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Dear Resident,

Having wasted about half a billion dollars on the botched Metro rail project, incompetent Premier Keneally is considering the introduction of sweeping laws to allow the government to compulsorily acquire private homes and hand them to developers. The NSW Liberals & Nationals, led by Barry O'Farrell strongly oppose this outrageous proposal.

Prominent Australian Dick Smith has joined calls to stop Labor's plans, which would see Davidson residents like Mrs Anne Samuel (pictured) at risk of being forced to sell their homes. The only reassurance that Labor Planning Minister, Tony Kelly, has offered is that new acquisition powers would '*involve appropriate guidelines, appropriate safeguards, appropriate rules and appropriate compensation*'.

Premier Keneally has also flagged the continuation of extraordinary



powers that steamroll local councils and communities to ensure developments proceed, despite promising in NSW Parliament that they would apply only for infrastructure projects under the Commonwealth Nation Building and Jobs Plan.

The fight also continues against local overdevelopment, which places enormous pressure on ageing infrastructure and the environment. Despite numerous petitions, protests and submissions regarding the Ku-ring-gai Town Centres Plan, the State Government and its planning panel have not really listened. A recent Freedom of Information application seeking relevant planning documents required four separate payments over four months, before documents were released. This prevented timely public access to important information.

The only hope of proper planning process and accountability is with a change of government in our State.

Yours sincerely,

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»» NARRABEEN LAGOON

While considerable work has been undertaken to improve the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment, more environmental protection of this valuable resource is warranted. Together with the Member for Pittwater, Rob Stokes, I support the Narrabeen Lagoon area being declared a State Park.

For those interested in undertaking bushwalks or activities around the Lagoon area, please visit the Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon website www.narrabeenlagoon.org.au.



Tossing the coin with cricket team captains, and local MPs Barry O'Farrell and Paul Fletcher.

»» LINDFIELD SPORTS

On 28 March I took to the streets for the annual Lindfield Rotary Fun Run. Thankfully you don't have to be a top athlete to participate. Hundreds took part in the 5 and 10 kilometre runs and the 5 kilometre walk. It's a great social event, which brings the community together for a good cause, with proceeds supporting Rotary projects, including the Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service (KYDS). A recent Lindfield Cricket Club fundraiser also supported KYDS.

»» FOKE 'HERO' NOMINATED WOMAN OF THE YEAR



It was a pleasure to nominate committed community campaigner, Kathy Cowley, for the prestigious 2010 NSW Woman of the Year Award.

For more than 15 years, Kathy has been at the forefront of community opposition to overdevelopment in the Ku-ring-gai area. She is a founding member and Vice-President of FOKE

(Friends of the Ku-ring-gai Environment) and has actively supported many other community groups, fighting to preserve Ku-ring-gai's natural and cultural heritage. Her involvement, which has also included numerous formal and informal community forums, has inspired others to join the fight for our local environmental future.

»» CARERS RECOGNITION BILL

Carers often sacrifice their own desires in order to devote themselves to helping others execute basic, everyday tasks that able-bodied people take for granted.

They often have the role thrust upon them suddenly, by circumstances outside their control, including disease, accidents and old age. The Carers Recognition Bill was introduced by the NSW Liberals and Nationals to better support carers. Governments must back words with action to ensure carers receive the appropriate level of financial, physical and emotional support needed to carry out their valuable role. You can support the bill by logging onto www.caring4carers.com.au.

»» OUTRAGE CONTINUES OVER ST IVES PLANNING

Overdevelopment and the impact of poor planning, including inadequate infrastructure were issues of major concern at the recent St Ives Seniors Forum. Over 120 people attended the Forum, called to facilitate feedback on local issues and provide an opportunity to ask questions. The NSW Government's inclusion of St Ives as a Town Centre is even contrary to its own Metropolitan Strategy as it is nowhere near a railway line. An explanation by the Labor-appointed Planning Panel that St Ives is a suitable Town Centre because it provides flat ground is 'flat earth logic'. This Government has sold out to the development industry at the cost of local residents.



▶▶ TREADSTONE REPORT UPDATE

In answering one of my recent written questions, the Planning Minister has confirmed that the author of the Treadstone Report into Ku-ring-gai dwelling numbers did not consult community groups or local MPs, who had previously expressed serious concerns about the accuracy of the matters reviewed in the report.

However, the Minister acknowledged local developers and development industry professionals were consulted, including those involved in preparing, assessing and implementing development applications. You might as well simply ask developers if they want to make more money! I am continuing to fight the proposed overdevelopment.

