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Victorian State Election Candidate Survey - November 2014

Additional Comments, Emails & Policy Links

Animal Justice Party | Link to Policies: http://animaljusticeparty.org/

Animal Justice Party | Richmond District | SMITH, Miranda

I don't care what your beliefs are... but I do care if you're a politically minded imperialist with an inability to critically think or admit that your beliefs are not the objective truth of the Universe.

Animal Justice Party | Southern Metropolitan Region | WALSHE, Nyree

The Animal Justice Party only has written policies on the aspects of the law that affects animals. On other matters our representatives will have a conscience vote. Our party leans towards compassion and equal consideration for all. If this does not provide an answer we will seek further evidence through the resources available to us as parliamentarians and come to a rational conclusion. Many of the questions posed above require more enquiry and consideration before a definite opinion can be formed. My answers therefore are informal replies based on what I have heard discussed about these matters in the community. If elected, I would make the enquiries that should support a serious decision.

Australian Christians | Link to Policies: http://australianchristians.com.au/values/

Australian Christians | Evelyn District | de PYLE, Damien

I understand that a Christian party would be the last party that you would support. However, we both agree that the separation of Church and State is important. The Church shouldn't rule over the State and neither should the State rule over the Church. That is what the separation of these two entities implies. What you might believe instead of this is the Freedom from Religion. That people should be free from the influence of religion or religious beliefs in the world. However, religion is just a belief and so what you are doing is believing that your Atheistic beliefs should dominate over other beliefs such as religious beliefs. How would that belief contribute to a healthy society based on unity? We all need to just accept that people will have different beliefs to us. Obviously that shouldn't stop you from believing whatever it may be that you believe, but you should understand that every time a Militant Atheist has controlled a country we have ended up with people like Stalin, Pol Pot and Mao. All I ask is that you re-consider what it is that you believe so that you can truly create a society based on Unity. May God Bless you.

Australian Christians | Eastern Metropolitan Region | JANSON, Vickie

Thanks for the opportunity to participate. As a party we are concerned to retain freedom of conscience, belief, speech and association. While some people today view 'birds of a feather flocking together' - a perfectly natural phenomena where like minded people freely associate - as discrimination, we view this as a fundamental freedom that should be extended to everyone. We don't think the Progressive Atheists should be accused of discrimination for not employing a religious person but acknowledge their freedom to employ such a person if they wish.

Some faith based organisations may have no issue with employing staff who do not share their beliefs and values and others will see faith as a critical component to fostering a cohesive workplace and shared culture. We believe the options should be open for all rather than narrowed, as is intended by those advocating to remove the current exemptions to the Equal Opportunity Act. Thanks again for the opportunity to share our thoughts.

Australian Christians | Mount Waverley District | ZHENG, Stephen Chong

Dear Progressive Atheists, I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to have my say for your members to view. I think it is important for a range of views to be represented in society and for those views to be conveyed gently and respectfully. Keep up the good work.

Australian Country Alliance | Link to Policies: http://www.countryalliance.org/index.php/policies.html

Australian Country Alliance | Murray Plains District | WINN, Bryon

Our main concerns are infrastructure for rural Victoria, including the transport section, better trains for rural and regional Victoria, undertaking a review into the role of local government, mobile service in rural areas, water issues (not to world health standards), irrigation systems not value for money. We also have concerns regarding metropolitan based residents.

Australian Cyclists Party | Link to Policies: www.australian-cyclists-party-victoria.org.au

Australian Cyclists Party | Southern Metropolitan Region | BOWEN, Richard Thank-you for contacting us.

The Australian Cyclists Party has published our values and policies on our website www.australian-cyclists-party-victoria.org.au

We would welcome you sharing this link with your members.

As a party we do not express Australian Cyclists Party views without appropriate consideration of our Committee. This is especially true for what we consider non-cycling issues, so we will not be providing an official Australian Cyclists Party response to your questions.

Thanks for your understanding and good luck with your campaign.

Vote 1 Australian Cyclists Party!

Australian Labor Party - Victorian Branch | Link to Policies: http://www.danielandrews.com.au/policies/

Australian Labor Party - Victorian Branch | Sandringham District | ZIGOURAS, Christina That's a bit cheeky! Didn't realise you were the 'Progressive Atheists'. In all, I believe everyone is entitled to their own beliefs, as long as they don't harm others, including atheists.

Australian Sex Party - Victoria | Link to Policies: https://www.sexparty.org.au/policies/victorian-policy.html

Australian Sex Party - Victoria | Southern Metropolitan Region | AUSTIN, Darren

We live in a time when ideas can spread quicker than ever before... and that process is quickening. Asserting authority by appealing to some obscure ontological framework reeks of a power grab -EXACTLY the sort of thing we need to AVOID if humanity is to survive and thrive in the 21st century.

