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Mr Peter Fray
Sydney Morning Herald
1 Darling Island Road
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Dear Mr Fray

On behalf of the NSW Intercommunities Council of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia which represents 31 Parishes and Communities, I am writing this letter to express my disappointment regarding the slanderous, degrading and generalised statements made by Journalist, Mr Paul Sheehan, in the Sydney Morning Herald on 15 September 2011.

It is true that Greece is facing serious economic difficulties, however, it is not the only country experiencing such problems. Mr Sheehan failed to mention the global nature of these economic problems faced by countries such as Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Italy and even the USA, which recently, barely managed to remain solvent.

It is also true that tax evasion, undisclosed wealth and incorrect policies have contributed to Greece's economic problems. It is, however, slanderous to say the problem has resulted from cheating and then proceed to brand all the Greek people as a nation of cheats.

On the contrary, I think Greece should be congratulated for its enormous efforts to change the economic situation and remain solvent.

Regarding other points mentioned in the article such as, match fixing and drugs in athletics, it should be remembered that these events also occur globally, including within Australia.

Finally, I am confident that the good relationship between the Australian-Greek Community and the Sydney Morning Herald will not be tarnished by the slanderous and insulting statements written by Mr Paul Sheehan.

Yours sincerely

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Welcoming the Babies 2011



Federal Member for Blaxland, Jason Clare MP, officially welcomed over 100 babies into our local community at a special ceremony in Bankstown on Saturday. More than 400 people attended the 'Welcoming the Babies' event, now in its third year, as a part of the 2011 Bankstown Children's Festival. Bankstown regularly has one of the highest numbers of births for any suburb in NSW. It is estimated that there are around 2,700 babies born every year in our local community.

On the day mums and dads received gift bags, containing useful products and information on breastfeeding, the development of learning and motor skills, playgroups, community support and child water safety. "It's just a small way to say thank you to the new mums and dads who take on this big responsibility and give them a helping hand," Mr Clare said. "Having and raising a child is hard work. It's important that parents know that there are support services available to them."



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07.00 - 09.00	"ΑΓΡΥΠΝΟΣ" ΜΑΝΟΣ ΤΣΙΛΙΜΙΔΗΣ
09.00 - 10.00	"ΠΡΟΣΚΗΝΙΟ" ΓΙΩΡΓΟΣ ΤΖΑΡΙΜΑΣ
10.00 - 11.00	ΤΡΑΓΟΥΔΙΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΔΙΣΚΟΘΗΚΗ
11.00 - 12.00	"ΕΛΛΗΝ ΛΟΓΟΣ" ΣΗΜΑΙΟΦΟΡΟΣ ΘΕΟΛΟΓΟΣ, ΒΑΡΒΑΡΑ ΣΤΑΓΙΑΝΟΥ
12.00 - 12.10	ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΕΙΔΗΣΕΩΝ
12.10 - 13.00	"ΡΑΔΙΟΜΥΘΙΣΤΟΡΗΜΑ" ΒΟΥΛΑ ΧΑΤΖΗΣΤΕΡΓΟΥ
13.00 - 14.00	"BENDIGO BANK" ΔΗΜΗΤΡΗΣ ΜΑΝΤΖΗΚΟΠΟΥΛΟΣ
14.00 - 15.00	ΤΡΑΓΟΥΔΙΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΔΙΣΚΟΘΗΚΗ
15.00 - 15.10	ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΕΙΔΗΣΕΩΝ
15.10 - 17.00	"Η ΕΚΠΟΜΠΗ ΤΟΥ ΧΘΕΣ & ΤΟΥ ΣΗΜΕΡΑ" ΓΙΑΝΝΗΣ ΚΡΗΤΙΚΟΣ
17.00 - 17.05	ΤΙΤΛΟΙ ΕΙΔΗΣΕΩΝ
17.05 - 18.00	"ΓΝΩΘΙ ΣΑΥΤΟΝ" ΚΩΣΤΑΣ ΚΑΖΑΝΤΖΙΔΗΣ
18.00 - 19.00	"Η ΣΤΡΑΒΟΣ ΕΙΝΑΙ Ο ΓΥΑΛΟΣ 'Η ΣΤΡΑΒΑ ΑΡΜΕΝΙΖΟΥΜΕ" ΠΑΥΛΟΣ ΘΕΟΔΩΡΑΚΟΠΟΥΛΟΣ
19.00 - 21.00	"Η ΕΠΙΚΑΙΡΟΤΗΤΑ ΠΑΝΤΟΥ & ΠΑΝΤΑ" ΓΙΩΡΓΟΣ ΧΑΤΖΗΒΑΣΙΛΗΣ, ΓΙΩΡΓΟΣ ΤΖΑΡΙΜΑΣ
21.00 - 22.00	"Η ΒΑΛΙΤΣΑ ΤΟΥ ΜΕΤΑΝΑΣΤΗ" ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ ΧΩΡΟΖΑΚΗΣ
22.00 - 22.10	ΤΑ ΤΕΛΕΥΤΑΙΑ ΝΕΑ ΑΠΟ ΤΗΝ ΕΛΛΑΔΑ
22.10 - 24.00	"Η ΒΑΛΙΤΣΑ ΤΟΥ ΜΕΤΑΝΑΣΤΗ" ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ ΧΩΡΟΖΑΚΗΣ