

A 2025 FEDERAL ELECTION MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

THERE WILL BE NO SENIORS UNITED PARTY OF AUSTRALIA CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS IN 2025

WE STRONGLY ADVISE AUSTRALIANS TO VOTE FOR THE MINOR PARTIES AND FOR RESPONSIBLE AND SENSIBLE INDEPENDANTS (SEE OUR SUGGESTED PREFERENCES BELOW)

The Seniors United Party of Australia Inc is now an incorporated association and it is not a registered political party. However our aim in speaking up for senior Australians still has not changed. **In an effort to do this we are advising our members and followers to vote for minor parties and for responsible and sensible independent candidates. This is both for the Senate (Upper House) and for the House of Representatives.**

One reason for this decision is because the major political parties, i.e. the Labor Party and Liberal-National Coalition have worked together in Federal Parliament (where they have a majority), to pass bills that have seriously undermined the minor parties. This occurred both in 2021 and in 2024 where they have attempted to remove minor parties from the parliamentary scene. This was in order to strengthen their own duopoly.

As a result of the major parties having orchestrated these political attacks on our democratic system they are curtailing our freedom to vote for whom we wish to vote for!

In doing so, it will no doubt take our political system closer to, say, that of the United States of America where only two major political parties exist in reality.

Now as we run up to the federal election on the 3rd May the major parties have given seniors irrefutably more reasons why seniors need to support minor parties at this Federal election and leave the major parties off the white Senate ballot paper altogether.

Seniors have been forgotten in this years federal budget and in the election promises of both major parties, yet they continue to hand out further income tax breaks to younger Australians while age pensioners remain living below the poverty line. In addition, other seniors are about to be hit with higher costs in with age care, both in nursing homes and home care this year because of the new Aged Care Act supported by both the Labor Party and the Liberal-National Coalition.

DEREGISTRATION OF OUR PARTY BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS OF THE LABOR PARTY AND THE LIBERAL-NATIONAL COALITION

In 2021 the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Party Registration Integrity) Bill was passed by the combined vote of the Liberal-National Coalition and the Labor Party. The resulting Act required the minor political parties to submit the names of a further 1.000 members with their in current details. This was in order to maintain their political party registration with the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC). Previously the names and details of only 500 members were required.

This Act was simply a political attempt to reduce the number of minor political parties competing at forthcoming elections.

Unfortunately the Seniors United Party of Australia was unable to provide these additional 1,000 members with the required up-to-date details in time and we were subsequently deregistered by the AEC.

At the time when the AEC had requested that our party lodge what is called a Section 137(2) form we did not have all of the required membership details. The AEC were thus required to deregister our party. However this deregistration was done without the public knowing that the real cause of the deregistration was actually due to the behind-the-scenes scheming of both the Liberal-National Coalition and the Labor Party in the first place.

THE SECOND ATTACK BY THE LABOR AND THE LIBERAL-NATIONAL COALITION TO REMOVE MINOR POLITICAL PARTIES

In 2024 the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Reform) Bill was passed in a rush by the Federal Labor Government. This was with the support of the Liberal-National Coalition. The resulting Act has been called for what it is, that is, it is nothing more than **“a major party stitch-up” of the minor parties. The Bill was also passed late at night to avoid scrutiny.**

The Act seriously advantaged the electoral funding opportunities of the major parties, namely the Labor Party and the Liberal-National Coalition. **At the same time it seriously disadvantaged the electoral funding chances of the minor parties and the independents.** This was due to the Government's new electoral funding requirements.

We believe the serious undemocratic consequences of this 2024 Act will become more apparent after the next Federal election probably held in 2028 if not before). As such, it will be seen that fewer candidates from the minor parties and fewer independent candidates will be actually elected to Parliament.

HISTORICAL REASONS WHY SENIORS SHOULD NOT VOTE FOR THE EITHER THE LABOR PARTY OR THE LIBERAL- NATIONAL COALITION

Over the last 20 years the aged pensioners and retirees have in general literally been made the bunnies by the major political parties in this country.

We have been made to carry the financial burden of having tax cuts and tax concessions given to the wealthy, and to multinational foreign companies. Even the introduction of the GST some time ago transferred some of the taxation burden from the wealthy to pensioners and to the poor, who all of a sudden had to pay GST tax when before they had no or little tax to pay. This just added to their cost of living requirements.

Back in 2017 the taper rate on part pensions was changed from \$1.50 to \$3.00 That is the pension was now reduced by \$3 for every \$1,000 in assets above the threshold. This is rather than the previous less restrictive \$1.50 for every thousand dollars. The end result was that the maximum allowable assets, above the threshold level, were considerably reduced.

This caused thousands of elderly pensioners to loose their previously meagre part pension payments and benefits. Over time it cost them literally \$thousands This is even though most pensioners had already paid their income taxes for their whole working life.

By July 2023 the male needed to work two extra years to 67 (from the original retirement age of 65) and the female had to work an extra seven years (from the original retirement age of 60). This was before they could retire on the aged pension, often physically broken. This has saved the Federal Government \$millions, by these seniors having to pay additional personal taxation and then at the same time not receiving their pension payments and benefits.

It should be further noted that the Liberal-National Coalition had originally planned for people to work to 70 years of age. This is before they received the aged pension. Imagine that! (However thankfully this was changed).

Now in 2024 with a new Aged Care Bill being passed by Parliament, the major parties have decided that self funded retirees will have to pay \$thousands in extra bond requirements. These bond requirements are then managed by private aged care organisations for their own benefits.