Australian Sex Party - Victoria | Mordialloc District | CHELLEW, Tristram

Tristram believes that a major shift in the way we educate school children on sex and sexuality is long overdue and that the lack of a uniformed National sex education curriculum is a threat to the sexual health of Victoria's youth. A strong supporter of Marriage Equality and an advocate for the Fair Treatment of Refugees, Tristram is looking forward to once again entering the debate on the side of personal freedoms and human rights with the Australian Sex Party.

At first a bystander to the political debate; Tristram started working with the Australian Sex Party whilst studying Finance and International Business at Swinburne University. Since then he has worked hard to effect change in a political landscape which champions one liners over intelligent ideas for the future.

This will be his third time running for the Australian Sex Party having previously run in the last State and Federal elections.

Australian Sex Party - Victoria | Bentleigh District | McCAWLEY, Ross James

Religious views have no place in politics. The Sex Party is committed to keeping the separation of church and state.

Australian Sex Party - Victoria | Richmond District | SPIROVSKA, Nevena

Thank you for including me in this survey. The Australian Sex Party campaigns on many of the same issues and would appreciate any support you can offer in the Victorian Election.

Australian Sex Party - Victoria | South Barwon District | WALLIS, Nick

Civil society needs to be secular. Without the freedom of and from the personal belief structures that people find themselves growing in their minds... these seeds of belief can turn into parasitic structures that they try to enforce on the minds of total strangers.

Democratic Labour Party (DLP) | Link to Policies: http://www.dlp.org.au/policies/

Family First Victoria Inc. | Link to Policies: http://vic-familyfirst.org.au/

Independent | ALI, Safwat | Link to Policies: www.facebook.com/SafwatAliIndependetCandidateForTarneit

Independent | Tarneit District | ALI, Safwat INFRASTRUCTURE AND ROADS SCHOOL FUNDINGS TAXES ON ACREAGE LANDS AUTISM ISSUE TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY AMBOZ PAY RISE

Tarneit is growing, we deserve MORE!! 1. Unemployment: support to manage the increasing unemployment issues in the area, by focusing on educating and creating employment opportunities for our youths. 2. Diversity: Improving the multicultural and diverse cultures within the community and organising new way for everyone to integrate and better understand each other. 3. Education: Focus on more funding for government schools 4. Infrastructure: better roads, transport and facilities to accommodate to the ever increasing growth in our area with an alternate link for west gate freeway 5. Health: improvement of hospital facilities and reduction of emergency waiting time periods and employing more local doctors, nurses and emergency personal. 6. Local business: support for local business by reducing overheads of taxes and compliance.

Independent | ALLAN, Peter | Link to Policies: <u>www.peterallan.net.au</u>

Independent | Northern Metropolitan Region | ALLAN, Peter

If elected I will be keen to work with your organisation to implement these commitments, as many of them are in my highest priorities. Best wishes.

Independent | ARGYLE, Bruce | Link to Policies: www.bruceargyle.com.au

Independent | CAMPBELL, Peter | Link to Policies: http://burwood-melbourne.blogspot.com.au/p/local-issues.html

Independent | Burwood District | CAMPBELL, Peter

Thanks for the opportunity to participate in this survey. If elected, I will represent Burwood residents in the Victorian Parliament as a genuine independent, rather than the policies of any political party.

Independent | CARBONARI, John | Link to Policies: http://australiafirstparty.net/

Independent | CHALLINGER, Michael | Link to Policies: http://michaelchallinger.com/

Independent | CLUTTERBUCK, Jo | Link to Policies: https://www.facebook.com/Jo.Clutterbuck.Independent

Independent | CORY, Mark | Link to Policies:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/579598038747227/

Independent | Mildura District | CORY, Mark

My focus is purely about job creation and economic growth in rural areas. To put it simply, the best social program we can run is employment.

Independent | DAVID, Jean-Michel | Link to Policies: http://jmdavid.com

Independent | Eastern Victoria Region | DAVID, Jean-Michel

The key factor in my standing is to not be bound by specific party politics, but rather to ascertain proposals and legislation that maximises personal autonomy and independence in a context of care.

Independent | GARDNER, Peter | Link to Policies: http://petergardner.info/outline-of-political-issues/

Independent | GROSSI, Luzio | Link to Policies: https://www.facebook.com/LuzioforSouthern

Independent | JAMES, Crystal | Link to Policies: https://www.facebook.com/CrystalforSouthern

Independent | KEEL, Tom | Link to Policies: http://tomkeel-independent.com.au/

Independent | KEY, Dale Anthony

Independent | Dandenong District | KEY, Dale Anthony

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your survey.

