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Dear Resident,

As Chairman of the NSW Liberals & Nationals WasteWatch Committee, I am particularly aware of the billions of dollars in Labor waste and mismanagement revealed during the current parliamentary term. This is now impacting on every household, including through increasing gas and electricity prices.

On 1 July 2010 NSW electricity prices increased by an average of 10% to help fund upgrades to the transmission system, largely made necessary by 15 years of neglect from NSW Labor. At the same time, the Labor Government ripped \$13.8 billion out of electricity companies in dividends and taxes – money that could have been used to upgrade transmission lines, sub-stations and other infrastructure.

The power price increases come on top of a 20% jump in July last year with further average increases forecast of 11% in 2011 and 8% in 2012. The Federal Labor Government's former Emissions

Trading Scheme would have added another 23%, and additional increases are possible to cover State Government imposed administrative costs.

From 1 July 2010 gas prices also increased by around 5% for the majority of small gas customers, but it gets worse. Over the three years to 2013, gas prices are expected to increase by another 12% to 17%. The worst affected, of course, will be those who can least afford such massive price rises – pensioners, self-funded retirees and large families.

The NSW Liberals & Nationals under Barry O'Farrell believe it is time for a fresh approach to managing the state and are working hard to be given that opportunity. I will continue to focus on representing your interests on relevant state-wide issues as well as matters of local concern. Power to the people!

Yours sincerely,



COMMUNITY CONTACT

During recent months I have continued active involvement in a wide variety of community events. Among them, my community forums provide residents with an opportunity to discuss local political issues and raise concerns personally. The forums are conducted in a relaxed atmosphere over a cuppa and will continue next year.

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WORKING WITH ROTARY & BRADFIELD MP

Community groups make a valuable contribution to our society and one of the best known is Rotary, which has been actively involved in removing unsightly graffiti in our local area.



I joined with Bradfield MP Paul Fletcher and the Australian Retailers Association to support Rotary's clean up on Graffiti Action Day.

Rotary also acknowledges and encourages exceptional individual contributions to society through their Community Service Awards. Paul Fletcher and I recognised award recipients at a recent St Ives Rotary Club ceremony.

THE SHED PROGRESSES

Total construction cost of The Shed building at St Ives Showground is expected to be \$130,000, with half coming from the NSW Community Building Partnership Program, on my recommendation.

This is great value for money, especially when compared to returns on funding for projects under the Building the Education Revolution (BER) scheme, which was funded Federally and administered by the State Labor Government. Members of the community, particularly members of The Shed, are undertaking most of the fit-out work following seven years of planning. Well done to all involved!



L-R: 'Shed' Vice President Barry Eastment, President Kevin Callinan and Jonathan O'Dea following pouring of the slab.

KIRKING OF THE TARTAN



Jonathan O'Dea with church leaders.
Photo by Fiona Perry.

There was a strong Scottish flavour at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Roseville with the annual "All Clans Kirking Service".

The Australian Gaelic Singers performed, then the Knox Grammar School Pipe Band added to the flavour, during a grand morning tea and sausage sizzle. It is the church's 100th Anniversary Year and the occasion allowed visitors to inspect recent property improvements, partly funded with my support under the Community Building Partnership Program.

COMMUNITY LEADERS

In addition to moving about the community and speaking face-to-face with constituents, I also meet with a wide range of community leaders, among them Varant Meguerditchian, Executive Officer of the Armenian National Committee of Australia. The Davidson Electorate has a sizeable population of Armenian background who make a valuable contribution to our community.



In addition, I recently attended the Chabad House Annual Gala Dinner. People of Jewish background comprise approximately 5% of constituents in Davidson and Chabad House has been serving the Jewish community on Sydney's north shore for over 20 years.

Leaders Rabbi
Nochum Schapiro
and Rebbetzin
Fruma Schapiro
(at back) with
Jonathan and
special guests.





Some of the record attempt drivers and instructors.

WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

A record was set recently for the largest driving lesson, which involved more than 180 drivers with their instructors in 10 locations across the country. I was asked to witness and verify the local participation at the Honda Australia Roadcraft Training (HART) Centre at St Ives. We are privileged to have such a world-class road safety facility in our local area, dedicated to safer driving and reducing the road toll.

AMBASSADOR FOR AGEING

Well known actress, Noeline Brown, was appointed in 2008 as Australia's first Ambassador for Ageing. She spoke recently at a Seniors Forum hosted by St Ives Uniting Church. As we all get older, the State Government has a critical role to play in ensuring health, transport and other services appropriately meet the needs of senior generations.



GLENROSE SHOPS UPDATE

Work is expected to begin shortly on demolishing part of the Glenrose Shopping Centre and remediating contaminated soil. The remediation work is expected to be completed in February 2011.

In the meantime, nine specialty shops and Woolworths supermarket will continue to operate, whilst centre owners (Stockland) develop replacement design options, within the concept approval from Warringah Council.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

More than 80 state and federal politicians took part in this year's Polties for Small Business Program. I worked at Pam's Place in Lindfield, a well-known and long-established lingerie, sleepwear, haberdashery and children's wear outlet. Having previously run businesses, I appreciate how the Polties for Small Business Program provides an excellent opportunity for polties to experience the day-to-day challenges facing small business operations.



L-R: Pam's Place Proprietor Pam Wyles, Jonathan O'Dea, Customer Molly O'Brien and Lindfield Chamber of Commerce Secretary Peter Vickers.

STATE OF FLUX

During most of June and early July, I was delighted to host the "State of Flux" Art Exhibition in the Fountain Court at NSW Parliament House. I spoke about the exhibition in Parliament, highlighting the works of constituent Jennifer Tucker and fellow artists Jemma Roberts and Sylke Claridge. All three artists are in their final year of a Diploma of Fine Arts at Hornsby TAFE and were awarded Certificates of Merit.

Artists Jennifer Tucker, Sylke Claridge and Jemma Roberts with Jonathan O'Dea at NSW Parliament House.



NEW CHILDREN'S FACILITIES

I was delighted to attend the opening of new playground facilities at St. Alban's Anglican Church, Lindfield, which were partly funded by the Community Building Partnership Program.

The new state-of-the-art facilities take into account the latest equipment standards to help ensure children can play safely.



Senior Pastor Michael Crichton (right), Heather Gresham (front left) with Jonathan and local business sponsors from Pam's Place, The Jazz Factory and Bryan Rowe Optometry.

SCHOOLS TREE DAY



Roseville College students Georgia Evans and Olivia Warrand presenting a Schools Tree Day package.

Schools Tree Day was held in conjunction with National Tree Day (1 August) and coincided with this year's Education Week theme, a Year of Learning for Sustainability.

At Roseville College, students marked the day by spreading mulch around recently planted schoolyard trees. Pymble's Pinjarra Preschool, Kambora Public School at Davidson and Lindfield's Cromehurst School were other local schools that celebrated Schools Tree Day.

INTRODUCING THE STAFF



The Davidson Electorate Office Team.

All members of the team have been with me for at least two years, providing varied experience to the Davidson Electorate Office. Phil Corbett is a former journalist who makes a valuable contribution to communications while Koharig Boulghourjian is my Office Manager, with a wealth of experience in office procedures. John Luxton is a relief officer with wide experience in infrastructure and the environment, while Ed Clapin works one or two days a week as his university studies permit. They are well qualified to help handle a wide range of enquiries.

IN PARLIAMENT

As your local MP, I have continued to apply pressure on the NSW Government's performance through specifically targeted questions and speeches addressing a wide range of issues.

As at the end of September, I had asked 640 questions of various Ministers, including the Premier, and had delivered over 175 speeches in Parliament.



See the full range of questions and speeches by visiting my website www.jonathanodea.com.au. The website also contains links to my latest media releases, my latest WasteWatch Newsletter, a policies update, former publications and scope to provide important feedback.

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