

We The People

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Queensland State Election 2015



Good Day to you. The Queensland State election is just days away now and its s time to recognise the value of your own vote and to understand a single vote cast, can make a difference. I subscribe to the adage that no single snowflake takes responsibility for the avalanche, meaning in the end just the weight of one unknown and unseen snowflake tips the scales. That snowflake could be you so let's reflect on where we are in order to galvanize our thoughts.

At the last Queensland election the LNP was swept to power on the promise they would repair the mess Labor left. On election night when Campbell Newman claimed victory he gave a speech which I thought sounded authentic and importantly he made some promises. Mr Newman said and I quote, *"It's all about you, it will always, always be about you"* and *"We will keep our promises and not let you down"* and finally *"I pledge to you we will conduct ourselves with humility, grace and dignity"*.

Let's look back and see if we recognise all that LNP humility today.....well I don't and in fact far from it. I applaud their efforts to gain control of the State's finances but doing this from a supercilious base is not worthy of the peoples trust. As with their federal counterparts the LNP have little idea about the environment and it appears, don't care either. Campbell Newman has not shown the grace he claimed and to say he has been dignified, in my view is a farce. The things he promised on election night said a lot about the man but he hasn't lived up to the core values he claimed as his government swells with self indulgent power. He has joined with Tom Tate to give away public land in the Broadwater for a cruise liner terminal which few want and that land and water will be lost forever to we the people. We trusted him yet he misled us and because of all this Mr Newman and the LNP do not deserve office in my view.

Now let's turn our attention to Queensland Labor. They were thrown from office because of internal corruption and bad management and the debt they incurred on our behalf. They met their end for good and measurable reasons. They elected a new leader to try and pick up the pieces but Anastacia Palaszczuk has no idea what to do, except complain. They don't have the skill to get the State's finances under control and for we the people to be called on to trust them again is ludicrous. They are asking us to vote for the same party that created the problems and that makes no common sense at all. Labor is unworthy of our trust and not worthy of our vote.

Then there's Clive Palmer who I think is full of shallow platitudes and little else. Some of his financial policies defy gravity although Clive doesn't. He appears lazy in government and only shows up when it suits and that is a direct betrayal of the trust the electorate placed in him. Just look at the people who he picked and who have left such as Jacqui Lambie who I think is an embarrassment to women while the progeny of Joh Bjelke-Petersen in the ranks, represents a really old outdated paradigm.

Now the Greens. I like their stance on the environment because without a healthy planet we have nothing. However they are not an alternate State government. They also have absolutely no financial acumen and an appalling stance on immigration. Their policies on homosexuality offend me and the notion of gay marriage is just socially dangerous.

Katters Australia Party thinks all problems in the bush can be dealt with by shooting something. One Nation is an interesting contender because for all her short comings Pauline Hansen has a platform of common sense. The thing I like about Pauline Hansen is her grass roots approach and the general manifesto of One Nation. The fish and chip lady has endured far more attacks than anyone should and for the most part I like what she stands for. Don't dismiss the red head too quickly as she seems to want what many of us do and has endured the furnace of media fury and the wrath of Labor to even exist. Personally I may vote for One Nation or an independent with common sense as the major parties are arrogant and incompetent and have lost their moral compass.

Now my friends for some sanity and humour. I have an idea for elections which I think would drive the point home and that's to start a political party calledthe Drovers Dog. Just imagine the headline.....you want action then vote for the Drovers Dog. You want loyalty then vote for the Drover's Dog. You want common sense then pick the Drovers Dog. I think it would receive a huge amount of protest votes and send a clear message to the major parties. In the mean time the caravan moves on and the dogs keep barking and absolutely nothing changes because of public apathy and deceitful politicians.

Vote wisely my fellow snowflakes and make a difference and **until next time this is Kent Bayley**