If elected to the Legislative Assembly as the member for Dandenong I can assure you that I will give every issue brought before the Parliament its full consideration.

To hold a personal view on any issue may not be in the best interest of the people of Victoria and a balanced approach to the creation or cessation of laws needs to be determined as a collective of the Parliament, duly debated and engaged. I certainly would raise any issues brought to my attention from the people of Dandenong and Victoria to other members of the Victorian Parliament.

If elected as the member for Dandenong, my priorities would be to secure employment opportunities for the region, in particular youth employment. Championing mental health awareness and assistance with employment integration. Development of Dandenong as a world class city drawing on tourism and integration of cultures.

All the best, Dale Key Independent Candidate for Dandenong

Independent | MADIGAN, Paul

Independent | Hastings District | MADIGAN, Paul

I am a single issue candidate...any expression I make about anything other than the massive Hastings Port expansion can allow a vote for me to be seen as a vote for that instead...thus a vote for the stupid greens is not necessarily a vote against the port.

Independent | MARINIS, James

Independent | Clarinda District | MARINIS, James

I am the Independent candidate for Clarinda. My policies are for the residents of the Clarinda District only. The issues below are not the platform that I am standing for. This is not to say they are not important. These issues need to be addressed by the two major parties. I have my own opinions about these issues, like everybody else.

Independent | MARTIN, Joel

Independent | Croydon District | MARTIN, Joel

Great survey / great that you are asking these questions

Independent | MENADUE, Alan Maxwell

Independent | Prahran District | MENADUE, Alan Maxwell

As an Independent, my beliefs in the Individual to make decisions could actually be seen to mirror many of the Philosophies of the Atheist, however, the Philosophy of Democracy, as I see it, must allow Society in the shape of Government to make decisions that are at times not what the individual wants to occur.

My issue is based on the GST and the ways it can be defeated using the power of the Individual in a true Democracy to change this VAT that is not Democratic in its application. You and all of your members are welcome and encouraged to come along or get transcripts the day after, to a series of talks of the why, what and how of my vision can be achieved, Just email me at amenadue@gmail.com and my new Internet linked sites will be supplied to you (Tuesday is the planned date for these to become active).

Sincerely, Alan Menadue Independent Candidate for the State District of Prahran, 15 Nov 2014

Independent | MYERS, John Barry

Independent | Caulfield District | MYERS, John Barry

I believe in G-d, hope, trust, responsibility and safeguarding of Rights.

Children need to have a greater "mind" to connect to, in "what can present as this bitter and splintered world", to create a better unit of function for all.

I stand for social justice, "not just a system, but to put a justice in it".

Independent | OJHA, Chandra | Link to Policies: http://www.chandraojha.com.au/

Independent | OXLEY, Georgina | Link to Policies: http://georginaoxley.com/

Independent | SINDT, Christine | Link to Policies: www.christinesindt.com

Independent | Eastern Victoria Region | SINDT, Christine

John 3:16

""For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life""

The Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification signed in Augsburg - 31 October 1999 ""By grace alone, in faith in Christ's saving work and not because of any merit on our part, we are accepted by God and receive the Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts while equipping and calling us to good works""

Dr Christine Sindt, Williamson Fellow, Morwell, 16 November 2014

Independent | SMITH, Linda K.

Independent | South-West Coast District | SMITH, Linda K.

"I am fighting for change with, and want funding for:

*Domestic Violence Royal commission Off site Court system Implement action plan Introduce safety measures *Free Education/ more affordable *Health in all areas (more staff) limit waiting lists, cancer centres, upgrades, chronic disease pain management. *All Emergency services *Homelessness/ Public Housing *Public transport upgrades *The Environment *Return Indigenous funding *People with disabilities *Helping our Elderly *Schools, Kindergartens and TAFE *Growth within townships *Help local businesses and farmers *Youth and youth centres *Fixing Roads/ Highways and dangerous intersections. *Repair historical buildings *Address Drug and Alcohol related issues. *Suicide prevention *Communities that are lacking *Tourism *Culture, arts/music *Creating Employment opportunities *Reducing crime rates *Address Poverty

I'm just letting you all know I put people first!

Our Government should be helping the poor, but unfortunately a lot of people are well below the poverty line and our Government isn't doing a thing to change this situation.

Linda K Smith"

Independent | STANTON, David J.

Independent | Nepean District | STANTON, David J.

Thank you for your letter,

As an Independent candidate, I'll be representing the people of the electorate of ""Nepean"" if I'm elected.

