

North Richmond and Districts Community Action  
Association Inc. (NRDCAA)

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**Hon. Barry O'Farrell**  
**Premier NSW**

**Liberal Party Policy?**

Dear Premier,

On 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012, at a large meeting, the Mayor of Hawkesbury City Council, Councillor Kim Ford attend to answer pre-presented questions posed by Hawkesbury residents and the North Richmond and Districts Community Action Association (NRDCAA). He arrived unprepared and when he obfuscated the audience became angry.

Mr. Bassett, the ex-Mayor, blames the Chairman of the meeting for the anger generated by Councillor Ford. The Chairman in fact, conducted the meeting in a manner which was irreproachable and fair.

After the meeting Mr. Bassett approached the Chairman and agreed to address the NRDCAA meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February to answer questions which were to be supplied in advance so that he could prepare. At no point after the meeting and during his discussion with the Chairman did he question or complain about the chairmanship of the meeting.

We received a letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February from Mr. Bassett in which "he regretfully advises that I will not be communicating with your association from now on". This letter we note, was also sent to you, the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, the Minister for Roads and Ports and the Minister for Transport..

We have offered Mr. Bassett another date on which he can address our members and the public who wish to attend. The meeting is to be chaired by Mr. Kevin Rozzoli, former Liberal Party Member of Parliament and Speaker of the House. We trust that this will overcome Mr. Bassett's personal objection to our elected Chairman.

The NRDCAA membership community and their friends are of all political persuasions. The common thread is concern and care for this region and it's inhabitants. The meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012 was an attempt by this membership to engage the Mayor in an issue, which though complex, affects everyone in the Hawkesbury. In no sense can this be regarded as "mere grandstanding" as our elected Member Mr. Bassett asserts in his letter.

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Is Mr. Bassett able to refuse to represent approximately 150 members of the association plus families, friends and residents who regularly attend our meetings?

Surely, this disenfranchisement is not Liberal Party policy?

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Colleen Turnbull  
Secretary NRDCAA