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A new revolution?

Revolution – new Nimbin grew from one. How about another?

For nearly two decades Lismore council bluntly ignored Nimbin's polite requests for safer streets. And now one of our own is dead, run down on her way home, walking along her own street.

We could continue with polite requests. We could keep asking council to follow their own legal advice and enact the traffic-free pedestrian right of way from Cullen Street to all homes north.

We could request an explanation why developers along Cecil Street did not fund a footpath thus providing safe walking for those who bought their home sites. We could send more letters warning of death or serious injury.

Yes, we could remain polite, not disruptive, undisturbed and so follow in the steps of other peaceful peoples who have had their quiet forests taken.

Or we could fight, stand up to a council that treats Nimbin like some grubby outpost as the mayor did last year in a potentially deceitful NGT article beguilingly suggesting, "Let's all walk together on this one, and find a peaceful path to a good outcome for the Rainbow Road and everyone in Nimbin."



Well one of us is gone mister mayor while you and senior council staff led us to believe you held genuine concerns for the safety of Nimbin residents, your citizens who pay rates and keep you in office.

Dear reader, Nimbin is readying to take on the council, to shake it from its torpor, of course with intelligence, love and crystal-clear focus. Be ready to join up with your Nimbin neighbours and bolster the demands your town representatives make at forthcoming council interactions.

Ian Brooke
Nimbin

Co-housing for seniors

Over the past couple of years many of us in our community have been faced with assisting our dear friends and elders to find a place to live in their retirement years.

Living in nursing homes or living alone is not exactly what comes to mind – and it's certainly not what we baby boomers want!

However, if it's left too late – as much as we dread the thought – there may come a

day when our family or loved ones will be faced with the hideous decision of whether or not to move us into a nursing home.

No way – that's not what I want, and it's not what any of my friends want.

We need a model. We need a people-centred model that offers security, safety, affordability and fun – a model that addresses social isolation, care costs and our aspirations to age in place with our friends. And we need access to good food and wine and good drugs!

We need to start planning now – in our 60's and 70's – and we need to plan it ourselves and control it rather than leaving it to government.

There are a few things to consider:

We HAVE to accept we will get older and we will get less fit as the years pass. Access to life's necessities without having to drive long distances is a must.

Living miles away in the hills is fine when young and fit, but damned difficult when aged and infirm. (But then again we could have drones to deliver us great meals etc!) Who knows what the future will bring?

Mostly though, we need people. Research shows the devastating effects of social isolation and loneliness.

So we can look for housing close to all services, but how about co-housing for seniors?

This concept was created in Denmark in the early 60's and came to the US in the late 80's, due to the baby boomer generation looking for desirable living alternatives, co-housing has been growing in popularity.

Essentially, it's seniors living in their own space, surrounded by like-minded people who share things like a dining area, library, fitness centre, garden, cinema – and more.

Governments are researching this now, and consultants are being paid heaps to look at models. But it's all out there. Germany's Baugruppen model is a

prominent international example.

Let's start the discussion now. After all, we are all walking each other home! (Ram Dass)

Lois Kelly
Nimbin

The choice

The vote you cast in the May 18 election may be the most critical choice in your lifetime.

Scientists are overwhelmingly agreed that there is a maximum amount of greenhouse gas emissions before global warming is likely to become unstoppable. We will reach this maximum before 2030.

The task is massive. In fact, to reduce emissions in time, modelling projects that ambitious cuts must begin by 2020. So this next election will decide if we start in time or lock in failure.

If you choose climate action then the order of all your preferences on both ballot papers must be determined by that choice ahead of other issues. Anything less will not be enough. Climate change does not compromise, make exceptions or grant more time.

It's up to you.

Greg Reid
Mount Burrell

Vote to end reactionism

The federal election can't come quickly enough for Australia's First Nations people.

From the inexcusable racism of Howard and Abbott to the bumbling incompetence of Morrison and Scullion, the Coalition has acted with condescension and paternalism.

The neo-apartheid of the Intervention, the continuing deaths in custody, the re-emergence of the Stolen Generations and the sloth of remote housing provision are reasons enough why Australia needs to be saved from the destructive reactionism of the incumbent government.

Peter Mudd
East Lismore

Anthony Robert Egan

14.08.1951 – 01.05.2019
by Alan Salt



Passed away surrounded by family in Nimbin Hospital. Survived by children James, Marissa and Elle, companion Lois, siblings Max, Richard, Andrew and Jane.

