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## Hunter loses a 'great friend'

NSW Greens MP John Kaye was mourned as "a most beautiful person and great friend of the Hunter" after his death on Monday.

The politician best known in the region for the fight against Tillegra Dam died, aged 60, only months after he was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer.

"John was the most incredible politician, as well as my friend. He was smart, articulate, warm, accessible and tenacious in terms of supporting local communities with their issues," said Dungog councillor and No Tillegra Dam member Linda Bowden.

"He was a most beautiful person and great friend of the Hunter," she said.

Dr Kaye was a leading opponent of electricity privatisation, a vocal spokesman for public schools and TAFE, and was Greens spokesman on energy, education, treasury, finance, consumer affairs and gaming, racing and hospitality.

NSW Greens MP and friend David Shoebridge said Dr Kaye took to heart his role as a politician for all of NSW.

- JOANNE MCCARTHY



VALE: Greens MP John Kaye who died on Monday after battling cancer.