

PUBLIC INTEREST DEBATE - GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE

Ms LYNDA VOLTZ (Auburn) (17:07): Again, we get to the public interest debate and Government members are using superlatives and the member for Albury or "Gunna Clancy", as we know him on this side of the Chamber, because he is gonna do this and gonna do that—

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms LYNDA VOLTZ: For those on this side of the Chamber, the reality is that this Government is big on superlatives and very small on delivery. I have the second largest electorate in the State. I think the member for Heffron has a bigger population than I have in Auburn. The reason I have the second biggest population is because this Government has put 10,000 apartments in Wentworth Point, 11,000 apartments in Sydney Olympic Park and 6,200 apartments in Carter Street—all in one small area. So we have ended up with 23,500 residents in Sydney Olympic Park and 24,000 in Wentworth Point. Originally it was 5,500 apartments in Carter Street, but now it is 6,200 apartments.

The Government made lots of promises about delivering infrastructure. It was going to deliver the M4 off ramp at Hill Road. In fact, it spent \$26 million saying, "We are going to design it and we are going to deliver it." What happened? It was dumped, quick as a wink. It was offering lots of policies—we are gonna do this; we are gonna do that—like its mate "Gunna Clancy", but as soon as it had to deliver them in this electorate where everybody is going, it was dumped. It is just like stage two of the Parramatta Light Rail. Some \$50 million was spent on planning, but when we try to get one Minister on that side to say they are actually going to deliver it—we hear crickets. No-one is getting up to say, "Yes, we will deliver that." It is all, "I am going to do something," but they never actually do it.

People in Wentworth Point know about this because it took them years to even get a public school. The Department of Education said that school should have 1,000 kids in it—and it is going to. Government members only have to look at their own planning figures that say how many children are going in there. What did this Government do? It built a school for 400 kids. It said, "Oh, we will do a school for 1,000 kids later." The school was full on day one. It now has 15 demountables on the site, including some two storeys high, when it cannot fit them. Now the Government is saying to those people, "We'll build you Sydney Olympic Park High School," after a decade of people saying their kids have got nowhere to go. In fact, the catchment area has 48 students per learning space, compared with 28 students per learning space anywhere else in the State, which indicates where the investment should be.

What does this Government do? It does not say, "We'll put the school where it is most accessible." It does not say, "We'll put the school where there is space for it." It says, "We'll chuck it down on the foreshore park that we promised." Remember, this is the mob that talks in this Chamber about building a garden city. The Government promised this park in 2016 as part of the master plan for the 20,000 apartments built down there. The site is still sitting there with a big fence around it, and now the Government is going to put the high school on it—but not the whole high school. It is only going to build half a high school. It says, "We'll do what we did in Wentworth Point. We'll build a school for 800 now, and trust us—because you have seen us before—that we will do the other 1,500 later on. Don't you worry about that! We'll do it in stages." It does not matter that there are going to be 800 kids in it.

All the flats in these thousands and thousands of high-rise developments are built, by the way. It is not like these flats are going to appear at some later stage; they are all up. However, the promised infrastructure—these schools—has not been delivered. Not only have they not been delivered, but the space they have chosen for the school is the parkland. It is government land, even though it promised it as parkland. To pay for it, the residents have to take increased development right next to the park. That is the Government's idea of ongoing delivery of services to people in my electorate—and that is only at that school. Let us not even start on the subject of Carter Street, where there is meant to be a public school. Let us not even start on the subject of Newington Public School, which has got 20 demountables. They actually had to take them off the land because they were sinking into the marshland. This Government does not deliver to western Sydney.