I first met Tony when he and Lois were buying into the Billen Cliffs community around 1980. From there he moved to a house in Cawongla, and was still there before he became hospitalised.

I kept coming into contact with Tony in the course of building houses and doing renovations, and it wasn't long before he was my preferred electrician through being easy to get in contact with, and always coming quickly if there was urgently needed electrical work.

He was also quite capable with estimating, plumbing, guttering, and another talent of his was finding things I'd mislaid. I was always happy to work with him.

When I was at the Hemp Embassy, it was Tony who came every year to look after electrical work for the MardiGrass. That was quite demanding, but every year he came back and did it all again. During the year he also did all the electrical work in the Embassy. Always cheerful, always willing to help with whatever was needed.

When he was diagnosed with prostate cancer not so long ago, I was taken aback that it had already metastasised (spread). My father had prostate cancer, diagnosed at 65 years, and it didn't metastasise until he was 91. Tony's prostate cancer was aggressive. He never seemed to get upset or depressed with it. He remained optimistic and cheerful the whole time. Towards the end, it having metastasised into his bones, it ate away at his hip joint and he collapsed. After that it was hospital, more chemo, more radiation. He remained cheerful and uncomplaining.

At the end I found it difficult, more so than he did. He had a catheter in, had breathing difficulty, and wasted away to less than 45 kilograms. He could barely lift his hands, let alone use his beloved mobile phone.

On his last day I visited twice. First time he didn't seem to recognise that people were there, just struggling on the brink. I was asked a bit later to return to witness legal documents, as it could not be anyone who was a beneficiary. Part way through that fractured procedure, he did focus on me, raised his hand a little, and said hello for the last time. Later that afternoon, he left us all.

I already miss him, and his cheerful, helpful ways.

The ripple effect

Many poets, song writers, artists have marvelled at the wonder of trees.

A tall tree has branches and leaves with irregular shapes meaning even with no wind, light can filter down from the tallest tree to the bushes and shrubs below allowing the whole ecosystem to get light for photosynthesis and the production of one third of the oxygen, animals need to breathe.

Those same poets, have marvelled at the oceans and musicians wrote songs and symphonies to lakes, rivers and oceans. Lakes, rivers and other water bodies also have a ripple effect caused by birds swimming, fish jumping, platypus surfacing, even tiny insects on the surface – and in the mighty oceans there is also constant movement of ocean currents, the pull of the moon making waves allowing constant movement. The ocean reflects much of the sun's rays but allows enough light for coral reefs, kelp beds,

and floating microscopic algae and also provides two thirds of the oxygen land based animals need to breathe.

Even at catastrophic extinction events for most land animals, some ocean life survived. So it is essential for all nations to protect their oceans.

A. Sutherland
Robina

The big pot party

Rather than exhibiting cannabis addiction, mightn't the MardiGrass promoters have mercy on our children and keep a low profile?

Weed and speed, crack and smack, coke and smoke; what about purity, honour, piety, sobriety, modesty?

It's hard to believe that some people, including the Greens party, are agitating to promote smoking in 2019.

How about reading the Bible and getting on your knees to ask the Creator to forgive and inspire you, and our fallen world, in these last days?

Vyvan Stott
Federal

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Doug has been the citizen journalist newsman for Nim-FM for the last three years. He is interesting company and funny. Contact Doug at: nimfmnews@gmail.com

Annual General Meeting

Nimbin Environment Centre Inc AGM: Wednesday 22nd May, 6pm at Nimbin Community School Room, 81 Cullen Street. Nominations for executive and committee members will be accepted from the floor. All welcome.

Bush Dance

Tuntale Community Hall on Saturday 25th May after our community AGM. Please arrive by 5.30pm for dinner, (dance starting after 6pm).

In Memoriam

RIP Nevil Schoenmakers

February 2, 1956 – March 30, 2019
by DGP, Kyogle

The true King of Cannabis has passed away after an agonising battle with lower bowel cancer late last month.

