

WHERE DO THEY STAND? NSW ELECTION COMMITMENTS FOR THE SHOROC REGION OF MANLY, MOSMAN, PITTWATER AND WARRINGAH

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NSW Election commitments from candidates for Manly, North Shore, Wakehurst, Pittwater and Davidson have been published on the SHOROC website shoroc.com to give voters an overview of where their local candidates stand on key regional priorities.

Led by the Mayors of Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah, SHOROC is a partnership of councils that advocates and plans for the Northern Beaches and North Shore.

“Fast public transport, reduced road congestion, world class hospitals and great jobs close to home are the major priorities for Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah,” SHOROC President and Mosman Mayor Peter Abelson said.

“We asked all parties and candidates contesting the election to outline their commitments for our region and I am pleased to be able to provide the detailed responses received to the community.”

Responses revealed unanimous support for faster and more reliable public transport through the planned Bus Rapid Transit system, varying views on proposed road upgrades, support for a new Northern Beaches Hospital, and good support for SHOROC proposals for local employment and containment programs and stronger state and local partnerships.

“I encourage the residents of our region to review the commitments of their local candidates and to vote wisely in Saturday’s election in the best interests of our region, Sydney and NSW.”

SHOROC developed a 2015 NSW Election Priorities policy detailing the major regional issues and solutions for NSW Government infrastructure and services for the 2015-19 term of government and sought responses from all parties and candidates contesting the NSW Election. Responses were received from the NSW Liberal/National Coalition, the Australian Labor Party and The Greens.

Major priorities in the SHOROC 2015 NSW Election Priorities policy include:

- **Public transport and roads:**
 - implementing the \$633M Northern Beaches Transport Action Plan
 - fast-tracking Dee Why to Chatswood Bus Rapid Transit
 - Completing planning and committing funds for the Northern Beaches Tunnel
 - Mona Vale Road upgrades and Wakehurst Parkway flood mitigation works
- **Hospitals and health services:** Opening the Northern Beaches Hospital by mid-2018, retaining Mona Vale Hospital, and keeping the Manly Hospital site for community services
- **Local employment and containment:** supporting local jobs through regional economic development including tourism and events
- **Funding for regional environmental and recreational infrastructure**
- **Strengthening the partnership for planning and services between SHOROC and NSW Government**

A summary of the candidate commitments together with the full responses provided by the NSW Liberal/National Coalition, the Australian Labor Party and The Greens is available at shoroc.com