



# Angus Taylor

LIBERAL FOR HUME

## **TAYLOR SAYS 150 BIRTHDAY AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEBATE THE FUTURE FOR THE 'HUME CORRIDOR'**

Angus Taylor, the Liberal Candidate for Hume, said that whilst Goulburn's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations were a time to look back and celebrate our rich history and achievements, it just as important to use the milestone as a platform on which to develop a plausible long term plan for the future.

Mr Taylor said that his long term vision for Goulburn and the entire "Hume corridor" should be built on the opportunities created by gridlock and the rising cost of living in our cities.

Mr Taylor said:

"Western and outer Sydney is utterly broken in terms of transport infrastructure, housing affordability and the way of life it offers to its residents. Canberra is increasingly unaffordable and congested.

"We have an opportunity to open up the corridor down the Hume Highway from Sydney to Canberra (including Yass, the Upper Lachlan and surrounding areas) as a growth corridor, to take pressure off our cities. This means growing major centres that include Goulburn, Yass, Wollondilly and the Highlands. We can deliver a higher quality of life and lower costs of living.

"While affordable, quality housing is a critical part of the picture, it is only part of the picture. We need to create job centres, and make sure the growth preserves the amenity, environment and quality of life we all currently enjoy.

"This must be part of a broader regional development plan which incorporates improved transport, health, education and communications services.

"We must also be realistic. For example, we cannot simply assert that we should have high speed rail passing through the Hume corridor without an economic case for high speed rail. And we won't get anywhere near to an economic case without pulling this all together as a longer term regional development plan."

Mr Taylor said that the idea of a Hume growth corridor was one he shared with a number of people in the community who were thinking hard about how to attract more families, businesses and services into our communities. He said that this vision was consistent with coalition's commitment in its 'Real Solutions' plan for jobs, infrastructure and services.

Mr Taylor said:

“This is not a new idea. The development of the Hume corridor is something that is already starting to happen. However, we need to embrace the opportunity and make the most of it.

“If elected, this is a long term agenda item which will define my contribution to the Eastern part of the Hume electorate. I will work with the community, businesses and all levels of Government to develop a detailed plan for a Hume growth corridor. The plan will be used to provide input in to various issues that will arise over time, including Council boundaries, transport planning (including submissions to Infrastructure Australia and Infrastructure NSW), telecommunications strategy and State and local planning bodies.

“I don’t expect everybody to agree that with what I am proposing. Some people will say we shouldn’t change a thing. But attracting more jobs, better services and better infrastructure requires a vision and a plan for progress, growth and prosperity. It is my firm belief that we can have growth and development whilst preserving the best of what we have.”

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