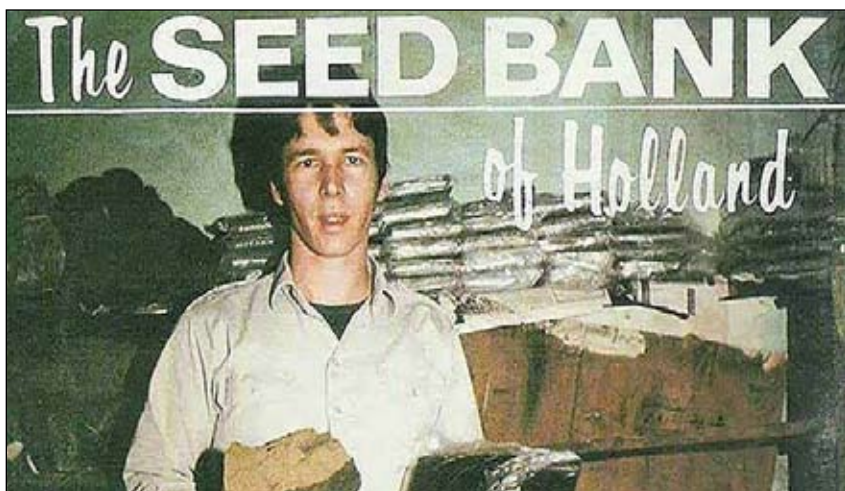
Nevil Schoenmakers revolutionised cannabis breeding, growing, seed production and sales at a time when the world was cracking down on cannabis in an unprecedentedly heavy-handed way.

He was a 'Counterculture Hero of the Year' and a brave, intelligent, driven cannabis genetic collector who then spread his work around the world.

If you have smoked some excellent hybrid cannabis in the last 30 years, chances are Nevil had a hand in the mix.

Northern lights, skunk, autos, haze strains, G13, bubble hash, so many aspects of modern cannabis strains and use were impacted upon by this amazing man's insight and motivation.

Although he did not breed original strains, he knew what to procure, and from where. He travelled the world to secure superb and unusual genetics, but most importantly knew what to do with them.



Researching Nevil and his crazy life is a must for any aficionado of the healing herb and budding plant breeder. For a long while, the world's best breeder lived close to us, at Bonalbo.

More recently, Nevil had his last battles in Ballina, before dying in WA.

A very reclusive figure, I was lucky enough to be able to converse with Nev on the phone for many hours, from 2015, and had one wonderful day with him at Bonalbo, smoking joints on the verandah and mapping out where the cannabis scene was headed.

An apprentice, albeit a 53-year old,

was with his master... the genetics flowed one way but the respect kindness and fun went both.

"I'm just a bloke," were Nevil's words when I met him... (obviously I was presenting as a fanman), however he was not.

He changed the world. He changed our world. Ironically, his knowledge, expertise and supposed mythical genetic library were soon to reward him financially, however this was not to be.

His closer friends and family will hopefully ensure his legacy lasts in Cannabisworld and he will never be forgotten. Rest in Peace Nev.

In Memory of Gereint Daffyd Price-Jones

by Mick Daley

Geri Price-Jones and I had many things in common – the same girlfriends, a love of the poetry of Dylan Thomas, Bob Dylan and Van Morrison and prodigious appetites for excess. He was a big strapping Welshman with an astonishing gift of the gab and an ability to stay awake, carousing for days, quoting the great poets and musicians of eternity for fuel.

After an action-packed gonzo-journalism escapade through the North Coast,



Geri and I packed up our lives and girlfriends in Wagga and went into exile in the land of mushrooms and mangoes.

We both started playing soccer for the Nimbin Headers and settled into the suitably hedonistic and spiritually fecund local milieu,

finding fast friendships all over this star studded region. We both knew we'd found home. Though we roamed all round the country and the world afterwards, it was the North Coast that had become our spiritual lodestone.

Over the years Geri and I drifted apart sometimes, but we always found in each other the sustaining knowledge of a private universe, where a mutual cynicism about the world and a determination to transcend it with Rabelaisian demeanours and poetic spirit would triumph. I travelled far afield as a journalist and musician, he travelled internally and into the hearts and minds of people all over the North Coast.

He moved to Byron with a beautiful young woman and ran a successful bookshop in town, establishing friendships with some of the fast and loose celebrities of the town, but when that all ended, depression and anger seemed to overwhelm him for a while.

Geri drifted out bush, where he found a new home away from the cruel world. I heard nothing from him until suddenly one day he announced he was moving to South Australia, where Steve Brooking had established an

outpost. From that far-flung colony Geri was soon sending me snippets of his new poetry and selfies, looking stronger and happier than he had in years.

So it came as a profound shock to me when the sudden, devastating news came that Geri had jumped the hedges first and gone into the slipstream.

In truth I wasn't that shocked. Geri had always lived hard, drinking and smoking enough for five people. He lived five lifetimes in his fifty years and I'd bet he regretted none of it. He never wanted to be around forever, he was far too world weary.

