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Candidate for South Ward
Hunter's Hill Council
Election of 8 September 2012



Dear Neighbours,

I am grateful for the positive feedback I have received from so many people about the change I advocate for Hunter's Hill Council.

An Opportunity for a Strong Cohesive Council

We have real choice at this election, with the nomination of a number of highly qualified and capable candidates. I am confident that a Council with South Ward Councillors elected from: Dr Meredith Sheil, a medical practitioner and outstandingly capable Councillor; Justine McLaughlin, a corporate solicitor; Charles Amos, a qualified accountant; and myself, a highly experienced engineer and graduate at law, will work together cohesively to deliver the kind of reform I have foreshadowed.

The Alternative: More Conflict of Interest

The building industry or real estate business interests of some Group B and D candidates have been well documented, although not in their candidate information sheets [Candidate information sheets can be viewed at <<http://candidates.elections.nsw.gov.au/default.aspx>>].

Of even greater concern is the **failure of Zac Miles to fully explain that he works for 1st State Government and Corporate Relations, a company whose activities include lobbying all levels of government on behalf of clients including 'Industry leading property developers'** [see 1st State's website at <<http://1ststate.com.au/about-us/about-the-company/our-company>>]. I have great difficulty in understanding how it is possible for anyone to be a Councillor at the same time as working for an organisation that lobbies governments to promote the interests of clients who pay for the services of that organisation.

Vote for Sensible Change

I have attempted to deliver a positive message about reforms that will protect our beautiful Municipality. It is deeply regrettable that I have been distracted from this message because some candidates have not been completely open about their interests.

I will be delighted to serve our community along with the highly qualified and capable candidates you choose to elect. I have said I stand for open and transparent local government so I must say that, in my view, candidates who are not open about their interests are neither qualified nor capable of properly serving our community.

Best wishes,



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