

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF
JERRABOMBERRA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC
26TH September 2007**

1. PRESENT

Mike Kelly, Shelly Kelly, Tanya Rynne, Margaret Bowles, John Bowles, Lorna Kelly, Andrew Treble, Brian Brown, Margot Sachse, Ally Pickard, Steve Pickard, Paul Macgowan, Pauline Horan, Jim Horan, A. Williams, Jocelyn Lavering, Fran Anlezark, Ian Anlezark, David Jackson, Chris Coles, Mark Croxford, Paul Whalan, Kathryn Tse, Lachlan Mercer, and 2 other JRA residents.

2. APOLOGIES

Lyn Edwards, Doug Gordon.

Standing Orders were suspended and Mike Kelly, Labor Candidate for Eden-Monaro, addressed the meeting.

3. MIKE KELLY, LABOR CANDIDATE FOR EDEN-MONARO

Revised ANEF

Margot gave a brief outline of the JRA's concerns previously raised with Minister Vale regarding the revised ANEF for Canberra Airport and our request that the ANEF not be approved. The revised ANEF is currently with Air Services for endorsement. This effectively means night flights every 2 minutes for Jerrabomberra and 'sterilization' of the proposed development in the Jerrabomberra Valley. The Residents Association asked the position of Mike Kelly regarding the revised ANEF.

Mike Kelly advised he had met with Village Building Company and Airport representatives and 'walked the ground' to view the area impacted by the revised ANEF. Mike Kelly indicated he intends to push for a senate enquiry to take this out of the arena of personalities, to see proper exposure to explore all the options, test arguments and submissions to identify the best way to manage the freight corridor between Sydney and Canberra. The process of drawing up and approving ANEF contours has not changed since Airport privatisations and this presents problems of conflicts of interest, an inquiry will rectify this problem and include other aspects that influence ANEF contours such as the improving technology of aircraft and the possibility of a VFT. Margot advised the approval of the revised ANEF is imminent and there is no time to talk – action is needed now as we have seen first hand how 'independent enquiries' work. Mike Kelly reiterated that he intends to move ahead with the senate enquiry so that all recommendations and options are properly supported with evidence.

Mike Kelly also stated he fully supports the Tralee development.

Aquatic Centre Funding

Margot briefly outlined the current status for the plans of the aquatic centre and that the land for this facility depends on the Tralee proposal being approved. The JRA is concerned that should Labor be elected, where would the Aquatic Centre Committee vie for funding if the Regional

Partnership Program is not supported? \$18M is the ball park figure for the aquatic centre after looking at other developments regionally and interstate.

Mike Kelly indicated that Labor actually initiated the Regional Partnership Program (RPP) when they were last in Government and that all proposals submitted would be reviewed appropriately through the RPP process. However as the Poplars and Tralee are yet to be approved and therefore there is no land yet available for an Aquatic Centre, he is not in a position to make a commitment at this stage. Discussions have been held with Kate Lundy in respect to the Aquatic Centre and Mike Kelly has listed it as a high priority if land is available. He would envisage an Aquatic Centre of the size capable to hold Regional carnivals and competitions lasting several days. Direct funding from the Commonwealth to Councils is being considered to cut through red tape and speed up the process.

Dunns Creek Road

Margot advised how hard the JRA have fought to get this road firmly on the agenda to ensure that the traffic from the Googong development isn't funnelled through Jerrabomberra to the Monaro Highway via Edwin Land Parkway (ELP) once extended. The JRA sees this as a critical infrastructure for the future with currently 68% of Jerrabomberra residents travelling to the ACT to work. Frank Sartor supported Dunns Creek Road being constructed.

Mike Kelly advised that he is totally opposed to the ELP becoming the Queanbeyan Bypass. The ELP should be developed but not as a bypass – the engineering viability of extending ELP as a bypass is massive. ELP should remain a single lane road extended to Cooma Road and that Dunns Creek Road should be developed as a developed as a bypass for Googong traffic.

Duplication of Lanyon Drive

Mike Kelly announced that if elected, the whole Lanyon Drive duplication will go ahead and is estimated to take around 12-18 months to complete. This includes upgrades to Shepherd St intersection the Monaro interchange and the 1.1km section currently unfunded. The shadow Economic Review Committee (ERC) has locked in a solid commitment for this and he thanked Steve Whan for arranging \$8M from State budget to assist in the duplication of Lanyon Drive from the Tompsitt Rd roundabout up to the NSW/ACT border (including two bridges).

