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Repay Farmers' Rego Rip-Off Before By-Election

Shooters Fishers and Farmers Party Wagga Wagga by-election candidate Seb McDonagh today demanded that Gladys Berejiklian repay farmers the more than \$32 million they've been over-charged for heavy vehicle registration over 20 years.

"Before we have any more big ticket election promises, farmers deserve to be repaid the money they've been ripped-off for 20 years," Mr McDonagh said in Wagga Wagga.

"This amounts to \$12.5 million per year and will increase by 12.7 per cent per annum.

"Gladys Berejiklian's Government has known about this for six months, but rather than telling people about it or trying to fix the problem, she's done nothing. We only know about it because my colleague Philip Donato tabled internal Government documents in Parliament last Thursday.

"There's a lot of people out here in the Wagga Wagga electorate who have been affected by this, and everybody deserves their money back now – with interest.

"We're in the worst drought in living memory, and all rural communities need a helping hand, not to be ripped-off by \$729 per vehicle per year."

Mr McDonagh said that he's standing in the Wagga Wagga by-election because he's disgusted by the matters that led to this by-election being called.

"I'm not a professional politician, I'm just a normal bloke," he said.

"Like everybody else here, I was disgusted by the revelations about dodgy Daryl Maguire in the corruption scandal. We need a representative who is focused on our local area, not development in Sydney.

"I've lived in Oura for over ten years and work in Wagga Wagga as an IT public servant. This area has a lot going for it, but what concerns me is that we've been ignored by the Liberal Party.

"The Liberals don't care about regional New South Wales.

"People out here deserve to be listened to, and there's so many issues that haven't been addressed out here. As part of my campaign I'll be listening to the community and hoping to restore trust in their representatives.

"Wagga Wagga deserves better."

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