

Sutherland Shire candidates to discuss fair compensation

23 February 2007

On Monday, 26 February 2007 candidates for seats in Sutherland Shire will be asked at a breakfast seminar where they stand on the issue of fair compensation for people who are injured in the workplace or on the roads.

A campaign mounted by the country's four peak legal bodies, 'A Fair Go for Injured People', seeks to draw public attention to the effect these laws have had on injured people.

A regional television advertising campaign is also being launched, reaching over 3 million viewers across major regional centres to intensify efforts in the lead up to the March state election.

Speaking as part of the 'Fair Go For Injured People' campaign, Senior Vice President, Mr Hugh Macken, said now over 90% of people injured by someone else in motor vehicle accidents or at work do not get fair compensation.

"Compensation schemes are running in surplus and insurance companies are making record profits, said Mr Macken.

"With the New South Wales election fast approaching, we are intensifying our efforts to focus the attention of the major political parties on the plight of injured people who have been severely disadvantaged by current schemes.

"A statewide print and broadcasting advertising campaign will also run up until election day, 24 March, calling on all political parties and candidates to support a fairer and more consistent system for injured people of NSW.

"Our approach can be implemented over time, to ensure there is no increase in workers compensation and green slip premiums and we encourage all candidates for seats in Sutherland Shire to adopt our position which is fair and reasonable," said Mr Macken.

Notes to Editors:

What: Breakfast with parliamentarians and candidates, representatives from the legal profession and local residents who have been unable to access fair compensation.

Where: Royal Motor Yacht Club, 228 - 232 Woollooware Rd, Cronulla.

When: Monday, 26 February 2007 at 8.00am.

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