

COMMUNITY GROUNDSWELL

... a populist movement to replace parties in all Upper Houses of Parliament with non-party regional community leaders

... that is, a peaceful takeover and transformation at the political, departmental and community levels

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE

Our politicians are ineffective, too self-interested and too disconnected from the community they serve (say average score 2 out of 10 marks)

Our Upper Houses are not working. There are too many deadlocks.

They are supposed to be Houses of Review. Too much party-spirit. Too little objectivity and consultation. Increases division. Decreases unity (as in community).

After 115 years, it's time to review our political structures. We can improve them without any change to Constitutions.

Our strategy will improve debate, the quality of Bills, spending, community representation and governance, performance appraisal, strategy development etc

COMMUNITY GROUNDSWELL PRIME-MOVERS

Church-based community change-agents

"Friends of Each Regional LGA"

Patriotic change-agents

Community organisations

First Australian change-agents

Community leaders

Rump Christian Party voters (remaining)

PRINCIPLES FOR UPPER HOUSE MANAGEMENT & LOCAL COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE

... when reviewing performance, developing strategy and approving legislation

1. Restore Constitutional Sovereignty
 - (a) Reclaim Constitutional authority, responsibility and power and remove foreign control through unmandated UN covenants
 - (b) Strengthen the sovereignty of the States through effective decentralisation.
 - (c) Encourage and empower strategy development and government performance appraisal at the local & regional community level

2. Build a Patriotic Culture
 - (a) Ensure that our unique Aboriginal and Christian-based European heritage is not diminished by immigration and multi-culturalism
 - (b) Ensure that our national custodianship of this unique heritage is not lost and rather, allowed to flourish
 - (c) Ensure we all commit to patriotic citizenship responsibility
 - (d) Respect freedom of religion, thought, speech and actions
 - (e) Disavow deception, political correctness, intimidation and bullying of any kind

3. Strategic Effectiveness
 - (a) Learn from history and avoid recycling failed strategies
 - (b) Avoid implementing strategies based on thought bubbles alone and "pork barreling"
 - (c) Ensure sound strategic management processes and outcomes at all levels of government

4. Leadership Character & Values
 - (a) Insist on ethical and moral leadership for all politicians, public servants and community leaders
 - (b) Promote ethical and moral values in government, schools and work-places (along the lines set out below)
 - (c) Ensure truth, honesty and fairness in the media

5. Political Effectiveness
 - (a) Ensure that an adequate level of consultation precedes legislation
 - (b) Ensure that all legislation is aligned with agreed national strategy and election promises

6. Community & Cultural Well-being
 - (a) Recognise and protect the traditional family as the core unit of community relationships
 - (b) Work together to build community, social capital and volunteerism
 - (c) Harness the passion, creativity, energy and skills of all Australians
 - (d) Respect the social contract between previous and future generations by responsible citizenship

7. Environment & Sense of Place
 - (a) Ensure that the community voice on environmental matters has priority
 - (b) Encourage our First Nation peoples to have a key role in remote land management
 - (c) Ensure that the desired future physical character of our natural and built environment respects our traditional heritage

8. Economic & Financial Common Sense
 - (a) Focus on creative and effective economic thinking and action for the material advancement of the public good rather than the enrichment of the few through unbridled self-interest
 - (b) Accelerate advances in public infrastructure, science and technology for the common good
 - (c) Unwind the takeover and destruction of Australia through monopolistic and/or speculative banking, globalisation, un-free trade, privatisation, foreign ownership, loss of farms and the dismantling of our industrial capacity
 - (d) Spend responsibly and don't unnecessarily burden future generations

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR GROUNDSWELL VOTERS VOTING FOR PARTIES IN THE LOWER HOUSES

1. CHARACTER (see "Leadership Character & Ethics Pledge" below)

2. VISION (look for a clear narrative that best matches the above 8 principles)

For example

The prime objective for this vision for Australia is that we need to be people always in the process of, in the words of our own Constitution, "humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God". To this we add the words of Abraham Lincoln, "that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth".

In addition we the people want politicians with sound moral character who are focussed on public service, not self-service and power. We want a return of Constitutional authority, responsibility and sovereignty without foreign intervention and wasteful duplication of services. We favour decentralisation rather than the elitist hand of centralised power and bureaucracy. We favour the national interest and national identity over subservience to foreign interests and values. We want decisions to maximise the public good of all Australians, our jobs, industries, traditional culture and freedoms. We want freedom of speech, not political correctness and social engineering. We need a people-based groundswell of righteousness. We want our country back.

See also "Ozexit" speech

3. POLICIES (look for the best match to the above 8 principles)

LEADERSHIP ETHICS PLEDGE

- Truth, honesty & transparency
- Relationship integrity & humility
- Public interest over self-interest
- Shun & expose corruption & bribery
- Lawful, just and fair
- Foster peace & harmony
- Diligent & hard-working
- Submission to cultural norms
- Respect & support the disadvantaged
- Public collaboration & teamwork

Compare with "Unashamedly Ethical" Pledge

- To be entirely truthful in all we say
- To be faithful to our family relationships
- To do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but to look out for the interests of others
- To refuse to elicit, accept or pay any bribes, and to report those who do
- To be diligent leaders without being harsh, and to pay staff what is just and fair
- To be peacemakers
- To work wholeheartedly
- To submit ourselves to just and ethical governing authorities
- To remember the poor by investing generously and sacrificially in the broader community
- To collaborate with peers to impact our community and nation.