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REPUBLICAN PARTY of AUSTRALIA

SENATE ELECTION: Saturday 11th July, 1987

The Republican Party of Australia endorsed candidates for the Australian Senate are conscientious, self-employed small business persons, concerned environmentalists & committed constitutional reformers. They are all financial members of the Australian Small Business Association and the Australian Conservation Foundation.

The RPA is a party of the Centre and a clear, genuine alternative to the Right wing Conservative parties whether they be ALP, Liberal, National or Democrat.

We are a team of Australian patriots who will be catalysts for responsible change should we gain representation in the Australian Senate on July 11th.

Policies:

We propose:

1. Elimination or non-introduction of vicious, incentive-killing taxes:
   - No Lump Sum tax on Superannuation;
   - No Fringe Benefits tax;
   - No Value Added tax.
   - Revision of existing Capital Gains tax.
2. A fairer & simpler taxation system with a maximum direct personal tax rate of 39%. We suggest progressive taxation scales ranging from a minimum 19% through 24%, 29%, 34% to 39% with realistic, adjustable thresholds & reasonable deduction allowances. 16 & 17 year old workers should be exempted from paying taxation on the premise that they don't have voting rights on the one hand and Australian industry needs more young people to take on apprenticeships which are invariably low paid. The maximum indirect tax rate should be 9% (sales tax, turnover tax etc.). There needs to be a complete re-structuring of the Australian taxation system.
3. Assistance to the largest employing sector in the Australian economy: SMALL BUSINESS!
   - Phasing out of Payroll tax;
   - Phasing out of Division 7 taxes on retained earnings;
   - Phasing out of Land tax;
   - Phasing out of Provisional tax;
   - Phasing out of Financial Institutions duty;
   - Incentives for "sunrise" industries;
   - Rewards for risk-taking entrepreneurs instead of penalties;
   - Establishment at National level of Ministry & Department of Small Business;
   - Budgeting, on a calendar year basis, for surpluses;
   - Repealing of all non-sensical regulation which is strangling the Private Sector;
   - Restoring of negative gearing tax breaks on rental property to alleviate Sydney, Melbourne, and Canberra's rental housing crisis.
4. Sensible environment policies
   - No imports or tree-felling in declared virgin forests, National Parks or World Heritage areas. And no exploration or mining in these areas either! Let's protect our remaining wild rivers, rainforests, wilderness & marine parks. Let's really undertake grand-scale afforestation programs to satisfy our timber requirements (the National Nursery Plan). Let's preserve & conserve native fauna & flora in the utmost practicable extent. Also, let's combat soil erosion and promote agricultural biology & organic farming methods to the nth degree. Let's study and learn from the "New Anthropology" and practice "greening." Let's support caring ecologist movements e.g. "Trees on Farms" and "Greening Australia".
5. Urgent constitutional reform: Leaner government with no duplication and far fewer politicians: a 2 tier system of government (National in co-operation with Regional), unicameral with multi-member electorates determined by proportional representation; deference of career politicians; 4 year fixed terms of Parliament; non-compulsory voting; discontinuance of un-Australian activity e.g. imperial honours, awards, knighthoods etc.; non-permitting of the distribution of "how-to-vote" cards on election days; first class citizenship for all Australians - no swearing of allegiance to any foreign "Head-of-State" - a purging of "pseudo-patriotism" - election of "Heads-of-State" who are Australian citizens & Australian residents; a REPUBLIC! A "makarrata" treaty for Aborigines; This is long overdue - we must repress the disadvantages that most of our indigenous Australians still endure.
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7. Development of a truly Australian national identity. We must embrace multiculturalism, We must properly understand and wisely implement multicultural policies. Funding for the English as second language scheme (E.S.L.) should be re-instated.
8. For Australia's long term energy requirements we favour the engendering of solar, wind & water power technological research. We believe also in the furtherment of super-conductivity research.
9. We are decisively against:
   a. the Australia Card - we don't want or need the over-expensive "internal passports" - we need only to firm up the taxation laws to restrict the tax defrauders. Orwellian legislation like this must be resisted full-on.
   b. a "sunset" clauses with all new legislation.
   c. planned obsolescence.
   d. technological extravagance.
   e. computer roll back - what price civil liberties or privacy?
   f. retrospective legislation of any kind.
10. We are decisively for:
   a. "sunset" clauses with all new legislation.
   b. "justification codes" with all new legislation - who wins & who loses?
   c. technological impact statements being prepared whenever new machinary or work methods are introduced.
   d. sustainable lifestyle concepts & values.
   e. the road building program - better expressways & urban corridors & freeways (environmentally landscaped) are conducive to more road safety, more jobs, savings on fuels, reductions in travelling times & increase in Australian industry competitiveness.
Streamlined industrial relations/hi-technology/research & development/employment/exports: Australia needs a single (National) awards scheme and therewith provision for voluntary employment contracts, profit sharing arrangements and worker participation in management. The maximum number of industry-based unions should be 25. Work & management practices need to be realistic & affordable. There is no need for inquisitive legislation which pits one sector above the law. We need to advocate the moral value of working for a living to you, your party and to this end we indicate our support for schemes e.g. “Work Skills Olympics”. As regards that there needs to be addressed in the important field of industrial re-structuring, we endorse the broad thrust of Professor Bill Ford’s views as outlined in the 5th edition of “IN FUTURE” periodicals. We certainly need a skills accord! Additionally, Australia needs a strategic economic policy authority (S.E.P.A.) similar to Japan’s Ministry of International Trade & Industry to correct the now-great problem of “economic imperialism”. We mean a directed model with substantial public investment and a series of government preferential industrial policies geared to designated growth areas for Australian-owned & controlled companies. This S.E.P.A. would also co-ordinate bargaining for large-scale exporting of Australian products. Further, the C.S.I.R.O. should be re-structured to better relate to and with industry.

Some general precepts the thinking Australian voter should consider:

A. The present cost of Westminster Parliamentary Government (the Commonwealth & all the State & Territory Governments) in Australia is around $300 million per annum. We could save this amount by electing Australian Heads of State. B. The present cost of Westminster Parliamentary Government’s economic policies comes from Bill Hawke’s views as outlined in the 5th edition of “IN FUTURE”. We mean a directed model with substantial public investment and a series of government preferential industrial policies geared to designated growth areas for Australian-owned & controlled companies. This S.E.P.A. would also co-ordinate bargaining for large-scale exporting of Australian products. Further, the C.S.I.R.O. should be re-structured to better relate to and with industry.

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