by 702 to 107 on Saturday.

All eyes will now be on important talks today involving Bernie Riordan – the NSW Labor president and Electrical Trades Union secretary and a strident opponent of privatisation – and Mr Iemma, the Treasurer, Michael Costa, the Industrial Relations Minister, John Della Bosca, and senior party officials.

Mr Iemma said the meeting would be about "coming together and starting the healing process" within Labor. "This is a time for healing and calm, not for belligerence," he said.

Explaining phone calls to MPs on Saturday night and Sunday, asking them to get behind him on the privatisation in the caucus, the Premier said: "I made it clear [that to drop the proposal] the Government's position would be almost untenable. I would be subject to very severe criticism that would be correct."

Instead, about 10 MPs at the caucus meeting expressed reservations about the sale and said the Government should continue to negotiate with unions. At least two suggested Mr Costa should be excluded from negotiations to improve the chance of a deal being done with unions.

It is understood a personality clash between the Treasurer and

### THE FALSE FIGHT

'Unless power stations are built, power will have to be rationed. Consumers may dislike the idea of privatisation now, but when their power fails at the height of a hot summer they will dislike blackouts more.'

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Mr Riordan is a key reason a deal could not be nipped out before the conference. Mr Iemma said he expected Mr Costa and Mr Riordan could work together "because they have a long-standing relationship with each other".

The Premier opened the door to talks on a joint public-private venture for certain power stations, saying: "Joint ventures have been raised before. I'm all ears as to what people want to put but it hasn't been put since conference."

There is speculation also on the possibility of share options for union members in a public float. Mr Iemma said this possibility had not come up in discussions.

He said he had told caucus: "We get through this but only if we stick together. There is no place for shouting from the rooftops or belligerence. Everybody understands that."

Asked if Mr Costa understood that, Mr Iemma repeated: "Everybody understands that." But the Unions NSW secretary, John Robertson, had an ominous warning for Mr Iemma last night, dismissing the lack of tension in caucus by saying: "The process to resolve this issue starts tomorrow, not today. Anyone who thinks this is over is kidding themselves and is totally misunderstanding the seriousness of the situation."

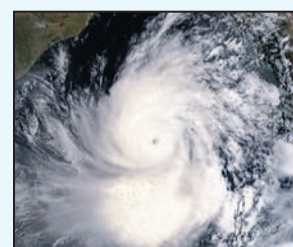
The former minister Carmel Tebbutt told the caucus meeting the Government must take note of Continued Page 4



Exclusion call ... Michael Costa emerges from the meeting. Photos: Peter Rae

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- Sydney city mostly sunny 13°-21°  
Tomorrow fine 11°-20°
- Liverpool mostly sunny 10°-21°  
Tomorrow fine 7°-20°
- Penrith fine, mostly sunny 11°-21°  
Tomorrow fine 7°-20°
- Newcastle mostly sunny 11°-22°  
Tomorrow cloudy 11°-21°
- Wollongong fine, sunny 12°-20°  
Tomorrow cloudy 11°-19°



### Regime accused as toll soars

As the death toll from Cyclone Nargis reached 22,500 and was likely to climb higher, Burma's military regime came under fire yesterday for its "inept" response to the disaster. About 41,000 people are missing. **Page 8**

## Metro throws planning on its head

Linton Besser  
Transport Reporter

### Unholy row

YEARS of careful planning to link Sydney's housing, transport and employment hubs has been jettisoned by the decision to abandon a heavy rail line to Rouse Hill and replace it with an independent metro line, Australia's top planning body has warned.

The announcement of the new \$12 billion North West Metro has scuttled the integrated transport and housing policies that underpinned the State Government's all-encompassing Metropolitan Strategy, says the Planning Institute of Australia.

Thousands of future north-

At least seven new bus lanes are expected to be created in the city centre for World Youth Day. The City of Sydney has accused the State Government of secret plans to retain them without consultation after the six-day festival. **Page 2**

west residents were expected to travel by rail from their new homes to jobs specifically created in the "global arc" between Macquarie Park and North Sydney. But the metro will force these commuters to interchange

at Epping to a line that now will not have room for them. More than 10,000 people an hour could be stuck at Epping during the morning peak, competing for just 4000 spaces on the Epping to Chatswood CityRail line.

The sudden shift of priorities – from an \$8 billion CityRail expansion plan to a single underground all-stops metro – has thrown into doubt the very principles by which hundreds of planning decisions have been made. For instance, no provision has been made for high-density development at key stops on the metro at Rozelle, Drummoyne and Gladesville.

In a new policy paper, the institute says it supports the North-

West Metro line as far west as Epping, but that extending a subway to Rouse Hill contravenes the world's best transport and land use principles. The metro and "its connectivity with Victoria Road overturns years of careful planning by the State Government to integrate land use and transport planning for Sydney's global city corridor from Epping to the airport", it says.

The metro was announced in March as a replacement for the \$8 billion Metropolitan Rail Expansion Program, which would have included the North-West Rail Link and a new rail line through the CBD as part of the CityRail Continued Page 2

## Children of busy parents boarding in same city

Anna Patty  
Education Editor

TIRED of fighting the Sydney traffic and with little spare time, busy working parents are sending their children to boarding schools despite living in the same city.

Up to a third of students boarding at Sydney Church of England Grammar School are weekday boarders and include the children of busy working Sydney families, the senior boarding house master at the exclusive North Sydney school, David Anderson, says.

The pressures of city living had

### STOP THE TREADMILL

'No one on their death bed ever says, "Gee I wish I had spent more time at work."'

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led to an increase in part-time boarders at the school, Mr Anderson said yesterday.

His comments follow concerns voiced by the head of PLC School at Croydon, William McKeith, in Continued Page 4

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