

# WEPA BULLETIN

Willoughby Environmental Protection Association



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### ELECTION FORUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The NSW State election is fast approaching (23 March). In collaboration with the [National Parks Association of NSW](#), the [Willoughby Environmental Protection Association Inc \(WEPA\)](#) has invited the sitting members and local candidates for the North Shore and Willoughby electorates to participate in a non-partisan forum. Join us to hear your local candidates' views on the big environmental issues of our time.

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**When:** 7pm Tuesday 19 February 2019

**Where:** [Glenside School Hall](#), 121 Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag

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Protection of the natural environment and decisive action to deal with climate change are emerging as key issues in the forthcoming State election. The community is calling on its future leaders to safeguard and restore the NSW environment for the benefit of our people, our economy and our sustainable future.

WEPA and NPA NSW have asked candidates to address a number of important issues including:

- the **Northern Beaches and Western Harbour Tunnels** project
- expanding and protecting our **National Parks**
- the protection of koalas and the creation of a **Great Koala National Park**
- the continued logging of **Public Native Forests**

- the importance of a **green urban environment** to community health and well-being
- measures to deal with **climate change**.

Equal time will be provided at the Forum for the sitting member and candidates to speak on these and other related environmental issues. This will be followed by an opportunity for the audience to ask questions of the panel. The meeting will end at approximately 8:30pm.

**All members of the public welcome.** Please feel free to bring neighbours, family and friends. No charge, supper provided. Add this significant event to your diary now!

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## **WEPA LOOKS AHEAD – HELP US PLAN FOR 2019 AND BEYOND**

2019 looks like being a very lively year for WEPA and we are keen to make sure we have a clear priorities and enough ‘hands to the pump’ to maintain a close involvement in the ‘Save Flat Rock Gully – Stop the Tunnels’ campaign and deal with all the other local and State-wide issues which arise.

WEPA had a terrific response last year from its members and other volunteers staffing the ‘Stop the Tunnels’ stall and leafleting local streets and from all those who gave freely of their time and views attending meetings and presentations. We would love to ensure that the **enthusiasm, ideas and passion** we witnessed is embraced to shape WEPA’s future.

**At 7pm on Tuesday 5 February 2019** the WEPA committee will be holding a planning meeting (Glenaeon School Hall, 121 Edinburgh Road, Castlecrag).

We are hoping that as many members as possible will come along, grab a cup of tea and join us around the table for a more informal exchange about:

- the most important issues WEPA should be concentrating on in 2019/20
- the best ways to reach members and the public
- how WEPA can enhance the work it does for the environment and community – what are we doing well and what could we do better
- how WEPA can grow its membership – particularly amongst younger people and young families in the area
- how we can better utilise interested membership in activities
- how we might network with other like-minded networks in the region
- the presentations, films and speakers members would like to see as part of the calendar for WEPA public meetings in 2019/20; and
- other activities WEPA might like to host.

The output from the meeting will feed into the *WEPA 2019/20 Strategy* which we hope to confirm with members at the March Annual General Meeting (19 March).

Share your views and ideas with us and help keep WEPA a relevant and lively resource for the community.

To RSVP or seek further information feel free to ring Meredith Foley (WEPA Hon Secretary) on 0438 890 902 or via [mfolwil@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mfolwil@bigpond.net.au).

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