



SENIORS UNITED PARTY of AUSTRALIA

“A Voice for Seniors”

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A COMING ELECTION ON LIBERTY DENIED AND TRUST LOST

Many seniors would have watched their tv's in awe some weeks back, watching thousands of Australians breaking the Covid rules while rallying on the street of our cities against restrictions put on their lives by authorities they do not trust. Americans apparently called Australia the world's biggest gaol because of these restrictions, including restricted air travel to other places.

What this was about was the restrictions placed on our liberty, a word few Australians have been introduced to in our education, yet it appears to be ingrained on the American conscience. The word “liberty” infers the free will to choose for oneself. Australian governments have placed restrictions on our lives few of us have ever experienced, but for a very good reason. That reason was for the personal health and safety of all Australians, who have not faced such a threat since possibly the Second World War.

Now the president of the Australian Seniors Party of Australia Bob Patrech has said that “The media has been blind to other issues while reporting on the Covid pandemic, yet our liberty as older Australians has sustained a huge impact from other quarters, namely the Federal Liberal and National Party Federal Government and the Federal Labour Opposition!”

One of a raft of Bills that recently passed through the Federal Parliament to change the rules for political parties was one both the Liberal National Coalition Government and the Labour Opposition deliberately voted together to cripple, or remove, most of their opposition from the next election. That Bill was to increase the minimum number of members a party needed to be registered by 1,000 members close to a coming election.

The Seniors United Party of Australia, the only political party with a voice specifically for the over 50's will be impacted as well. This act of malice by the major parties has seriously restricted the liberty of seniors to have a choice of voting for parties they should be able to vote for in a true democracy.

This loss of liberty by seniors will however be minute compared to what is planned for pensioners and other social security recipients by the Federal government if returned after the Federal elections. There is ample evidence that the Federal Government is planning to introduce the Cashless Debit Card (CDC) across Australia. That evidence is supplied by the Combined Pensioners and Superannuates Association, and the advocacy groups SN7 and No Cashless Debit Card Australia.

The Seniors United Party of Australia absolutely opposes the CDC. Labour only promises to wind it back.

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