

THE RAINBOW ALLIANCE IS TAKING OFF IN 1989

AN INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC LAUNCH

SUNDAY 16 APRIL

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Dear Verity,

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The Rainbow Alliance is a political movement unlike anything previously attempted in this country. We've been involved in diverse political parties and social movements. Our concerns range from equality for women, to Aboriginal rights, the environment, peace, poverty and civil liberties. We are ready to work together to challenge the structures that exploit people and nature. The vision of the Rainbow Alliance is global and holistic, but at the same time our aim is to create a new political space in Australia — locally, regionally and nationally.

Over the last two years much has been done to prepare the ground. We have clarified the role of the Rainbow Alliance as a political movement (not to be confused with a political party), developed policy ideas in several areas (eg. environment, economy, security, education, relations with Aboriginal Australia), initiated a nationwide campaign around the theme "sustainable communities", and created the skeleton of a regional and national organisation.

The public launch will take place on **Sunday, 16th April between 1.00 pm and 5.00 pm at the Pharmacy College, 381 Royal Parade, Parkville.**

The idea is to bring the agenda of our political movement to a much wider audience or, if you like, to put the Rainbow Alliance on the map. But there is a more important objective: to develop new links between the social movements, to build bridges between people, issues and campaigns. Perhaps the most important aim is to generate a new politics of hope — to offer a new sense of purpose and a new home for those who feel disillusioned with our present political and economic institutions.

At the public launch several speakers will bring home the message that 'remaking Australia' is both possible and necessary. But formal speeches are only part of the programme. There will also be music, drama, literature and other displays, children's activities, food, socialising, and use of visual arts, in particular a photographic exhibition. The idea is to blend the cultural and the political, the local and the international, the serious and the humorous.

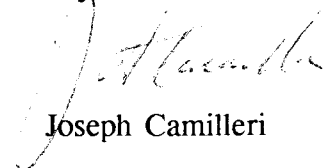
If you are interested in this project, if you think the Rainbow Alliance is a positive step forward, then please do all you can to make it a great success. We are enclosing with this letter a form suggesting how you can help. No matter what your circumstances, we think there is something you can contribute to the project. The public launch alone will cost us some \$8,000. Please return the form in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible.

Whether you are already a member, a prospective member, a sympathiser, or simply curious about the Rainbow Alliance, we invite you to join us on Sunday, 16th April for what could be a significant moment in Australia's political life.

Sincerely,



Belinda Probert



Joseph Camilleri

**A Movement of People with many shades of opinion but one common aim
of ending the exploitation of people and nature.**