



SENATE CANDIDATES

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Fighting to keep Australia a Free Country

Australia is a country that was founded famously on egalitarian principles, with a strong commitment to free speech and freedom of association established as essential building blocks of a vibrant democracy. Over the past 25 years, however, particularly with the “war on terror” and Covid-19 pandemic, successive State and Federal Governments have significantly eroded the rights of Australians to live freely without government interference.

The Libertarians have long advocated for citizen-trusting, freedom-loving and small government policies. Our aim is to cultivate a society of peace and prosperity based on individual freedom, personal responsibility, private property rights and voluntary association.

ISSUES

- Governments have progressively introduced legislation to curtail the right of Australians to free speech.
- “Human rights” bodies have extensive powers to call citizens to account for speech that offends particular defined groups. These powers have already been used to suppress debate on matters of public importance.
- The “war on terror” saw the introduction of draconian and secretive legislation that gave extraordinary unprecedented powers to police and security agencies.
- The response to Covid-19 in Australia saw significant breaches of the human rights of citizens via lockdowns, border closures and forced vaccinations. At the time, those who sought to criticise the overreach were attacked by public officials, and yet many of the criticisms since been proven correct.
- Currently the Federal Government under the guise of “keeping Australians safe” is attempting to legislate digital IDs, restrictions on social media legislation, and age criteria for access to social media. These measures all restrict the freedom of Australians and ...

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SOLUTIONS

Jim and Lachlan will fight:

- For a free speech constitutional amendment, i.e., “Parliament shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”
- To abolish Section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act and all similar legislation. Legislation such as 18C makes it unlawful to “offend, insult or humiliate”, and hauls those who fall foul of it up before secret kangaroo courts headed by bureaucrats at the Australian Human Rights Commission. It is a gross affront to free speech and the idea of a fair trial.
- To stop internet censorship.
- To encourage a free and open internet.

