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## **Media Release**

# **David Bradbury welcomes University debate invitation**

Federal Member for Lindsay David Bradbury has welcomed an invitation from the University of Western Sydney for a candidate's debate during the election campaign.

"I welcome the invitation from the University of Western Sydney's School of Communication Arts to participate in an election campaign candidates' debate with my Liberal opponent," said Mr Bradbury.

"This is an opportunity for people in our community to hear the policies of the major parties and find out where the candidates stand on issues that are important to local residents.

Mr Bradbury said that he looked forward to the opportunity to detail his achievements over the last three years and his plans for the future.

"I hope that my Liberal opponent will agree to this debate because it is an important opportunity for the community to have a close look at the credentials, experience and plans of the candidates that will be vying for the privilege to represent our community," said Mr Bradbury.

Last week Fiona Scott refused to attend a local candidates' forum hosted by Make Poverty History.

UWS has said that the debate will only go ahead if both major parties agree to participate.

"I hope that Fiona Scott agrees to participate in this debate because there are a number of things that she needs to explain to local residents.

"Fiona Scott needs to explain why she supports Tony Abbott's real plans for bringing back the worst elements of WorkChoices, including removing unfair dismissal protection for workers and reintroducing wage-destroying individual contracts.

"She should front up to local residents and explain why she supports Tony Abbott's cuts to Trades Training Centres, computers for local high school students and new classrooms and libraries for primary schools.

"Fiona Scott should also explain to our local community why she supports Tony Abbott's plans to cut more than \$800 million from our health system after he previously ripped away \$1 billion from our hospitals as Health Minister.

"I look forward to the opportunity to debate my Liberal opponent and talk about these important issues."