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Mr Paul Avery
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By email: president@balmainfootball.com.au

Dear Mr Avery,

Rozelle Parklands

Thank you for your letter regarding the NSW Liberals' plans for cuts to the Rozelle Parklands. I support all the requests in your letter. If elected as your Member for Balmain, I'll fight for these facilities to be reinstated.

The Parklands were meant to be our compensation after the Liberals rammed destructive and polluting motorways through our community. The Liberals have short-changed us again by removing:

- the all-weather sporting field,
- two multipurpose sports courts,
- public car parking, and
- public toilets for the playground

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to deliver new green space in the inner west. We cannot capitulate to the government or accept a substandard deal, which is what some candidates are arguing we should do. That would be a betrayal of our community.

At Council's February meeting, the Inner West Labor team moved that the NSW Government's parking and traffic study must be conducted as quickly as possible. Currently, the study has no timeline or implementation plan. We need to ensure the Parklands can accommodate visitors, otherwise the impact on local residents will be severe.

Access to sporting facilities must be shared equitably between sporting clubs, based on their size and activity levels. As the largest sporting club in the area, Balmain District Football Club should have greatest access to the fields.

To ensure we change the government and end the NSW Liberals' war on the inner west, I'm asking for you and your members to Vote 1 Labor on March 25. Thank you again for your letter.

Regards,

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