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STEVE O'BRIEN
FOR NEWCASTLE LORD MAYOR

I STAND FOR

- **A people-focussed Council**
- **Getting out of war-related business; No to the missile factory at the airport**
- **Genuine community consultation, including on the Newcastle Basketball Stadium**
- **Making Council accessible and democratic**

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Steve is a lifelong peace activist, trade unionist and socialist. He was an ironworker at the steelworks for many years and retrained to work at TAFE and as an aid worker in Central America, the former East Timor and Southern Africa.

“ I want to bring Council closer to the people and more focused on what is best for our community.

Local government is supposed to be the closest level of government to the people but it has become less accessible and less democratic.

Developing then leasing public assets to a commercial operator, for example, is just another form of privatisation that subsidises private profit at the expense of our community.

We see this with projects like the 'Flintstones' kiosk at Foreshore Park and the proposal for a fancy privately operated restaurant at the Newcastle Ocean Baths.

I would rather see money spent on free entry to all the Council pools.

Council should also get out of war-related business, like the missile factory at the airport, and not pay its top bureaucrats and CEO corporate-style exorbitant salaries.

Before I make any decision as Lord Mayor I will ask:

Will this expenditure or project benefit and strengthen community?

