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ALP Candidate, Greens and community join in fight against one kilometre wide super quarry

At an often emotional public meeting involving 130 people from across Redland City last Sunday the ALP candidate for Redlands, Peter Seage, promised if elected 'to cross the floor if necessary' to support the community on the issue of the Mt Cotton super quarry. And while Greens candidates who attended the meeting also committed to stopping the quarry, all four local LNP candidates invited to the meeting failed to attend.

Spokesperson for **No Mt Cotton Superquarry**, Anthony Moloney, said 'The LNP is widely expected to win, so now the focus is on them.'

'After many failed requests to Redlands sitting member Peter Dowling to get the LNP to reaffirm their support for the community on this, we are now getting the strong feeling that the Mt Cotton Super Quarry could go ahead under a newly elected LNP government.'

'The LNP like to talk about health – this is about health, this is about road safety, this is about infrastructure and the ratepayer having to pay for roads that 80 000 trucks trips a year will damage. This is about trashing one of the last significant natural parts of mainland Redland City and coating huge areas of the city with a shower of toxic dust every day for the next 60 years.'

'It is also about business, and the loss of the unique coastal-rural mix that has always attracted people, money and commerce to Redland City.'

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‘The irony is that we have no clearly demonstrated need for more quarry expansion here – South East Queensland is already adequately supplied with this material from numerous, more appropriately placed sources well into the foreseeable future.’

‘Redlands people turned up on Sunday to hear whether an LNP government would cancel this appalling quarry proposal, but no LNP candidates were prepared to show. They appear to have back flipped on earlier promises to stop the quarry. Perhaps it is time for Redlands voters to consider registering their feelings about this on March 24,’ Mr Moloney said

‘We need a clear, unambiguous answer from the LNP leadership – well before March 24 – so that Redlands voters can go to the election knowing what they are voting for. The question is: will an LNP government, if elected on March 24, support the Redlands community and put a final stop on the Barro super quarry at Mt Cotton?’

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