

HUNTERS HILL INDEPENDENTS

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MEDIA RELEASE

LIBERALS PUBLICLY COMMIT TO SETTING UP HEAVY VEHICLE DEPOTS IN CLARKES POINT, BORONIA AND GLADESVILLE

The Liberal Mayoral Candidate for Hunters Hill Zac Miles has publicly said yesterday Monday 2 September - the Liberals will build three works depots across Hunters Hill neighbourhoods in Clarkes Point, Boronia Park and Gladesville Reserve.

These depots will see heavy vehicle movements, with heavy equipment, dirty loads, spillage and rubbish all over Hunters Hill.

This secret plan by Zac Miles and Liberals has been flushed out by the Hunters Hill Independents.

Hunters Hill Independents say this is not what the community wants, when there is an existing depot already behind the Council building.

Hunters Hill Independents will deliver a strong long-term economically viable vision for the community, developed in consultation with its people - no ad hoc decisions like the depots or land sales.

QUOTES Attributed to the following:

Independent Mayoral Candidate Councillor Ross Williams

“He says it is not secret but why does no one know about it, where are the plans?”

“Any structure in this location servicing large equipment and trucks will pose a risk to park users particularly children and walkers. It will have an impact on wildlife due to vehicle movement, light spillage at night, noise and contamination.

“Materials and spillage will contaminate runoff and will end up in the bush and or the river. It will have a significant impact on safety and the environment.”

Independent Candidate Marc Lane

“It is concerning the Liberals held a closed session to approve a depot on public land.

“This should have been done with deep and open consultation with the public.”

“The requirement of the Environmental Protection Act (EP&A) is that development takes "precautionary" approaches - if you don't know the impact, don't do it!”

“This ad-hoc decision is another example of the dangers inherent in a party-dominated Council. I that doesn't think hard enough about local impact.

“Selling public land and pushing depots into parkland speaks of a real lack of long term community vision.”

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“Any development should deliver real benefits like thriving local business and better transport options.

“We should be concentrating on getting DA times down instead.

“Hunters Hill Independents will ensure any growth that is required will be in the right place, and accompanied by best practice design and sustainability.

“We will adequately resource Planning to sort DAs into quality development to process quickly, and poor development to treat robustly.

“We will make things easier by faster processing of high quality, sympathetic DAs”

Independent Councillor Jim Sanderson

“Mayor Miles’s explanation is far from complete. Other questions must be answered, like, what will the restored facilities under the Grandstand be used for?

“Announcing details of this secret plan that will impact on the public use of our parklands, after a contract for some of the work has been awarded, is disgraceful.

“Drawings of the proposed depot works and an explanation of what contract work has been awarded must be made publicly available.

“If this plan is to be implemented, the community must also be engaged as partners in any decisions made about the future use of land behind the Town Hall.”

“This follows the recent debacle of installing, then removing ugly ineffective concrete chicanes in Farnell Street, without proper notification to residents or Councillors. This wasted many tens of thousands of ratepayers’ dollars.

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