



Mr. Paul McLeay MP
Member for Heathcote
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Dear Mr. McLeay

I write to support the call by legendary corruption fighter and former South Coast Member of Parliament, Mr. John Hatton, to recall Parliament, and for Parliamentarians including you, to bypass the Premier to do it.

The call by Mr. Hatton has been forwarded to you under separate cover however I provide a copy for your perusal (see attachment 1).

I have previously corresponded with you requesting assistance (see attachments 2 and 3) but have not received a written acknowledgement of my emails. A full list of questions was published in the Letters On-Line in the St. George and Sutherland Shire Leader dated 10 September 2010 (see attachment 4).

In our meeting of October 31 last at the Helensburgh and District Fair, I understood you stated that you had not received my emails but later in the same conversation informed me that you could achieve a better outcome for the issues in my emails by direct consultation with your parliamentary colleagues. For the record, I STILL don't have a reply!

So, as I understand the situation, you cannot cross the floor, you do not ask questions in parliament when requested by residents, you do not acknowledge receipt or reply to my emails, you would like a second chance and you have the ear of your parliamentary colleagues.

I look forward to your definitive statement supporting the call of Mr. Hatton for each Member of Parliament to represent their constituents, stand up and be accountable and open by;

- Stating where you stand on the \$5300 million (Electricity) sale, the sale process and its effect, and
- Take a stand and petition, with your colleagues, the NSW Governor to reconvene Parliament immediately.

An email reply acknowledging receipt of my communication would be appreciated as well as your written responses to the questions above before January 17, 2011.

Yours sincerely
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6 January 2010
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cc The Premier of NSW premier@www.nsw.gov.au
 The Leader of the Opposition LOP@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Attachment 1

John Hatton AO

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6 January, 2011

Dear Member,

In the face of the shameful Electricity sale debacle, I am writing to you to urgently petition the Governor of NSW to reconvene Parliament.

If the Premier won't do it, then it must be done via the will of the people, through you as an elected member.

This would provide protection for witnesses and facilitate the following:

A full debate on the process by which over \$5300 million of public assets is being sold. This is sufficient justification in itself for parliament to resit. The Government would have the opportunity to fully explain and publicly account for the efficiency, probity and financial implications of the sale.

The present and future cost to households, business and industry of electricity.

The government's plans for expenditure of proceeds of the sale.

A full public inquiry by an all-party parliamentary committee with adequate terms of reference, necessary powers and resources.

A referendum at the Election on the sale of Public Assets and Utilities.

Equally important is the opportunity for you to let your constituents know where you stand (irrespective of party) on the 5300 million dollar [\$5.3b] sale, the sale process and its effect.

By deciding to support a petition to the Governor to reconvene parliament with adequate time to consider the issues before the election, gives every parliamentary member an opportunity to show their commitment to open accountable government, proper process and above all to the principle of the supremacy of parliament.

Can it be done? – 'Yes, it can'

By convention the NSW Governor acts on the advice of The Executive Council. That is on the advice of Senior Cabinet Ministers through the Premier.

The Premier, the Cabinet and the Executive Council are creatures of the parliament – they are servants of the parliament – they are not the parliament.

The convention whereby a government can decide when parliament will sit and the major items of business is just that: a convention.

Despite convention in my view a governor must act on the will of parliament as expressed by a majority of representative elected MPs. In any event the Governor **and** the people of NSW must be given this opportunity.

We live in challenging times. In my view it is time for each MP to represent their constituents, stand up and be accountable and open. Just before an election, the public has a right to know the circumstances, facts and effects of the sale of a \$3 billion sale of public assets.

It is a matter for parliament - not for the courts. It is a matter for MPs individually and collectively.

I ask you do this for the sake of the people you represent.

Yours sincerely,
John Hatton AO

Attachment 2

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Dear Mr. McLeay

I refer to the Mercury article Monday September 20 "Residents not told of gas risks".

In light of this article and my email question of 17 September, please add the following question to my request for Questions on Notice before September 30.

Will the Ministers' for Planning, Infrastructure, Local Government, Transport, Roads, and Primary Industry separately advise details, documentation, correspondence, and the like, of all Part 3A/Affordable Housing, and/or the like projects, or those that do not need to consider any local conditions (water runoff, infrastructure (water supply, electricity, sewage, roads, transport) etc,) of applications, approvals or unsuccessful applications that are subject to lands, roads, dams, creeks, rivers, forests, mines, National or prescribed Parks (shall include exploration, mining, under, through, on and above) within the 2508 postcode (Helensburgh, Otford, Stanwell Tops, Stanwell Park, Darkes Forest, Bulgo and Maddens Plains) and surrounds but not limited to Garrawarra Hospital, Royal National Park, Garrawarra State Conservation Area and Illawarra Escarpment Conservation Area, differentiating between which projects have or have not been included in the Wollongong City Council Website, the Wollongong DLEP/LEP 2009 process, the Willana Report and Wollongong City Council Preliminary Report dated 25 May 2010; since 1 January 2000.

Please also advise when the Member for Heathcote first became aware of the reported "Gas" proposal.

Yours sincerely
Greg Petty
Helensburgh
20 September 2010

Attachment 3

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Dear Mr. McLeay

I refer to the Mercury article Thursday September 16 "McLeay joins Burgh protest".

Thank you for supporting the residents concerns opposing the total rezoning.

Please ask the following Question on Notice in parliament on behalf of your constituents before September 30, 2010.

Will the Minister for Planning instruct his Director General to enter the Otford Protection Society Planning Proposal on the LEP Tracking website?

Yours sincerely
Greg Petty
Helensburgh
17 September 2010

Attachment 4

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR – St. George and Sutherland Shire Leader

Heathcote Electorate has questions

Friday, 10 September 2010

Posted By Greg Petty - Helensburgh

The MP for Heathcote still doesn't get it. You don't ask for a second chance, you seize the first. Isn't that what you are STILL being paid to do?

Here are some questions and a formula by which residents could really judge the Heathcote member's parliamentary performance.

The MP could do no better than to represent constituents by putting the following questions on notice to parliament.

Will the Minister for Planning instruct his Director General to enter the Otford Protection Society Planning Proposal on the LEP Tracking website?

Will the Minister confirm that the Southern Regional Director advised residents that he would not recommend to the Minister for Planning the Otford Protection Society Planning Proposal because "it would create a precedent"?

Will the Minister for Local Government terminate the Administrators of Wollongong City Council role as Council to allow Wollongong residents to vote at the next state wide Council elections like other residents of NSW?

Will the Minister for the Illawarra inform himself of the current 7d review of lands at Helensburgh, Otford and Stanwell Tops? Will the Minister confirm to the Parliament that a community website was used to send more than 18,200 submissions to Wollongong City Council against the council's own preliminary report?

The MP has already advised residents he would not cross the floor on any issue as it was against Labor policy. Well, asking questions is not against Labor policy.

So let's give him till the end of September 2010 to ask these questions. If we don't see anything, we will know he doesn't care about protecting the headwaters of the Hacking River and Royal National Park – now acknowledged as the world's oldest National Park. And for that matter, the Premier and Planning Minister don't care either.

The residents can then truly judge if the MP deserves a second chance!

There will be plenty of other choices on the election ticket if Mr. McLeay fails his duty to residents.