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## Dear Resident,

Our developed environment continues to be of real concern to most of Davidson electorate. Whether the proposed demolition and rebuild of the Glenrose Shopping Centre, the failure to construct the new Northern Beaches Hospital or the proposed Ku-ring-gai Town Centre developments, buildings impact heavily on our lifestyles.

The State Government appointed Planning Panel will again consider Ku-ring-gai Town Centre plans in late May. The previous version involved unacceptable over-development and I have made strong representations for revisions, including at St Ives (where concerned local residents are pictured below with Barry O'Farrell and myself). After Planning Panel adoption, NSW Planning Minister Keneally will consider the plans for final authorisation.



Meanwhile, Shadow Environment Minister Catherine Cusack (pictured in a recent meeting with local residents), will address a public forum hosted by Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment at 8pm on Monday 11 May. Catherine will speak at the Killara Uniting Church Hall (corner of Arnold Street & Karranga Ave) on "Shredding Ku-ring-gai's Iconic Canopy". Relevantly, a NSW Liberal/Nationals policy is to appoint a Minister for Heritage and relocate the Heritage Office from the Planning to the Environment portfolio.

Our NSW community also faces challenges from the economic environment. With

NSW unemployment rising sharply above the national average, government should encourage employment through a temporary 15% payroll tax cut and better development of crucial NSW infrastructure to address energy, water, transport and healthcare needs.



I will continue to represent your issues and concerns, both locally and in the NSW Parliament. Thank you for that opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

*Jonathan O'Dea*

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# WSN RESPONDS TO POLITICAL PRESSURE

**Operators of the Belrose tip, WSN Environmental Solutions (a State Government owned corporation), have now decided to submit a Development Application to council to dump 160,000 tonnes of additional garbage at its Belrose landfill site.**

Initially WSN management tried to argue, contrary to a clear 2004 undertaking to residents, that no approval was needed. However, following community meetings, media releases, Questions on Notice, a Notice of Motion, a speech in Parliament as well as communications with WSN Environmental Solutions management, they have agreed to submit a DA to Warringah Council.

Proper community consultation and input will be crucial in the assessment process, as will expert views to satisfy engineering, environmental and safety concerns.

## OUR FIREFIGHTERS

**The wonderful work of firefighters who brought a threatening blaze under control in East Killara earlier this year provides a fine example of the Aussie tradition of helping our neighbours.**

Around 100 firefighters and four aircraft, including two air cranes, fought the fire as it took hold in Garigal National Park, threatening homes in Albany Crescent and Murrumba Place.

The fire also had the potential to spread to the Davidson-Belrose area and beyond. The firefighters performed magnificently, bringing the flames under control before they could damage property. Many were volunteers who readily give up their time to help and protect others in need. I was pleased to pay tribute to their work during a speech in Parliament, which also addressed the devastating Victorian bushfires.



*At the East Killara bushfire site*

## NO HOSPITAL – NOT EVEN AN APPROVAL!



*L-R Local MPs Rob Stokes, Brad Hazzard, Mike Baird & Jonathan O'Dea with Shadow Health Minister, Jillian Skinner & local doctors*

**The State Labor Government's appalling lack of commitment to the much-needed Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest has been further exposed.**

A response to a question regarding Warringah Road intersection upgrades in the vicinity of the proposed new hospital, indicated that further work would be 'subject to the hospital being approved'. So the truth appears that, despite State Labor's 'trumpet blowing' and fanfare announcements, the government has not even approved the new hospital! The Coalition's policy is to commence construction as matter of priority.

I have also presented a petition to Parliament on behalf of residents demanding action. We also need upgrades to Mona Vale Hospital.





## COMMUNITY RALLIES TO SAVE GLENROSE

**A recent public meeting over the future of the Glenrose Shopping Centre received an overwhelming response, with over 500 residents in attendance.**

I convened the meeting as an information forum as well as an opportunity for local residents to ask questions and express views.

Fortunately Stockland's plan to virtually demolish the entire complex (except for Woolworths) in order to address contaminated groundwater beneath the centre, has now been deferred from after June 2009 to after January 2010. Work continues with relevant stakeholders with the aim of keeping more retail shops open throughout the relevant work.

The Glenrose Shopping Centre is more than just a group of shops – it's the hub and meeting place of the local area and needs to be preserved as far as reasonably practical.



*Glenrose Public Meeting*



## SUPPORTING LOCAL SCHOOLS

The State Government must ensure local schools in Davidson, including Killara High School, receive their fair share of funding under the Federal Government's recently announced assistance package. Under the package, all schools can apply for funding for minor maintenance and infrastructure, while secondary schools can also access a \$1 billion pool for science and language laboratories.



*Demountable Classrooms at Killara*

appropriate funding should be made available for the project. The recent sensible increase in the minimum school leaving age will add pressures to existing concerns over school maintenance, increasing enrolments and growing numbers of demountable classrooms on school grounds.

Killara High School has submitted a plan for capital works with a science focus and

## PUBLIC HOUSING ON NORTH SHORE

It appears the NSW Government is selling off some of the little public housing located on Sydney's North Shore. A number of people have been told to relocate from their Turramurra homes. These residents have been good tenants for decades. Some have health issues and limited mobility and they are naturally concerned about where they will live next.

Hopefully Housing Minister Borger will acknowledge the anxiety his government is causing and properly review these cases. Ironically, public housing stocks are being increased elsewhere as it is reduced on the north side.

## ELECTRICITY SERVICE SUB-STANDARD

While the Premier has recently apologised over the failures in electricity supply in Sydney's CBD, I have called for him to apologise to Belrose residents, who recently suffered 10 power outages over a three month period.

The government needs to focus less on internal power struggles and more on providing reliable power to the people.



## MID-TERM REPORT ON MP ACTIVITY

**As your local MP and a member of the Opposition Liberal Party, part of my role is holding the Government to account. Over the past two years I have asked Government Ministers 350 questions (almost all on notice in writing) – one of the highest number of any MP. I will continue to press the Government for answers on important issues and invite your input on any matter that you believe should be raised.**

On 98 occasions I have spoken on your behalf in the NSW Parliament. The speeches have addressed Parliamentary Motions, Debates on Bills, Committee Reports and Private Members Statements on Davidson electorate matters. These speeches and written questions can be viewed via the NSW Parliament website or through the relevant link on **[www.jonathanodea.com.au](http://www.jonathanodea.com.au)**

I have also introduced various Notices of Motion, served on the Independent Commission Against Corruption Committee and more recently chaired the Opposition WasteWatch Committee.

**During my first two years as your local MP it has been my privilege to attend hundreds of forums with community members. They have included public meetings, on-site visits with constituents, street walks and numerous community functions.**



## STUDENT WORK EXPERIENCE



Work experience is an important time for many high school students as they consider their place in the workforce. It was a pleasure to host local student Kara Yong for a week after she expressed an interest in politics. Kara performed a number of office duties and assisted in drafting a speech.



## STREET MEETING

Meet Jonathan at his next street meeting on Saturday 23 May from 9.30am-11am at the Forestville Shops, in the mall near Coles.



## EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

In order to more regularly communicate with residents on various issues, we are collecting email addresses of local residents. If you are interested in receiving extra electorate news and other information, please send an email to **[davidson@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:davidson@parliament.nsw.gov.au)**, including reference to your name and street address.



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