

## **Jim Sanderson, Independent Candidate, Lane Cove BE (Syd) MEngSc LLB LLM (UNSW)**

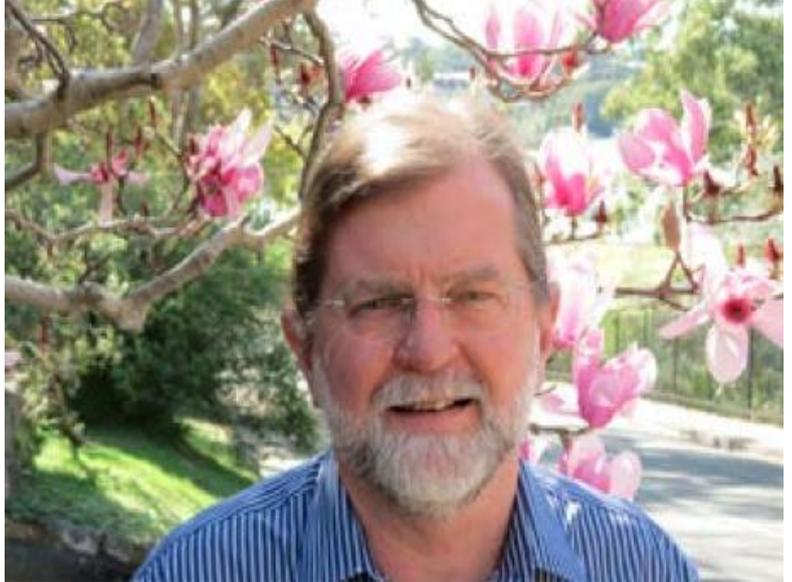
### **Opposing Government decision to sell or lease RNSH land**

Mr Jim Sanderson is an Independent Candidate for the seat of Lane Cove for the upcoming NSW State Election, March, 2015.

Mr Sanderson has lived in Hunters Hill for most of his life and was educated at Hunters Hill High School and Hunters Hill Public School.

He graduated in engineering from the University of Sydney and undertook further studies, including a Master of Engineering Science at UNSW, graduating with a Bachelor of Laws in 2009 and a Masters of Laws in 2013.

In charge of the Mechatronics Laboratories at UNSW, Mr Sanderson is a strong proponent for education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). He has worked in both design and project management roles and made major contributions to projects, including the Parliament House Flag Mast, the Glasshouses at Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens and vehicles for transporting cryogenic liquids.



In 2002, Mr Sanderson was a key player in the campaign to prevent the closure of Hunters Hill High School, achieving success in reversing the then Carr Labor Government's decision. In 2012, Mr Sanderson also advocated amendments to planning law aimed at reducing misrepresentations made in development applications, to prevent inappropriate development and the loss of productivity associated with dealing with such proposals.

In 2012, Mr Sanderson was a candidate for South Ward in the Hunters Hill Council election, where he advocated a more open and transparent Council and set out policies to make Council more responsive to community interests and to improve the examination of development applications to better preserve the character of the Municipality. Although not elected, Mr Sanderson received an historically high vote for an ungrouped candidate. He is now a very active member of Council's Public Transport and Traffic Advisory Committee, where he has been a strong advocate for a number of issues, including improving disabled access.

Mr Sanderson is running as an Independent Candidate for Lane Cove for the 2015 NSW Election. His policies focus on looking after the interests of communities. He believes the sale or long-term lease of RNSH land would hamper future healthcare development.

"I am extremely concerned about any divestment of RNSH land.

"This is a short-sighted move and once lost, this land will be irretrievable for hospital use," Mr Sanderson said.

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**For more information, or to coordinate an interview with Mr Sanderson, please contact Kirsten Bruce or Ruby Archis from VIVA! Communications on 0401 717 566 / 0413 834 906.**