



**MEDIA RELEASE – James Harker-Mortlock – Independent for Hume – Thursday 7th March 2013**

**DELIVERY OF PETITION CALLING FOR DUPLICATION OF THE BARTON HIGHWAY TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE, CANBERRA**

James Harker-Mortlock, independent candidate for the seat of Hume, made the following statement this morning :

“I am very pleased to report that a healthy collection of signatures was obtained for my petition in regard to duplicating the Barton Highway. My petition was left in various locations around the electorate.

The result was especially pleasing given the short time available. I would like to thank all those who signed my petition. I would like to thank especially the business owners who made room in their premises for the signing of the petition for their wonderful support. Let us hope that this endeavour will draw the attention of the Federal Parliament to the Barton Highway.

I delivered the petition to the Secretariat of the Standing Committee on Petitions this morning at Parliament House, Canberra. As indicated previously, it was necessary to lodge the petition as soon as possible in order to have the petition tabled in the current Parliament, prior to the up and coming Federal election proposed for September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you all for your support and encouragement. Let’s hope we get some movement on the Barton Highway duplication as soon as possible! Let us hope that both major parties make a commitment prior to the Federal election to commence work on duplicating the Barton Highway in the first term of the next Federal parliament. Let us hope that both major parties finally take notice of the voters of Hume.”

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