

# AN INVITE TO POLITICIANS THIS NSW MARCH ELECTION



To the Politician,

We are the respected representative voice of, and key source of information to the environmental volunteering community in the Greater Sydney region. With the polls locked in a 50:50 tie (1), the success of this March election depends on persuading swing voters.

Many of our members are also located in marginal and high-profile seats such as Western Sydney, where **issues such as development, land clearing, urban expansion and climate change** are real concerns (2). Community members throughout the Greater Sydney region are **particularly concerned about urban development and sprawl, loss of bush land across their waterfront electorate and continued support of environmental volunteering** with NPWS, local council and local NGOs (2).

Together with these influential network members, **we represent more than 9000 volunteers in the Sydney Basin, Blue Mountains and on the Central Coast**. We are the **partisan, representative voice** for the grassroots, boots-on-the-ground volunteers from hard green to conservative, and all spectrums in between. We have strong connections with the **Parliamentary Friends of Landcare**, members of the committee and staff sitting on the **Landcare NSW council** and a myriad of contacts in natural resource management, national and international Landcare movements, and the National Farmers Federation.

Answering our questions will give our network of thousands of environmental volunteers, Bushcare professionals and coordinators and informed and respected vote. **Your responses - and green policy - will be distributed throughout our contact of more than 230 volunteers, 90 professionals, and over a thousand followers on Facebook to share throughout their networks**. We can help deliver your message and green policy on the issues that matter (2) to swing voters, and those sitting on the fence this March election. **We're compiling responses from all of the major parties, to make our volunteers and network more informed about your stance on environmental issues. Your comments, or otherwise will be publicised widely.**

The whole Q&A process shouldn't take more than ten minutes, and we'll collate, publicise and communicate all responses throughout our social media, website, newsletter and phone calls to key members of the network. Alternatively, you can contact me to discuss in person your election promises and green policies.

We sincerely thank you for taking the time to answer the questions on issues and policies that matter to our network.

Kindest regards,

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