Even in his twenties in Wagga he used to despair for the vulgar, afflicted masses and what they were doing to our beautiful planet. In truth he had a clean exit, and was spared the ennui and ongoing despair at the unfolding tragedy of our stupid, blinkered and bizarrely beautiful humanity.

At any rate, he'll be forever remembered as a man who left on his own terms, as a poet and a fiery preaching prophet of wrong. As a soul brother and a good mate. I'll miss him, and a thousand other people will too.



Rest in peace,
Antonia Jansen

Tonia's children
read eulogies at the
celebration of her life.

Words cannot express the sorrow felt by all of us for the untimely death of this beautiful Nimbin person.

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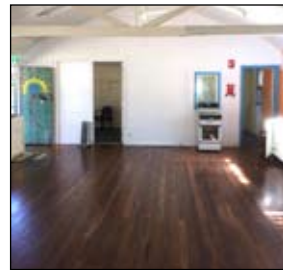
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If you are interested in renting one of these rooms, please direct a written Expression of Interest to the Nimbin Community Centre Management Committee at 81 Cullen Street Nimbin, or email: ncci@nimbincommunity.org.au
You will need to provide 2 rental references.

For further information on what to include in your Expression of Interest, please contact our co-ordinators during office hours Monday to Thursday between 10am and 2pm on 6689-0000 or via email.

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Australian politics needs a shake-up

by Greens Senator
Mehreen Faruqi

For too long the influence of powerful corporations and vested interests who donate to the major political parties, has drowned out the voices of ordinary citizens.

Access to parliamentarians, and indeed to parliament, is limited to the select few with networks and connections.

Our challenge is to take democracy back into our hands and make sure the voices of those who live in our streets and suburbs is heard. People and communities come first.

In both state and federal parliament, I've seen politicians completely disconnected from the reality of the community's needs and singularly focused on holding onto or increasing their power. If we want to create a future where no one is left behind, we must reset this narrow agenda and engage people in our collective movement.

This reset could not be more urgent. We are in a climate emergency. We've been through the hottest few months on record, the Murray-Darling is in ecological crisis and the Great Barrier Reef is dying before our eyes. Climate change is here and it is biting. We must act now. We must



end our reliance on coal and make Australia a renewables superpower. Let's keep the lights on while creating thousands of long term sustainable jobs right here in NSW.

We are a rich country, but so many are being left behind. Wages are stagnant and corporations refuse to pay their fair share of tax so we can fund essential public services like healthcare, transport, schools, universities and TAFE.

More than a hundred thousand people are homeless, and that number is rising. Each and every day, more than 250 people are turned away from homelessness services

because governments around the country refuse to fund them properly.

It does not have to be this way. A more caring, kind and compassionate world is possible.

To do this, we must tackle the root causes of problems with bold and fearless ideas.

We can make sure wealth isn't concentrated in the deep pockets of the rich. We can give each child and young person the promise of free education. We can make sure that the sick and elderly get the care they deserve.

Nature isn't just a commodity to be used and abused. It has intrinsic value.

We can embrace drug law reform and stop the failed

war on drugs by legalising cannabis, supporting harm minimisation approaches and introducing pill testing.

We can remove money from politics, end the revolving door of politicians and lobbyists, and place people at the very heart of decisions.

We can build a future where we take strong action on climate change and where the economy is working for the people and the environment. This is a future where workers have power, unions are strong, and no-one has to work multiple jobs just to make ends meet.

I see a feminist future where women are safe and respected. Where access to abortion is unambiguously legal and where the voices of Indigenous women, trans women and women of colour are heard, not silenced.

I see a future that cares for animals, where we would never tolerate the inhumanity of live exports, the cruelty of greyhound racing or factory farming, and where our native species are safe from the threat of extinction.

Let's light the spark of hope for this future where more ordinary people like you and me can be part of our democracy and where each and every one of us has access to what we need for a good life. This future is within our reach.

Turning the Page on our priorities

When I was pre-selected as the Labor candidate for the Federal seat of Page last May, I made a commitment to being a "local who listens".

Since then my campaign team has clocked up around 35,000 kms on the road, held dozens of market stalls and mobile offices, made thousands of phone calls, knocked on countless doors, and talked to people Nimbin to Nymboida, Woodenbong to Sapphire Beach.

I've been humbled by the way the people of Northern NSW have welcomed me into their businesses, their homes and their hearts. Along the way I've learnt an incredible amount about our community, and the issues that people really care about.

The consistent message I've been getting is that people are sick of being ignored, and they want to see a Federal Government whose priorities reflect their own.

