

## **EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE**

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**Sent:** Monday, 28 February 2011 7:59 AM  
**To:** LGSA  
**Cc:** Paul Green - Councillor

**Subject: Christian Democratic Party Response to Priorities 2011**

Dear Clr Rhoades & Clr Miller,

On behalf of the Christian Democratic Party I would like to give full in principle support to the LGSA NSW Election Priorities 2011, subject to knowing the finer details when called to making a decision.

As you both know that I am passionate about getting Local Government a fair deal particularly when dealing with cost shifting. Cost shifting in the Shoalhaven alone was approximately \$7 million last financial year. That is a lot of maintenance opportunities lost on roads and parks.

CDP also notes the need to change the rates collection system and that local government has to be able to make full cost recovery on its assets and its services where possible. We would support abolishing rate pegging and implement a system for councils using Community Strategic Plans.

I also note that one other great area of interest is the hypothecation of the Section 88 waste levy to local councils. This section has seen around \$12 million leave our city and around \$2 million come back in grants.

We would also strongly oppose the removal of Water Utilities from local authorities unless they wanted to surrender this utility in the name of financial sustainability to another Water Utility owner.

They are a couple of leading points I wanted to make clear.

I wish you well with gaining a fair go for Local Government. If elected you will have a strong alliance in the NSW Parliament with the Christian Democratic Party. For your information if I am elected I intend to remain Mayor of Shoalhaven City for the remaining term you can be sure that I will work hard to see many of these priorities implemented.

I would welcome a further meeting to discuss further. Would you please confirm that you have received this reply.

Regards,  
Clr. Paul Green  
Mayor of Shoalhaven

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