

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR – St. George and Sutherland Shire Leader

Heathcote Electorate has questions

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The MP for Heathcote still doesn't get it. You don't ask for a second chance, you seize the first. Isn't that what you are STILL being paid to do?

Here are some questions and a formula by which residents could really judge the Heathcote member's parliamentary performance.

The MP could do no better than to represent constituents by putting the following questions on notice to parliament.

Will the Minister for Planning instruct his Director General to enter the Otford Protection Society Planning Proposal on the LEP Tracking website?

Will the Minister confirm that the Southern Regional Director advised residents that he would not recommend to the Minister for Planning the Otford Protection Society Planning Proposal because "it would create a precedent"?

Will the Minister for Local Government terminate the Administrators of Wollongong City Council role as Council to allow Wollongong residents to vote at the next state wide Council elections like other residents of NSW?

Will the Minister for the Illawarra inform himself of the current 7d review of lands at Helensburgh, Otford and Stanwell Tops? Will the Minister confirm to the Parliament that a community website was used to send more than 18,200 submissions to Wollongong City Council against the council's own preliminary report?

The MP has already advised residents he would not cross the floor on any issue as it was against Labor policy. Well, asking questions is not against Labor policy.

So let's give him till the end of September 2010 to ask these questions. If we don't see anything, we will know he doesn't care about protecting the headwaters of the Hacking River and Royal National Park – now acknowledged as the world's oldest National Park. And for that matter, the Premier and Planning Minister don't care either.

The residents can then truly judge if the MP deserves a second chance!

There will be plenty of other choices on the election ticket if Mr McLeay fails his duty to residents.