I agree. Our community deserves better.

On education, we deserve a government that's prepared to put more resources into our local schools. A Shorten Labor Government will do just that - by providing an extra \$23.9 million for 98 public schools in the Page electorate over three years.

We also deserve a government that believes in the benefits of early childhood education. Under a Shorten Labor Government, every single family in Page earning up to \$174,000 will get cheaper child care.

On skills and training, we deserve a government that is prepared to back our young people. That's why a Shorten Labor Government will waive upfront



by Patrick Deegan
ALP Candidate for Page

TAFE fees for 100,000 students, and invest in better TAFE campuses in Northern NSW.

On transport, we deserve a government that's prepared to invest in infrastructure AND have the courage to tackle transport-related greenhouse gases. A Shorten Labor Government will provide \$9 million to replace ageing wooden bridges in Kyogle and \$18.5 million to fix Lismore's roads.

Furthermore, only Labor will pave the way for transition to the zero emission cars of the future: electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, and establish the High Speed Rail Authority to bring world class rail services to the Northern Rivers.

On renewable energy, we deserve

a government with the foresight to develop a decentralised energy grid that harnesses the natural power of the sun shining down on our rooftops.

A Shorten Labor Government will hasten our transition to a fully renewable energy grid by providing a \$2,000 rebate to Northern Rivers residents who purchase and install a residential battery, and by putting solar panels on local schools.

On wages and worker's rights, we deserve a government that gives everyone a fair go. A Shorten Labor Government will provide a living wage safety net, tackle dodgy labour hire companies, crack down on wage theft, close the gender pay gap and restore penalty rates.

On health, we deserve a government that believes everyone has a right to access high quality healthcare, regardless of your income. A Shorten Labor Government will reverse the Nationals' cuts to public hospital funding, and slash out-of-pocket costs for cancer patients.

And on dental care, age pensioners and Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders will be able to access \$1,000 worth of dental services every two years.

On climate change, we deserve a government that recognises climate change is an existential threat to life on earth and is serious about taking action. Labor not only has ambitious targets for greenhouse gas reductions, it has a real plan to help us achieve them.

All this is just the start.

If I'm elected, I'll be able to do so much more for our community. That's why I'm asking for your support on 18th May.

On the same **PAGE**



The 400 students and their families from our region who attended the School Leaders Morning Tea

Kevin Hogan MP
Member for Page

Congratulations to the 400 students and their families from our region who attended the School Leaders Morning Tea recently.

It was to acknowledge the students for taking on school leadership positions.

Also thank you to Sana Henderson, a former Australian Army Chinook helicopter commander and pilot who served in Afghanistan. She was the guest speaker and spoke about her career. I thank

her for her service and inspirational talk.

I held a Local Sporting Champions Morning Tea recently.

They received a grant of \$500 and a certificate for their achievements at State and National level.

Congratulations to Benjamin Auckram of Koonorigan and Nikiesha McPaul of Blakebrook who were two of the young athletes.

The Government has announced \$503.1 million into a Youth Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan.

This is the single largest investment in youth suicide prevention in the country's history and is part of a record investment of \$4.8 billion in mental health services.

I welcome this news with the tragedy of youth suicide touching far too many of our families.

Lots of us joined in the 'Ice Bucket Challenge' in 2014. It was to raise awareness and money for Motor Neurone research. It was great to see recently the Health Minister commit a further \$5 million for research funding to finding a cure for MND.

The level of shrill fear mongering present in this election hasn't been part of our politics since ming Menzies the malevolent fooled the public into believing the Labor party were all communists in the 1950s.

Fear is fundamentally a conservative force, it causes us to flee, fight or freeze. It suits the conservatives to have an election brimful of fear so that the electorate will cling to its failed and unfair agenda for fear of something worse.

And their success in making this election a negative one is a tragedy of profound proportions. When we need to transform our economy, when we need



Revenge of the Loon
by Laurie Axtens

to confront the climate crisis, when we need to address the homelessness of our youth and the poverty of our elderly – we stand frozen with fear.

Our country has ossified with fear over the last few decades and as a consequence it has plummeted down the

OECD ratings in so many indices – our internet, our dental health, our economy, our homeless rates, our education standards – it's all on the falling off a cliff – but we're too scared that it could be worse and so we don't change any of it.

Truly in so many ways we're falling off a cliff and someone has said that the rope hanging within arms reach is a snake so we won't grab it.

