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Roozendaal: more damning revelations means O'Farrell must axe former One Nation candidate

NSW Treasurer Eric Roozendaal today demanded Opposition Leader Barry O'Farrell immediately remove his candidate for The Entrance Chris Spence – following more damning revelations about the former One Nation president.

The Sun-Herald today reports that Mr Spence was charged over an alleged assault when he was a security guard at a Desperate and Dateless Ball in Canberra.

While the article claims “the charge was later chucked out by the magistrate” it is simply another black mark against his suitability for political life.

Mr Roozendaal said: “Today’s revelations by Lisa Carty in *The Sun Herald* are further proof this man is not fit to be a local representative for the Central Coast community.

“Mr Spence has been exposed yet again as someone who lacks common sense and is not forthright with his community.

“The more this man tries to explain himself, the worse the explanation becomes.”

Mr Spence, the endorsed Liberals candidate for the seat of The Entrance, played a prominent role in Pauline Hanson’s One Nation and was a former candidate for the party.

Mr Spence is employed by Liberal Terrigal MP Chris Hartcher and is a close confidante and former employee of One Nation’s David Oldfield.

Mr Spence told *The Sydney Morning Herald* on November 23: “...I was a member of One Nation ...”.

Mr Roozendaal said Mr O'Farrell should take a stand against extreme right wing elements within his party and demand Mr Spence be removed immediately as his candidate for The Entrance.

“Barry O'Farrell must not allow himself to be used by the extremists of One Nation, which divided Australia,” Mr Roozendaal said.

“Mr O'Farrell needs to show leadership and stand up to extremists in his own party.

“The dangerous politics of One Nation have no place on the Central Coast or anywhere else – and Barry O'Farrell must immediately do what’s right for the hardworking families of NSW and have Mr Spence’s preselection overturned.”