



Speech by

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### FEDERAL LABOR CANDIDATE FOR PETRIE

**Mr HINCHLIFFE** (Stafford—ALP) (11.36 am): The federal election campaign is hotting up, but still my local federal member, the member for Petrie, Teresa Gambaro, has failed to involve herself in federal issues. So far her campaign has consisted entirely of state and local government issues. Ms Gambaro's campaign material refers to stopping hooning, upgrading a couple of specific local roads, street signage and graffiti removal. In her campaign material there are no promises to keep interest rates at record lows, which her campaign material in 2004 contained, and there are definitely no references to John Howard. Ms Gambaro makes promises to fight for public transport for parts of her electorate despite never speaking up about the Howard government's lack of a city or urban policy for 11 years. I am sorry, Teresa, but the local community is telling me that this is too little, too late.

Kevin Rudd's Labor candidate Yvette D'Ath is in touch and is ready to proactively represent the electors in the Petrie federal division, especially by removing the impact of WorkChoices on working families. This daughter of local small businesspeople went to Redcliffe State High and put herself through university studying law. Ms D'Ath has applied her legal skills in the noblest of pursuits: representing her fellow workers and their interests. As an industrial advocate for the Australian Workers Union, Ms D'Ath has worked tirelessly for the interests of working families. In the Petrie electorate there are already many council workers, health industry workers and others who have benefited directly from Ms D'Ath's strong and intelligent representation.

I am proud to support Yvette, her husband, George—a serving Queensland police officer—and their children, Emma and Cameron, in their campaign. On the face of the campaign so far, I trust that my fellow electors in Petrie will endorse Kevin Rudd and Yvette D'Ath and, after 24 November, enjoy that strong and intelligent representation in Canberra.