



MEDIA RELEASE – James Harker-Mortlock – Independent for Hume – Friday 8th March 2013

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR HUME WELCOMES THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRECONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE MALDON TO DOMBARTON RAIL LINK

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

“I welcome the recent announcement by the Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Anthony Albanese, that preconstruction work by engineers and environmental consultants has been commenced in regard to the possible completion of the long awaited Maldon to Dombarton rail link.

The potential freight link between Maldon, near Picton on the Main South railway line south of Sydney, and Dombarton, near Port Kembla, would provide an alternative to the existing Moss Vale-Unanderra line and RailCorp’s Illawarra line for the transport of freight to and from Port Kembla and would cater for projected increases in freight as well as road and rail congestion.

Along with the local councils in the area, I support the completion of the Maldon to Dombarton rail link. This rail link would bring much needed investment and jobs to Hume, and, in particular, to Wollondilly.

Whilst the Federal Minister is contemplating projects in Hume, perhaps he might now move on to announcing the duplication of the Barton Highway, funding for the Blayney to Demondrille railway and rule out Wilton as a site for the proposed second Sydney Airport.

It is unfortunate that the Federal Liberal Party continues to have no policy commitments for Hume. However, I remain hopeful that the National Party will prevail upon its city cousins in the Liberal Party to address the concerns of voters in this part of rural and regional Australia.”

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