

## Stand by OUR MAN

The CFMEU has endorsed ALP candidate Cameron Murphy for the State seat of East Hills at the upcoming election.

The long-time construction division supporter is a lawyer, former President of the NSW Council for Civil Liberties and former Organiser with the CFMEU's forestry division and is a regular in the CFMEU crowd on May Day.

Murphy, whose father was a minister in the Whitlam Government, was invited to speak at a recent delegates meeting about his preselection for the seat that takes in Revesby and Padstow.

CFMEU NSW Branch Secretary Brian Parker says the union membership needs to get behind Murphy in the State election next year.

He says Murphy is in with a great chance of winning the seat from Liberal Glenn Brookes, who holds the seat with a margin of just 0.6%.

"This is a seat Cameron can win and we need to help him so he can help us in Parliament," says Parker.

"I wholeheartedly support Cameron as it will mean we will have a decent voice in State Parliament who will support union issues and rights.

"It means the CFMEU will have someone in Parliament that can raise our concerns and ensure building workers' voices are heard."



ALLIES: Cameron Murphy and Brian Parker



## Green ban for Millers Point

FIGHTING TOGETHER: John Hughes  
and Barney Gardner

The CFMEU is proudly standing shoulder to shoulder with residents in Millers Point who are being forced out of their public housing by the Liberal Government.

At a recent delegates meeting, Millers Point Resident Action Group spokesman Barney Gardner drew an emotional response from delegates as he outlined the impact the move out of Millers Point would have on residents.

The government is selling 293 properties at Millers Point and The Rocks, evicting about 600 public housing tenants and potentially earning hundreds of millions in sales.

"About 60% of the residents are over 60 years old," says Gardner. "They've lived there all their life. People are worrying themselves sick literally. We've had residents in hospital with the stress."

The government deliberately ignored its own report's warnings that the relocation could kill some of the residents and walked away from the recommendation to delay the sales until residents died.

The housing was originally built for wharfies and their families who worked on the Hungry Mile docks.

Gardner, a former seaman, has lived in the same street all his life.

"We are seeking the support of the union movement because these old people can't

march and protest any more," he says.

Gardner says many of the residents fought alongside the building unions to protect The Rocks from destruction.

He warned Millers Point was "ground zero" for the push to move public housing out of the inner city. "If they get us out, watch out Pyrmont, watch out Glebe."

Gardner says some residents had paid almost a century worth of rent.

"I'm here to tell you until they get me in the ground, I'll be fighting these bastards."

CFMEU delegate John Hughes moved a motion for a green ban on the area.

"The character of this area is so unique and is one of the big tourist attractions of Australia," he says.

Hughes says the working-class heritage of the area will be lost if Millers Point falls to big developers.

The meeting unanimously supported a call for an interim ban, which will be put to the Committee of Management.

Big business has already cast its eye over possibly developing the area with Lend Lease considering a \$50 million purchase of terrace houses at Millers Point, to avoid its requirement to set aside 10% of its Barangaroo housing for lower-income earners.

The Baird Liberal Government has also removed strict heritage protection rules for buyers undermining its claims the sell-off will revive the National Trust area.