

Vincent De Luca OAM

Community First

Media Release **De Luca to put Community First**

Friends of Warringah Community Group President and the person who has lead the fight against the proposed height increases in Dee Why to 18 storeys, Vincent De Luca will stand for Mayor of Warringah and Councillor for “A” Ward as a Community First Party candidate.

Community First comprises of people who are independent and prepared to put themselves forward for election to ensure the community is heard.

“After many kind calls from the community for me to stand I have decided to contest the election, I will put the Community First” Mr De Luca said.

“Now more than ever, with the mess that has been created with a precedent that will see high rise Chatswood like developments spread across Warringah, Council needs people who have the ability and experience to stop this over-development”.

“I have always fought for the needs and interests of the community and particularly over the selfishness of developers and the “Big End of Town” and believe as Mayor I can bring a fresh and dynamic approach”.

“People say it is important to have candidates that have qualifications, experience and truly care about our community. I am a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW, have experience as a public official, have worked in community services, social welfare, youth suicide prevention, drug and alcohol prevention and child protection. Together with my knowledge of environmental and local government law I believe I have the skills, experience and qualifications to lead Warringah Council and ensure the community is put first” Mr De Luca said.

Mr De Luca’s commitment to the community is well known. He has dedicated his life to helping others and was humbled to be awarded the Order of Australia in the Queens’ Birthday Honours List of 2004 for his outstanding voluntary contribution to our community. His work was inspired by his family, both his mother, Roslyn De Luca and his late grandmother, Marjorie Smith have been responsible for establishing and working in numerous local community and sporting organisations on the northern beaches over the last 80 years. Both women were awarded the Order of Australia for their hard work in the Warringah community.

“If elected I will continue fighting to stop over-development in Warringah, particularly the proposed height increase in Dee Why to 18 storeys. This proposal must be stopped as it will set a precedent for high-rise Chatswood like development throughout Warringah. I will also continue to ensure better social, aged and youth services in Warringah, infrastructure, increase cleaning of central public areas, streets, parks, beaches and rock pools. Council clean ups also need to be more regular. I will pressure the State Government for better transport services. I have achieved more childcare placements and continue to work hard for more public centres and better facilities. The key artillery roads of Warringah are grid locked and I will introduce practical solutions to our traffic and car parking chaos. Importantly, I will consult with and listen to what the community wants”.

“Council’s current administration has sought to cut services and put up fees while increasing its highly paid executive and bureaucracy. Council has tried to destroy Warringah’s excellent volunteering traditions by abolishing community committees and targeting our hard working volunteer surf life saving clubs with lease increases. Council has also banned people playing on certain sports fields at night and tried to confer liability on volunteer sports coaches if an accident happens on council’s neglected fields. The netball saga and the

Administrator's failure to properly resolve this issue needs action. I have the ability to address these issues and will support our volunteers and community organisations which are the back bone of our society."

Mr De Luca's campaign will be completely community based and funded by himself and members of the community. A fundraising dinner will be held on Saturday 16 August 2008. For more information please email Vincent on 0414 990 551.

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