▶▶ ADDITIONAL SCHOOL SAFETY WELCOMED



The decision to install additional 40km/hour flashing school zone lights at Roseville and St. Ives is welcome news.

The flashing lights are to be installed on Archbold Road outside Roseville Public School and on Eastern Arterial Road and Horace Street outside St. Ives High School and St. Ives Public School. I have

been involved in the campaigns for school zone lights at both locations and congratulate the respective school communities for their work in highlighting the need for improved safety. Mimosa Public School, next to Davidson High, is also currently undergoing assessment for new flashing school zone lights.

▶▶ FELINE FRIENDLY AT FORESTVILLE

Recently I was invited to present awards at the 54th annual Forestville Cat Show.

Almost 200 cats were entered from almost 100 exhibitors – some travelling long distances to show their pride and joy. Like dogs, cats can make a valuable contribution to many households, teaching young people to take responsibility, while often providing valuable therapy and great company for those living alone. Proceeds from the event went towards sponsorship of one of the “big cats” at Taronga Zoo.



▶▶ COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

While I'm often critical of the government for waste and mismanagement, including the misallocation of public resources, it has been important to work with the Government and various community groups to secure funding for valuable local projects under the Community Building Partnerships Program.

More than \$300,000 has been allocated to ten projects across the Davidson Electorate. These include The Shed project at St Ives, which was featured in my last newsletter.

Other local projects funded will benefit scouting, sporting, childcare and church groups.

▶▶ NEW INTERACTIVE PLANNING WEBSITE

Have your say on local planning issues by visiting www.jonathanodea.com.au and clicking on the link at the top of the home page. The new site provides eight topics relating to planning issues, relevant articles and an opportunity to choose one of four responses on each one. There are also forums where you can make further comment. I look forward to your input and will respond to comments. There is also a website on government waste and mismanagement accessible via a similar link.



»» NATIONAL PARK EXTENSION

The the NSW Government should formally extend the Garigal National Park by including a 10 hectare area, currently within the boundaries of the WSN Environmental Services (WSN) site at Belrose. The land cannot be used for landfill and is preserved in a natural bush state. Its inclusion will provide additional refuge and habitat for native animals, close to suburbia, while also preserving the area for all to enjoy into the future. The Government should facilitate this transfer before its announced sale of WSN proceeds.

»» MOUNTAIN BIKING SOLUTION

I have enthusiastically endorsed a plan to return land at the WSN Belrose landfill site for community activities, including mountain biking. Mountain biking is a healthy activity for people of all ages and the sport lacks appropriate facilities across Sydney. As the debate continues over the environmental impact of mountain biking on native bushland, the rehabilitated landfill site at Belrose offers a welcome 'win-win' solution. Possible other activities on the site include horse riding and informal recreation.



»» AUSTRALIA DAY AND ANZAC DAY



Awardee James Frost with Jonathan and Barry

On Australia Day, I attended a number of Citizenship and Award Ceremonies across the Ku-ring-gai and Warringah Local Government Areas. Many residents from a wide variety of backgrounds declared their allegiance to Australia and are now certified "Aussies".

I'll also be attending special ceremonies to mark Anzac Day. They include services at the Roseville and Forestville RSL Sub-Branches on 18 April, the Glenaeon Retirement Village on 23 April, Dawn Services on Anzac Day at the Roseville Memorial Club (5am) and the Peace Park, Oxford Falls (6am) as well as an Anzac Church Service at St John's Gordon on Sunday 2 May. I encourage residents to take the time to remember and honour those who laid down their lives for our freedom at these and other services across the electorate.

»» IN PARLIAMENT

Your local MP has been working hard to keep the NSW Government accountable in Parliament.

Over this term I have delivered over 140 speeches, asked over 520 questions and moved numerous motions. This year, I have continued to apply pressure, including through recent questions on public sector employees, the health system, government advertising and overdevelopment.

See the full range of questions and speeches by visiting my website, www.jonathancodea.com.au. The website also contains my media releases, the latest WasteWatch Newsletter, and links to new features on planning issues and government waste. Your comments are very welcome.

»» SENIORS FORUMS

My popular Seniors Morning Tea Forums continue over coming months.

For Lindfield and Roseville Seniors: St Alban's Hall, Lindfield on 24 May at 10.30am. For Killara and Gordon Seniors: Killara Bowling Club on 28 June at 10.30am. The forums provide those aged over 65 with an opportunity to receive updates on state-based issues and to ask questions. Bookings are essential through the Davidson Electorate Office.



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