

<b>Progressive Atheists Inc.</b> <b>Candidate Survey</b> <b>Canning WA By-election</b> <b>19 September 2015</b>	<b>Michelle Allen</b> <b>Pirate Party</b>	<b>Katrina Love</b> <b>Animal Justice Party</b>	<b>Connor Whittle</b> <b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>Angela Smith</b> <b>Sustainable Population</b> <b>Party</b>
<b>1. School Chaplaincy Program:</b> Are you in favour of ceasing the funding of chaplains in Australian schools?	YES	YES	YES  It's not the government's money to spend in the first place.	As you can understand, from the time of the declaration of the candidates, the campaign period for the Canning by-election was less than 3 weeks i.e. 21 days (including weekends) and on a 12 hour day (not including breaks) that equates to 252 hours (or 15,000 minutes) to address the concerns of 100,000 potential voters.  Unlike the major parties, I don't have a bottomless pit of paid helpers. Moreover, as I firmly believe in an egalitarian Australia (equality of opportunity for all) it would be inequitable to dedicate a disproportionate amount of time to the demands of some and, in the process, deny opportunity to the majority.  So, instead of personally responding to individual questionnaires, I encourage you to refer to the policies on our website, and to follow my twitter and Facebook feeds (AngelaSmithWA). For issues of especial relevance to Canning, I will endeavour to cover them on my blog on the Sustainable Population Party website i.e. for the benefit of all residents of Canning.  Regards  Angela Smith Candidate
<b>2. The Scientific Method:</b> Do you support a ban on the teaching of creationism or intelligent design in science classes in schools?	YES	YES	NO  Such teaching would be their mistake to make. I would not initiate aggression against any person or group of people based upon their worldview.	
<b>3. Religious Proselytising:</b> Do you support a ban on religious organisations disseminating curriculum material to Australian public schools that is in any way biased or seeking to promulgate a religious ideology?	YES	YES	NO  Forcible opposition violates the N.A.P ( <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Non-aggression_principle">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Non-aggression_principle</a> )	
<b>4. Comparative Religious Education:</b> Would you support a professionally designed and teacher-run curriculum topic, 'comparative worldviews' that covered a multitude of faiths, denominations and worldviews?	YES	YES	OTHER  'Would I support' is not relevant, such teachings sound like a service that would appeal to some and be a turnoff to others, just as I like or don't like some smartphone features it matters not so long as I'm free to discriminate my purchases based upon my own subjective values. There should be no differences for education.	
<b>5. Prayers in Parliament:</b> Do you support the replacement of prayers in parliament with a few minutes silence for personal reflection?	YES	YES	OTHER  It's a big room full of people where one walks in carrying a gold encrusted mace... the ceremonies are not a particular bother to me.	

<b>6. Tax Exemptions:</b> Are you in favour of removing tax exemptions for religions?	YES	YES	NO You'd struggle to find any institution or business which I would NOT support a tax exemption for.
<b>7. Child Abuse:</b> Are you in favour of requiring the institutions that have failed to protect children from abuse to provide compensation?	YES	YES	YES
<b>8. Marriage Equality:</b> Do you support marriage equality for same sex couples?	YES	YES I identify as LGBTQA	YES We're the hipsters of politics - we liked gay marriage before it was cool.
<b>9. Voluntary Euthanasia:</b> Would you support a bill that allowed a terminally or incurably ill person the right to choose the manner and timing of their death, under strict safeguards, by providing humane medical assistance?	YES	YES	YES
<b>10. Climate Change:</b> Do you agree that climate change is manmade and needs urgent action to counter negative effects?	YES	YES The single biggest contributing industry to global warming is animal agriculture, and this needs to be recognised and addressed in the political system.	OTHER Yes and yes, all the more reason to keep government out of it.
<b>11. Humanitarian Aid:</b> Are you in favour of offering humanitarian aid to apostates of religion who are in need?	YES	OTHER I don't know	YES Am I? yes. The full LDP policy for humanitarian aid can be found here <a href="http://www.ldp.org.au/index.php/policies/1265-foreign-aid">http://www.ldp.org.au/index.php/policies/1265-foreign-aid</a>

Comments:	Pirate Party Australia prides itself on providing policies that are based on scientific fact and are designed for the betterment of the country. We believe government and government run institutions should remain secular. We intend to fully realise the true separation of church and state.	I identify as atheist.	So many compound questions.	
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