I do have my own views on the subjects you have listed, but if the electorate requires me to speak otherwise, I'll be obliged to comply with their views.

For too long, Australians have been used to politicians, being the tool of their employers and with a candidate standing on behalf of a party, I don't think they can claim to be democratic, if they only consider the views of their party members.

He who pays the piper calls the tune. I have financed my candidature from my own pocket!

Big money is involved with Political Parties these days. Money speaks loudly!

I'm hopeful if elected, to be able to establish a more democratic form of democracy, involving a better educated electorate than which currently exists.

Kind regards.....David

Independent Nepean District STANTON, David J.

"VOTE 1 | DAVID J. STANTON | INDEPENDENT

Introducing:-

DAVID STANTON is a political moderate, truly independent, self funded, candidate for the seat of NEPEAN who is not and has never been, a member of any political party.

Seeking election as an independent representative of the people, as opposed to being a "Party Hack" type representative, whose allegiance to the Party takes priority over the electorate.

Objectives:-

Establish a Peninsula Peoples' Forum, to inform the electorate and help educate people in the workings of a truly democratic process.

Provide better use of funds allocated to Victoria's Education process, with greater emphasis placed on applied education, as opposed to the traditional education (monastery model), better suited to those seeking employment in the bureaucracy, Thereby making students more flexible in their future endeavours.

Biography:-

Raised in Melbourne's Sth. Eastern Suburbs, attended Primary School, then Melbourne Secondary and Tertiary Technical colleges, apprenticed to a large Melbourne engineering company, as a toolmaker.

Employment:-

Worked as a toolmaker until joining Victoria Police, serving in Melbourne and Suburbs, before moving to a regional police district, then leaving to engage in a small business venture for a number of years, then returning to engineering and later becoming an engineering trade instructor with Vic. Education Dept & T.A.F.E. Retired from teaching to conduct a family business, associated with tourism, where he continues to operate a small holiday accommodation business.

Interests & Service:-

Foundation President of YMCA Rowing Club. Worked for the Aboriginal Welfare Board of Victoria as a Housing/Welfare Officer. Was nominated a Koorie by the local Tribal Elders of the time, in appreciation of his efforts to raise the living standards of the Aboriginal community, by implementing a self help program.

Served as a Director of Rotary, before retirement and later became foundation president of a Probus Club.

DAVID has been associated with the Peninsula since his teen years, a total of more than fifty years and living permanently for about 45 years.

Supports:-

Citizens Initiated Referendum and Recall (CIR&R), the dismissal between elections of unsatisfactory parliamentarians, who fail to keep promises made prior to an election etc.

The construction of an environmentally sensitive, world class marine precinct on the Peninsula, servicing the needs of the small to medium sized yachting fraternity, which would enhance the natural aspects of the area as well as improving the appearance of the Peninsula's commercial areas.

Conduct a review of the Victoria Justice Department, with a view to improving it's efficiency and ridding it of wasteful or corrupt practices

Improve the morale and working conditions of Victoria Police.

Improve the services offered at Rosebud Hospital, resuming maternity services there, thus providing for mothers in the Safety Beach / Sorrento / Portsea areas.

Improve Public Transport Services to the Peninsula.

Supports an AUSTRALIAN MADE CAR, FOR INDUSTRY & FAMILY USE"

Independent | WEHBE, Khalil

Independent | Williamstown District | WEHBE, Khalil

IT'S NOW...OR NEVER...

What I stand for: I am Khalil Wehbe and I am privileged to be a representative in the State Parliament.

My background I have a Bachelor Degree in Veterinarian science and experienced in hospitality, international trade and Traffic management control. I am proud to be a citizen of Australia for over 23 years and are an active member supporting diverse communities.

I am a passionate entrepreneur and small business development projects in the import/export industry.

I have a strong vision to create a thriving society for the children – our future. I believe we need to bring the right people into Parliament to address the issues that create structural social inequality and disadvantage. We need to invest in public infrastructure and quality services to empower and promote citizens to be active contributors locally to create a sustainable economy and environment for our children and future generations.

I am here to bring back integrity into Parliament and voice the real concerns of the diverse people in our communities.

I stand for the following issues:

Improving the educational experience and employment outcomes

We need to attract more investment to Victoria from the global marketplace. We need to increase funding to our schools and We need to eliminate higher education fees and promote improved pathways to real training opportunities that lead to careers that will solve the problems of today and into the future.

Public Health Promotion, Prevention and Community Education

Investing in Early Childhood Development

Public and Community Housing

Investigate and invest in a range of different housing options that promote communal and sustainable living.