We need to face our fears – we have to stare down the goons that think this is as good as it gets, it's bloody well is not. It's an increasingly unjust society and we can make it a just one. Vote for change – we desperately need it.



Pot protest

Activists for cannabis law reform marched in Lismore on Mayday, garnering support for the Hemp Party, which is running candidates for the Senate.

Burning forests for electricity

by Susie Russell,
North-East Forest Alliance

"It's hard to believe that there are plans to cut our forests, turn it into pellets and burn them in wood-fired power stations. That's really crazy stuff," Jack Thompson says.

"We're in a climate emergency. We need to stop emitting carbon dioxide now! Who speaks for the trees? We all can! It's time to stand up for the forests now!" he said.

Jack Thompson echoes the sentiments of almost everyone we've talked to.

When we explain that forest wood burnt in power stations to generate electricity actually produces significantly more greenhouse gases than coal, they are incredulous.

Then to find out this is being subsidised as renewable energy, often at the expense of wind and solar, people get outraged.

When you add to this the destruction of our most effective carbon capture and storage technology, growing trees in forests, and all the wildlife that gets pushed



towards extinction as their homes are razed to the ground, then people start to get really angry.

This is a global scam being perpetrated by those cutting and burning the trees and making the money at the expense of the people who pay taxes and electricity bills and of course our planet, that gets ever hotter.

The appalling thing about this, as documented in the film *Burned – Are Trees the New Coal?* is that it means the Paris targets are

meaningless.

In many countries, like the UK for example, the abstract target for a percentage of renewable energy will be met, but instead of reducing greenhouse gas pollution, where wood has been substituted for coal, even more carbon dioxide will have been emitted. We can but weep.

In Australia, the Liberal, National and Labor parties are prepared to perpetuate the deception. Our forests are in the firing line.

Australian politics captive to corporate political donations

by Daniel Reid
The Greens candidate for Page

The coming Federal election is taking place in a time of climate crisis.

Right now, around the world, we see the accelerating effects of climate change and a collapse of plant and animal populations. Entire ecosystems, like the Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics are in serious decline.

The major parties are doing their best to distract us with tax cuts and squabbles about electric cars, but the frightening reality is that social and economic collapse will be the first real sign that most people will register of our collective predicament.

Only the Greens are putting the issue of climate change, renewal of the energy sector and cleaner politics front and centre in this campaign.

Australian politics has become captive to corporate political

donations, and this is the key reason for the inaction on real climate action from both major parties.

There is no doubt that the LNP are the worst offenders and progressive voters quite rightly want to make sure that their vote removes the LNP as well as making a strong statement on climate change and corporate donations, and only a Greens vote in both houses can achieve this.

In the local seat of Page, a first preference vote for the Greens followed by a second preference for Labor is the only way to send the message that you want real change.

We can have a political system that is not corrupted by dirty donations. We can take meaningful action to reduce the effects of Climate Change and begin to adapt to an already changed global environment.

We can have a society and economy that works for all people, not just those that already have resources and means to support



themselves. The Greens' plans to revitalise Australia are realistic, attainable and necessary if we want to maintain an acceptable standard of living.

Only the Greens offer a viable alternative to Labor for progressive voters – with well-established

representatives who are ready to stand up for people and the planet.

Governments must be held to account over fossil fuels – only the Greens have the independence and integrity to achieve this.

The recent announcement from Labor for \$1.5 billion to subsidise new unconventional gas and fracking infrastructure shows us why it is so important to keep up the pressure on Labor candidates and politicians, and any future government.

If you make the mistake of giving your first preference to a major party, you send the message that they are already doing all you expect of them, and I am sure this is not the case.

In the Senate, it is even more vital to give the Greens your first preference. The Greens have an excellent Senator in Dr Mehreen Faruqi, but she will struggle to fight off a challenge by One Nation.

The difference could not be more stark, your first preference to the

Greens is the only way to ensure that she defeats One Nation and continues to give a strong voice for climate action, corporate donations reform and social justice.

It's a choice between an atmosphere of compassion, or an atmosphere of fear and hate.

Whether it is at a pre-polling station or on election day itself, make a vote for change. Make a vote that will help elect a representative that stands for the future and isn't afraid to take the climate fight to all parties.

Use your ballot paper to send a message to Canberra that we will not be ignored and that we expect better from those that would seek to represent us.

Vote 1 Dan Reid, Greens Candidate for Page, and vote 1 for The Greens above the line on the big Senate ballot paper and follow The Greens how-to-vote advice to secure a progressive Senate.

Thank you for caring about our planet and a fair society.