It is noted that at the same time the Federal Labor Government has provided for the stage 3 tax cuts for the wealthy.

Aged care costs the Federal Government some \$32 billion in the last financial year . At he same time, by coincidence the stage 3 tax cuts are estimated to have cost approximately the same!, if not a very similar amount(based on Treasury figures)!

It can be considered that indirectly the elderly have had to pay for the tax cuts given to the wealthy.

Also, the revenue lost to superannuation concessions to the wealthy is in the realms of \$30billion. It can be also considered that cuts to Government support for the elderly will compensate for these concessions to continue to be added to the wealth of those who do not need it.

Therefore we believe that the seniors of this country need to vote for the minor parties and certain independents. This is in order to look after their futures. The major parties certainly are not doing that.

At the same time, seniors are not able to effectively voice their concerns. For example seniors don't even have their own free to air TV channel. As a result we are literally being ignored by the major parties. That is, unless the talk is about getting more money from pensioners and self-funded retirees.

PREFERRED MINOR PARTIES TO VOTE FOR
IN THE
NSW SENATE ELECTION 2025

The following is a list of minor political parties that the Seniors United Party of Australia Inc recommend to you to consider placing your preference when voting at the forthcoming 2025 Federal Election to be held on 3 May 2025.

(The order in which you actually place your preferences is always your choice).

Also please make sure you number the required number of preferences otherwise your ballot paper might be made invalid, and therefore your vote will not be counted.

In the **Senate** (the big white ballot paper) vote for either **at least 6 boxes (parties) ABOVE THE LINE, OR** for **at least 12 boxes (individuals) BELOW THE LINE**.

In the **House of Representatives** (smaller green ballot paper) vote by **placing your numbers in the order of your preferences in ALL BOXES**.

ONE NATION

The number one candidate on the One Nation ticket for the NSW Senate is Warwick Stacey (Box "F" in NSW) who was a previous Federal Secretary for our party, the Seniors United Party of Australia.

Also Helen Ducker a lower house candidate in the seat of Hume was also a valued long standing member of our Party's executive committee and she is well aware of difficulties face seniors out in regional Australia .

One Nation has a policy which makes it easier for pensioners to work. This is without being severely penalised for doing so.

THE GREENS

Although the Greens Party does have certain policies which we would not necessarily support, they do have a good policy for public aged care system. Therefore a vote for the Greens should be considered.

THE CITIZENS PARTY

The number one candidate for the Citizens Party in NSW is Professor Andy Schmulow (Box "P" in NSW). He is from Wollongong, NSW. Professor Schmulow has been chosen because there are few people that are more capable than he is, of taking on the power of the big banks. He specialises in financial regulation and knows what is needed to change our current banking system.

The big banks have power over our political system that is rigged in their favour. This is to the detriment of every Australian.

Andy Schmulow is a ferocious critic of the banks. This is both before and after the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services. On the other hand both the Labor Party and the Liberal-National Coalition have allowed the banks to simply ignore the recommendations of this Royal Commission.

THE JACQUIE LAMBIE PARTY

Without Senator Jacquie Lambie's assistance veterans would have been left without anyone to fight for them in the Senate. Her number one Senate candidate in NSW is Dr Glenn Kolomeitz. (Box "O" in NSW)

Dr Glenn Kolomeitz is from Gerroa on the NSW South Coast and has been involved in the intelligence units of the armed services. He has been a defence policy adviser for the former Defence Minister Kim Beasley and he has also been an adviser to Senator Jacquie Lambie with regards to the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide

In South Australia the previous independent Senator Rex Patrick is the number 1 candidate for Senator Lambie's party. (Box "F" in SA).

Rex Patrick is also a former sub mariner with a lot of defence experience.

CHRISTIAN PARTIES

For Christians and people of Faith there are three minor parties that can be safely voted for. Also there is a forth minor party, which is not a Christian or faith-based political party, but does have a strong Christian as their lead NSW Senate candidates

FAMILY FIRST

The number one candidate for Family First in NSW is Lyle Shelton. (Box "E" in NSW).

Lyle heads the party and he was the leader of the Australian Christian Lobby at one time.

Lyle is presently facing a legal tribunal for opposing transvestites reading stories to children in a public library.

Family First has strong positions in the areas of freedom of speech, protection of faith based schools, puberty blockers (grand children) ,a national curriculum, euthanasia and parental rights.

AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIANS

The Australian Christians Party has a similar position to that of the Family First Party. This is with respect to freedom of speech, protection of faith based schools, puberty blockers (grand children) ,a national curriculum, euthanasia and parental rights.

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

This is a new party (created from the previous Liberal Democratic Party). They have given the following statement to the Australian Christian Lobby.

"Unlike the others, we believe you are the best person to make decisions for your own life, not politicians or public servants. As long as you aren't bringing harm to anyone else, you should be free to live your life, your way, and to accept responsibility for the outcomes of your choices, both good and bad."

This party is worth your consideration.

TRUMPET OF PATRIOTS

While the Trumpet of Patriots is neither a Christian or a Faith-based party, the party's lead Senate candidate for NSW is Mrs Silvana Nile. (Box "M" in NSW)

Mrs Nile is the wife of the previous long serving Christian politician in the NSW Parliament, the Reverend Fred Nile. Mrs Nile has a very strong Christian belief and is a strong supporter of the Jewish people.

OTHER PARTIES (for consideration)

SHOOTERS, FISHERS AND FARMERS PARTY

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