Mirabee

Margot gave a précis of the boundary of Mirabee which is currently owned by the Ngunnawal Land Council, who have indicated they wish to develop it as a community. Development discussions have been deferred however the JRA would like to see this land purchased by the government and be preserved as environmental land and wildlife corridor.

Mike Kelly advised that this needs to be looked into further to ensure the indigenous heritage is not at risk however he is keen to see a significant proportion of this land preserved as a natural reserve to the local environments. Smart, green development should be 'encouraged' with consideration for cultural landscapes and a tourism facility; however we need to see what comes to the table for discussions.

Curfew for Canberra Airport

Margot advised the JRA policy was to support a curfew for the Canberra Airport between 11:00pm – 6:00am – what is Mike Kelly's stance on this subject.

Mike Kelly responded saying that a curfew should not be an issue if the airports 'agenda' is exposed. As indicated earlier, the Senate enquiry will expose all ventures providing expertise and resources to produce research papers and the ideal case to identify with. Martin Ferguson has indicated as shadow Minister for Transport that he does not support a curfew. However Mike Kelly fully supports the Tralee development going ahead and stated that a curfew could be viable now let alone into the future. He added that he would find it difficult for anyone to sustain an argument in favour of not having a curfew.

Preschool for Jerrabomberra

Margot advised that the Jerrabomberra P&C, JRA and Queanbeyan Preschool Association recently met to discuss the desperate need for a local preschool in Jerrabomberra. The Village Building Company have set aside community land for a pre-school in the Tralee development, what will Mike Kelly do for us? The cost for preschool in NSW is \$30 per week whereas pre-school is free in the ACT; 150 preschool age children are going to the ACT.

Mike Kelly noted that his wife had been a teacher in the public school system for more than 20 years and as such education is an area of key interest. He advised that this is principally a State issue however the ALP has public education as a priority from tertiary to preschool; this will provide education and resources at a cost of \$450M. It is intended for preschool age (4YO) to have access to 15 hrs per week though the program requires working a way to get bricks and mortar aspect to begin. This is close to the top of the list as far as possible improving public education to the local area. It is a State issue where primary and high schools are located.

Continued funding for Defence Transitional Aid position at Jerrabomberra Public School

Mike Kelly advised that this is at the end of a 3yr funding cycle and currently undergoing independent evaluation. Absolutely no plans to end this program, in fact we (Labor Party) are looking at further enhancements to this program. Seeking improvements for Defence families is being reviewed and watch for announcements during the campaign.

Other concerns raised by Jerrabomberra Residents with Mike Kelly

Broadband - Broadband is still not currently available in pockets of Jerrabomberra. The ALP policy is to support more open competition in the marketplace and a Fibre-to-the-Node (FTTN) to the curb as the OPEL WiMAX solution is viewed as 'old technology'.

TAFE to CIT to University

Light Rail to Bungendore – with the current population it would not be viable; however a park and ride could be a more practical solution.

Provision of a feeding tariff for solar cells – the Clean Energy for Eternity Movement is coming our way.

Amount of Union members pre-selected for Labor – if elected, how are you going to go to bat for the small business owner in such a union dominated party? The group were advised that the current Labor Party MPs and candidates come from a wide variety of backgrounds, like himself there are some with military backgrounds and others with legal backgrounds as well as journalists, business persons and even a weatherman. Mike Kelly noted that he assisted the

unions (as a lawyer) to fight for the right of asbestos victims as early as the 1980's and it is unfair to demonise all unions. The ALP has a very independent policy approach.

Margot thanked Mike Kelly for attending our meeting and at this time Standing Orders were resumed. Noting that the concerns and questions raised by the JRA and residents to Mike Kelly went over the allotted time the following motion was put forward:

Motion: The remainder of the September JRA meeting is adjourned until the October JRA meeting.

Moved: Margot Sachse, Seconded: Mark Croxford. **Carried.**

Margot thanked Jim Horan for his contribution to the JRA over the past few years not only as a JRA member, but also as a Committee Member and Vice-President of the JRA wishing both him and Pauline all the best for their move to Melbourne.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

The next meeting of the JRA will take place on Wednesday 24th October 2007 at 7.30 pm in the Banksia Room at the Jerrabomberra Community Centre and any JRA member is more than welcome to attend.