

GREG PETTY - Independent Candidate for Heathcote

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Combined Chamber of Commerce meeting provides answers- were the politicians listening?

Greg Petty, Independent candidate for Heathcote, today attended the Sutherland Shire Combined Chamber of Commerce's meeting held at Kirrawee. Promises, promises, promises, but were the politicians listening to what the audience wanted.

We heard the Liberal government is planning a \$300 million spend on roads at Kogarah – not much joy for the Shire residents – and a proposal for a small business complex – but our proposer's was quite embarrassed when it was pointed out it already existed at Lotus's "The Shed". Issues the business members wanted addressed included TAFE opportunities and fees, inadequate parking at shopping centre's including Caringbah, payroll and land tax, public transport, and a loss of manufacturing businesses generally in the Shire.

Thinking laterally, let's combine all these to create jobs and investment in the Sutherland Shire. Can we come up with a better proposal than being told by the politician's we are getting \$300 million spent in Kogarah?

Public Transport

A new railway station at Caringbah Hospital – design future need for above multi storey car park

A new railway station between Loftus and Yarrawarra

Multi storey car park and iHub for small business incubators.

Fast train stop to City – preferential travel – switching word you use....

Build the Maldon Dumbarton Rail line as a priority for both passenger and freight transport

Timetable changes for Bulli and Austinmeer to alleviate parking problems at Thirroul

Build the F6 extension Heathcote to Kirrawee.

Infrastructure and Jobs for the Shire

A multi storey car park in Bus Lane and west of Coles Caringbah CBD

Construction to be undertaken by Sutherland Shire and Wollongong businesses that have at least 50% local workforce and any small business subcontractors at least 75% local workforce

Principal contractor must employ at least 4 new apprentice's throughout the project – payroll tax concessions to fund additional specific Shire projects

Let's start looking after the Shire, its residents and its workers first. Lets' get the Shire moving again.

Greg says, "This is why Independents are important, because they are responsive to their community, not to the party structure. An Independent is the community's insurance that they will get sincere representation in government."

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