

# PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

#### FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT

#### **Community Recognition Statements**

16 May 2018

## NEWCASTLE JETS A-LEAGUE GRAND FINALISTS

### Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend):

The Newcastle Jets gave an extraordinary performance at the A-League grand final at Newcastle's local stadium on 5 May.

Although they did not quite clinch the win, they were cheered on by a proud and raucous home crowd. I salute the Jets, led by head coach Ernie Merrick, chief executive officer Lawrie McKinna, and captain Nigel Boogard, for a stellar season.

I will be back in the stands next season to cheer the Jets on, as will many thousands of Wallsend residents.

I also acknowledge Jets player of the year, Dimi Petratos, who was selected for the Australian train-on squad for the World Cup. What a fantastic feat for Dimi; Jets supporters are proud of him. Next season, for the Jets!