

## THE BATTLE FOR YOUR VOTE

State Election 2011, March 26

# Hills vies for high house

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A record 15 candidates from the Hills region will be seeking election to the Legislative Council (Upper House) on Saturday.

Unlike the Legislative Assembly, candidates for the Legislative Council are not divided into electorates, meaning locals will be taking on people from across NSW.

For the election, 311 candidates have nominated to contest the 21 seats to be decided in the Legislative Council.

Former Baulkham Hills councillor and deputy mayor Ray Brown, of Castle Hill, is the number one candidate on the Building Australia ticket.

"The original proponents of the Building Australia party are all businessmen who have said enough is enough, we need to bring respect, commonsense and business acumen back into all levels of government," he said.

"As taxpayers, our party team is completely disillusioned with the wedge politics that is played out by political parties, besides the ongoing increases in taxes, the sacrificing of existing programs, by sleight of hand, or the need to find other financial sacrificial lambs.

"How long does it take to sort out public transport, hospitals and the establishing of infrastructure ready for population increases."

Joining Mr Brown on the Building Australia ticket is Michael O'Donnell and John Vellenga, both of Castle Hill. Ross Geary, of Carlingford, is on the Socialist Alliance ticket, which aims



Ray Brown is the number one candidate on the Building Australia ticket.

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to offer a real, working class alternative government.

The Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group) will be looking at increasing its numbers in the Upper House, with three representatives from the local area: Gamil Helmy-Kostandy, of Carlingford; Diana Thew, of Cherrybrook; and Bruce Watson, of Castle Hill.

The Shooters and Fishers Party has two members of the Legislative Council and will be looking to add to that, with Karl Houseman, of Kellyville, and Bob Shaw, of

Baulkham Hills, Family First will field Joseph Mack, of Carlingford, and Johnny Teong, of Castle Hill.

The Outdoor Recreation Party, the NSW branch of the Liberal Democratic Party, will run Graham Nickols, of Carlingford, and Peter Whelan, of Glenorie.

The Australian Democrats will attempt to regain a seat in the NSW Upper House, with Carol Prendergast, of Pennant Hills, hoping to be one of them. Bruce Manefield, of Kellyville, is one of the independents, standing in the ungrouped section of the ballot.

### Hills upper house candidates

Ray Brown - Castle Hill - Building Australia  
 Ross Geary - Carlingford - Socialist Alliance  
 Gamil Helmy-Kostandy - Carlingford - Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)  
 Karl Houseman - Kellyville - Shooters and Fishers  
 Joseph Mack - Carlingford - Family First  
 Bruce Manefield - Kellyville - Ungrouped  
 Graham Nickols - Carlingford - Outdoor Recreation Party  
 Michael O'Donnell - Castle Hill - Building Australia  
 Carol Prendergast - Pennant Hills - Australian Democrats  
 Bob Shaw - Baulkham Hills - Shooters and Fishers  
 Johnny Teong - Castle Hill - Family First  
 Diana Thew - Cherrybrook - Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)  
 John Vellenga - Castle Hill - Building Australia  
 Bruce Watson - Castle Hill - Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)  
 Peter Whelan - Glenorie - Outdoor Recreation Party

## Where to find your

## pre-poll ballot box

VOTERS who can't get to a polling place on Saturday 26 are being urged to get to a pre-poll location before the election.

Pre-poll voting centres can be found in all local electorates and are open between 8am and 6pm weekdays until Friday.

Postal voting is also available to electors who are unable to vote in person on election day.

You can apply for a postal vote online at [votensw.info](http://votensw.info) or by calling 1300 135 736.

Pre-poll voting for local seats is available at:

### Baulkham Hills

Unit 2, 12-16 Anella Ave, Castle Hill

28 Old Northern Rd, Baulkham Hills

### Castle Hill

Unit 2, 12-16 Anella Ave, Castle Hill

The Hills Council Chambers, 129 Showground Rd, Castle Hill

### Hawkesbury

Suite LS110, Rouse Hill Town Centre

### Hornsby

2/18 Salisbury Rd, Asquith  
 Hornsby War Memorial Hall, 2 High St, Hornsby