

MEDIA RELEASE

Independent candidates seem confused: Thain

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Councillor John Thain today said that recent comments by Independent candidates Tricia Hitchens and Bernard Bratusa seem to prove they are two very confused candidates.

“I don’t remember Ross Fowler, Jim Aitken or Kevin Crameri ever being members of the Labor party yet these three Councilors shared the Mayoralty and Deputy Mayoralty between them for the first three years,” Councilor Thain said.

“Their claim that this has been a Labor dominated Council is just wrong.

“It was the Liberals and Independents in Jim Aitken and Kevin Crameri who spitefully denied any positions of Labor Councilors to important committees like WSROC or the PBA.

“It was a winner-takes-all Liberal dominated Council until the brutal infighting culminating in the Liberal Party refusing to endorse any candidates in Penrith Council election for 2012.

“It is in the best interests of the city to have these feuding candidates overlooked in the upcoming election. We don’t need their dysfunction during the next term,” Councillor Thain said.

“This attack shows that they are bereft of ideas for the city that they lack any commitments or plans,” Councillor Karen McKeown said.

“They intend to cruise through the election by distracting the electorate with spin and Federal issues.”

“Where is their opposition to 25,000 proposed homes in Orchard Hills and the State Government’s plan to dump radioactive waste in Kemps Creek,” Councilor Prue Car said.

“We need a Council that will stand up for our residents and say no to these outrageous plans.

“The silence of Hitchens, Bratusa and Folwer is deafening,” Councillor Car said.

“It is only Labor who will stand up for our community and fight against overdevelopment and nuclear waste.”

“Our commitments have been clearly stated: fixing the traffic nightmare of Jane Street and Mulgoa Road, making sure the long suffering residents of Cranebrook get new shopping opportunities more footpaths, walking tracks and play equipment in each ward,” Councillor John Thain said.

“The Labor team intends to deliver not distract,” he said.

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