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Dear Leader of the Opposition

I write to seek clarification of comments' made in respect of the recent announcement concerning Dharawal State Conservation Area.

- 1 Will the proposed "Dharawal National Park" be recognised as "E1 National Park and Nature Reserve?"
- 2 Will the Opposition release details of discussions held and formal or informal agreements to be in place with the current mining operator/s within the borders of the Dharawal State Conservation Area how current mining operations will cease? By what date will these operations cease?
- 3 Will the proposed "Dharawal National Park" as "E1 National Park and Nature Reserve" like other National Parks be exempt from Mining and Petroleum leases? If no, will other "E1 National Park and Nature Reserve" continue to be excluded from Mining and Petroleum operations/leases?
- 4 Is the intention of the "Dharawal National Park" announcement to connect the wildlife corridors between Royal National Park and the Dharawal State Conservation Area? If yes, is the Opposition aware whilst as Transport Minister, David Campbell approved 1.8m high fencing along the railway corridor between Engadine and Coalcliff, barricading the wildlife in and out of Royal National Park?
- 5 Is the Opposition aware that Royal National Park, Dharawal State Conservation Area, Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area and Garrawarra State Conservation Area all have a common border linked by the fragmented bushland of the previously zoned 7D environmentally sensitive lands of Helensburgh/Otford region? If yes, how will the Opposition incorporate this area into the surrounding National Parks and State Conservation areas to complete one undivided environmental area?
- 6 Will the Opposition rule out gas mining in all of the areas mentioned 1 to 5 above?

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