

## **The local Greens launch State Election Campaign in Moruya**

Local Greens candidate, Harriett Swift, launched the Greens election campaign at a well-attended dinner in Moruya on Friday night 25th February.

Ms Swift is standing on a platform of real action on climate change, which particularly relies on protection of the native forests of the electorate. The audience was reminded that it is not only State Forests that are under threat of further degradation due to commercial logging, but potentially forests currently protected in National Parks as well, if the Shooters Party has its way with a Coalition Government.

“For too long the Bega electorate has suffered from neglect by the State Government. The Greens will immediately prioritise regional health, including more funding for aged care and public dental health if elected,” said Ms Swift.

“We will be fighting for transparent and accountable development and planning, and will seek to negotiate with an incoming government on issues such as provision of local public transport and security of funding for Aboriginal services on the Far South Coast.”

NSW Greens MP Cate Faehrmann made the trip from Sydney to celebrate the launch of the local Greens campaign. Ms Faehrmann reminded the gathering that, “This election is critical for NSW. Voters need to be careful of not giving all the power to a Coalition government after March. If the Coalition controls both houses of parliament, we are likely to see “slash and burn” taking place. We could lose many hard won gains made over many years. Barry O’Farrell is already threatening to undo the protection afforded to marine breeding grounds in sanctuary zones in NSW Marine Parks.”

“Increasingly people are turning away from the older parties and towards the Greens because they know the Greens will represent their interests before those of big business and industry. The Greens are now having a real influence on the political agenda in both the Australian and NSW parliaments.”

“The Greens is a real alternative for voters in this election. With our demonstrated track record of gains such as limits on political donations and sowing the seed of a carbon tax, a vote for the Greens is definitely not a wasted vote,” said Ms Swift.

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