



# FEDERAL BY-ELECTION

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

## **An open letter to members of the federal electorate of North Sydney.**

This is a carefully considered letter, the like of which I have never had occasion to write before. I seek support for Dr Steven Ruff in the forthcoming by-election.

I have known and worked with Stephen Ruff for the past 35 years. Without any reservations I cannot recall any member of the medical staff of this once great hospital who has so selflessly given so much of his time and effort in the cause of the public hospital system. For this he is widely admired by his colleagues, an example to all around him.

At the turn of the last century Stephen Ruff, all but solely, was responsible for rescuing the orthopaedic and trauma service at Dubbo Base Hospital. With his leadership he mustered his colleagues from RNSH and beyond to maintain a first-class service which continues to flourish.

Health is the major single item in Federal and State budgets. Stephen Ruff has an unusually clear grasp of these complex matters and will introduce policies to correct the blatant financial mismanagement of public funds (your money).

A vote for Stephen Ruff is a vote for the future of RNSH, your local public hospital, and the public hospital system. I cannot think of a stronger candidate and we are most fortunate to have him on our side.

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