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James Harker-Mortlock – Independent Candidate for Hume – Barton Highway Duplication

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LIBERALS DEAD END ON BARTON DUPLICATION – HUME IGNORED

The Liberal Party has no plans for the Barton Highway duplication. The voters of Hume have been ignored because the Liberals take them for granted.

When he was preselected to run for the seat of Hume, the Liberal Candidate announced that the duplication of the Barton Highway was at the top of his policy list – Yass Tribune, May 24th, 2012.

The Liberal Party released recently a document - 'Our Plan – Real Solutions for all Australians'. That document lists the various major roads and highways projects which the Liberal Party intends to fund if elected – WestConnex Sydney \$1.5 billion, East-West Link Melbourne \$1.5 billion, Gateway Motorway Brisbane \$1 billion, the Toowoomba Range crossing, Midland Highway Tasmania duplication \$400 million, and Pacific Highway duplication \$5.6 billion.

The list does not include the Coalition's 2007 election commitment to fund the duplication of the Barton Highway then estimated to cost \$264 million. There is no solution offered at all. This puts the lie to claims by the Liberal Candidate that that he will deliver for Hume. The Liberal Party has no intention of delivering for Hume as they regard it as a safe seat.

No wonder the Liberal Candidate is unwilling to debate local issues with the existing candidates for the seat of Hume, as he has been reported in both the 'Goulburn Post' and the 'Young Witness' in recent weeks. He has no policies for Hume.

It is clear that unless the people of Hume have a truly independent voice, committed to fighting for them, they will continue to be taken for granted and ignored.

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