Address the major access issues to basic services in regional and rural areas Address the social inequity that exists in accessing legal representation, reduce the waiting lists in our public hospital and community health centres and address the current demands of our emergency services. We need more investment and funds to support our Industry, Health, Education, Social services and employments.

Supporting our Sport, Social and Association Clubs

Put more Lights for our back streets Protect our Environment, Beach, River, Parks

Independent (Save the Planet Party) | Link to Policies: http://www.voteplanet.net/policies.html

Independent (Save the Planet Party) | Northcote District | EDWARDS, Bryony

We are fast running out of time to prevent runaway climate change. There are enough emissions already up there to drag us through the dangerous tipping point so zero emissions is not good enough: we need to get to net negative emissions as soon as possible (see ten year transition plan by www.bze.org.au). It's ambitious but the positive flow ons are huge - economic, environmental, social.

Anything less is simply writing off the planet.

Save the Planet was unable to register this election so I am running as an independent. Vote 1 Bryony Edwards in the Nothcote District and follow our preferences - All based on climate policy, not deals.

For the Upper House Northern Metro Region, vote 1 Tiffany Harrison below the line and follow are preferencing logic. Remember, you only need a minimum of 5 so you don't have to number every candidate.

Independent (Save the Planet Party) | Frankston District | SMITH, Reade Thank you for this opportunity

> Liberal Democratic Party | Link to Policies: http://www.ldp.org.au/index.php/policies

Liberal Party of Australia - Victorian Division | Link to Policies: https://vic.liberal.org.au/#OurPlan

Palmer United Party | Link to Policies: http://palmerunited.com/policies/

PALMER UNITED PARTY | James McDonald

Thank you for your email to the Palmer United Party. Please find below a response from the Party.

Every election we spin the wheel on our future. No matter who gets in, we always seem to end up with the same problems. The Palmer United Party aim to fix this and we have endorsed candidates in all eight regions for the Legislative Council. This means that no matter where you live, you will be able to Vote 1 for Palmer United and do what is right for Victoria.

The Party holds the balance of power in the Australian Senate and we have delivered on billions of dollars of savings for Australians and provided common sense solutions to issues that the major parties have not been able to provide.

Our Federal team have abolished the carbon tax and mandated that all electricity savings be passed on to consumers. This has resulted in a 10% reduction of the cost of electricity. We have also abolished the mining tax and ensured that a raft of measures that were attached to this bill were not voted through. We saved the School Kids Bonus, low income super contribution, the Clean Energy Finance Authority & Climate Change Authority. We also saved the sale of Grain Corp, and introduced a member's bill to provide assistance to communities and businesses in times of drought. We also oppose the Co-payment and deregulation of university fees.

Our track record speaks for itself and only Palmer United will grow Victoria's economy, bring back integrity to government, support local regions, actually provide strong economic leadership and promote healthy business confidence to create jobs, jobs and more jobs.

Victoria needs common-sense policies. Governments of all political persuasion need to be accountable to the people. We are here to listen and represent the citizens and do what is right. Palmer United will keep the Victorian government focused on making your family's future brighter. If we want good government, we need to send a message to the politicians that you and your family matter.

It's not the Liberal way, or the Labor way, but the right way that really matters. We commit to doing what is right, to listen to the people, and find a common sense solution that help Victoria achieve our full potential.

So this election, you have a choice. No matter who you vote for in the lower house, make sure you vote 1 for Palmer United in the Legislative Council and make a difference for Victoria.

Kind regards, James M +61 (0) 498 091 405 E james.mcdonald@palmerunited.com

Rise Up Australia Party | Link to Policies: http://riseupaustraliaparty.com/

Rise Up Australia Party | Bass District | DORIAN, Angela

Australian law is based on the bible. The bible influenced people have built and invented schools hospital's and orphanages . What has atheism .

Shooters and Fishers Party Victoria | Link to Policies: http://www.shootersandfishers.org.au/policies

Socialist Alliance (Victoria) | BROCKLEHURST, Sean | Link to Policies: www.seanbrocklehurstforpascoevale.com

Socialist Alliance (Victoria) | HATHWAY, Sarah | Link to Policies: www.sarahhathway.com

The Australian Greens - Victoria | Link to Policies: http://greens.org.au/vic/policies

The Basics Rock 'n' Roll Party | Link to Policies: https://www.facebook.com/thebasics

Voice for the West | Link to Policies: http://www.voiceforthewest.org.au/policies

Voluntary Euthanasia Party (Victoria) | Link to Policies: http://www.vep.org.au/

Vote 1 Local Jobs | Link to Policies: http://www.vote1localjobs.com.au/our-policies/