

I refer to E Galloway's letter of 17.1.08 which contains a number of factual errors. At no time has any person called for Dick Persson to be dismissed.

What has been asked is that he disqualify himself from further determining the 20 storey Town Centre proposal due to his apparent partiality for the proposal. Decision makers must at law remain impartial at all times and consider all points of view and this was not done. This is evidenced by him:

- 1) Issuing a Media Release on 9.11.07 in support of the proposal and including the contact details of the Media Spokesperson for Multiplex;
- 2) He made favourable comments in the Daily stating it was “the last chance for Dee Why” and in the rate-payer funded Council column;
- 3) On 13.11.07 without any community consultation, Mr Persson adopted the proposal to set in motion the steps for 20 storey towers in the Dee Why Town Centre and the precedent for more of the same across Warringah.

In relation to Mr Galloway's comments regarding the previous Council's dismissal - yes I did fight against overdevelopment and the conduct of certain councillors in relation to development issues. I also proposed reforms to ensure greater transparency and community participation in Local Government. However, the decision to dismiss the Councillors was not mine but based on the evidence submitted by a huge amount of people to an independent Section 430 Investigation and then a full Commission of Public Inquiry.

Vincent De Luca OAM

I FIND it unbelievable that Vincent De Luca has approached the State Government again for the dismissal of the Warringah Administrator Dick Persson. Mr Persson as Administrator has allowed Mr De Luca far more profile than he carries in the community and has been let down. What Mr De Luca's actions highlight is all the nine previous councillors can justify they were unfairly dismissed and the only real way they can clear their name is to seek re-election.

Eric Galloway, Belrose