

RSL NEW SOUTH WALES PRESIDENT

Mr DAVID ELLIOTT (Baulkham Hills—Minister for Counter Terrorism, Minister for Corrections, and Minister for Veterans Affairs) (13:13): I speak on behalf of all members of this House in congratulating James Brown on his election as State President of the RSL New South Wales. James is a decorated young veteran serving as an Armoured Corps captain in Afghanistan and Iraq. He is the research director of the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney. Between 2010 and 2014 James was the military fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy. In 2015 he was appointed an adjunct associate professor at the University of Sydney. It is fantastic to see a contemporary veteran take up such an important leadership role at the NSW RSL at this time of important reform. There are many issues that I am sure the new president will tackle in his tenure. These include but are not limited to veterans' employment, veterans' welfare and veterans dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder. I am delighted at his election yesterday in Albury at the annual general meeting of the RSL and I wish him well for a long tenure.