



# FEDERAL BY-ELECTION

**BE INDEPENDENT - VOTE 1 - DR. RUFF**

Dear Resident,

I write concerning the North Sydney by-election to be held on Saturday 5th December. It is regrettable that it has become necessary given the public cost of over a million dollars with a general election less than a year away. Nevertheless I would like to formally introduce you to an Independent candidate Dr Stephen Ruff. In a sense he needs little introduction as he has helped over 20,000 residents of the North Sydney electorate over the last 34 years from his practice at North Shore Hospital. He is a senior orthopaedic surgeon and extremely knowledgeable in public health that consumes almost ten percent of the Federal budget. He graduated from the University of Sydney with 1st Class Honours. He is married with five children and has lived around the lower North Shore at several locations. He has never been a member of any political party.

I need not canvass the depressing state of politics at federal, state and local levels except to quote from John Carroll, Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Latrobe University who said:

*Australian politics today is jammed with phalanxes of diminutives who choose to enter its halls without the slightest commitment to any cause except their own careers.*

We are fortunate to have the opportunity of electing a representative such as Stephen Ruff. His motivation for standing is mainly his concern for the mismanagement of public health policy, particularly the future of the North Shore Hospital. Information on a wide range of policies including the economy, the environment, trade treaties, energy, transport, education, immigration, open government, reform of politicians' entitlements and constitutional reform, will be provided during the campaign.

I would urge you to support his campaign and if you can help please telephone:

*Ted Mack*

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Former Independent Mayor, State and Federal Member for the North Sydney Area

For more Information see <http://drsuff.org>

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