

WARRINGAH

NEWSLETTER OF THE CASTLECRAIG PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL EDITION

At the Annual General Meeting on 23 February 1988, the Progress Association resolved to call a special meeting with State election candidates about the possible extension of the Warringah Freeway through Castlecrag. This meeting was held last Sunday, 13 March at 6pm (as notified in last week's special edition of The Crag). 152 residents packed the Community Hall for the meeting with the two candidates for the Legislative Assembly Seat of Middle Harbour, our local member Mr Peter Collins and the ALP candidate, Ms Marilyn Dodkin.

At the meeting Mr Collins, answering questions from the floor, said that it was not feasible to build the Warringah Freeway extension through Castlecrag at present because the population of the Warringah Peninsula did not justify it. He stated that the Liberal Party policy was to preserve the corridor for future generations.

Ms Dodkin stated that 'there is nothing to say at this time that the Labor Government has any intention at all of ever building the freeway', because of priorities of expansion in areas to the southwest of Sydney. She said she was totally opposed to construction of a freeway through the northern escarpment of Castlecrag because of the immense environmental destruction and poor cost-effectiveness of such a route.

Two resolutions were passed by a large majority and are as follows:

1. That this meeting demands the abandonment of any future development of the Warringah Transport Corridor for any transport system.
2. This meeting of residents and members of the Progress Association thanks Mr Peter Collins and Ms Marilyn Dodkin for addressing us at this busy time and is pleased to place on record that:
 - . the candidate Ms Marilyn Dodkin unequivocally stated that she was opposed to the retention of a transport corridor in the northwestern escarpment of Castlecrag and the construction of a bridge over Middle Harbour from Castlecrag to Seaforth;
 - . the candidate Mr Peter Collins stated categorically that he wished the corridor to be preserved;
 - . the consensus of the meeting was that a comprehensive feasibility study be carried out by the Bureau of Transport which works in liaison with the Department of Main Roads, on the question of the Transit North light rail plan to pass under Spit Junction and Military Road;
 - . the consensus of the meeting was that the Kirby Report be gazetted;
 - . the meeting wished to thank the organisers for what has proved to be an excellent exercise in the democratic process.

The Progress Association has also sent the following letter to candidates for the forthcoming State election:

This Association is very concerned at current rumours that construction of the abandoned Warringah Freeway through the bushland of Castlecrag is again under consideration. At a joint meeting of residents, members of this Association, Castlecrag Conservation Society, Willoughby Environmental Protection Association (WEPA) and the Anti-Freeway Committee, it was resolved to ask all the candidates for the Legislative Council their response to the following question:

'Are you in favour of the construction of the Warringah Freeway through the abandoned corridor which passed through the bushland of Castlecrag?'

Of the 56 letters sent out, 18 replies were received by the date requested, 11 March 1988. These replies are summarised below.

GROUP	GROUP NAME	CANDIDATE	RESPONSE
A	LABOR		NO REPLY FROM ANY CANDIDATE
B	NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT	DENNIS WYATT	AGAINST
C	HUMANIST		NO REPLY FROM ANY CANDIDATE
D	INDEPENDENT EFF	JOE KANAN	AGAINST
E	LIB/NAT	MARLENE GOLDSMITH HELEN SHAM	WOULD FOLLOW PARTY POLICY TO BE STATED BY MR COLLINS BELIEVES A LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD SUPPORT BUT NOT IMPLEMENT BECAUSE OF FUNDING
G	ENVIROVOTE	MILO DUNPHY CHRISTINE TOWNEND ALICE OPPEN	AGAINST AGAINST AGAINST
H	ABORIGINAL		NO REPLY FROM ANY CANDIDATE
I	COMMUNITY INDEPENDENTS	BILL WHILEY JACK MUNDEY	AGAINST AGAINST
J	DEFENCE & EX-SERVICES	ROWLEY McMAHON DAVID HERD	AGAINST: FAVOURS LIGHT RAIL AGAINST: IMPROVE PUBLIC TR'PORT
K	MARIJUANA		NO REPLY FROM ANY CANDIDATE
L	CALL TO AUSTRALIA	KEVIN HUME	OVERSEAS - UNABLE TO RESPOND
Ungrouped		MICHAEL SMITH JOHN BUTT	OPPOSED TO DESTRUCTION OF BUSH UPGRADE EXISTING ROADS AGAINST

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