



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT**

**Community Recognition Statement**

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11 May 2022

**PAUL SCOBIE**

**Ms SONIA HORNER ( Wallsend ) :**

Paul Scobie was an environmentalist, conservationist, political activist, man of science, teacher of many, loving husband, father and grandfather.

Along with wife, Suska, they established Scobie's Walkabout which pioneered eco tours into national parks and remote areas.

He fought for the conservation of the Kakadu National Park against uranium, fought to save forests in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales and fought to put environmentalism on the agenda.

Paul was elected to Newcastle City Council in 1999 and served until his retirement in 2008, during which he served as Deputy Lord Mayor.

I was fortunate to serve on Council with Paul during some of that time. Paul spent his life highlighting the need to protect our natural environment and was the initial driving force behind the City of Newcastle thinking globally, and acting locally, to address climate change and sustainability, representing the City at the World Summit on Sustainability in 2002.

He set the City's path towards our national and international recognition of a local government authority taking early, and real action to address the climate crisis and sustainability challenges our world is facing today and his legacy is immense in this regard.

Vale Paul.