

I, like you, live in the Maitland electorate. Like you, I am a person not a party. Like you, I am concerned about government being out of touch. And like you, I want to see our elected representatives using hard work and common sense to give us a government that acts in the best interests of us all.

Four weeks from now every adult citizen of NSW will be called upon to cast their vote in the NSW State election. Sadly, this important right has become a laboured and dreary task for most of us. Almost 100 years ago we put our faith in a two party system and it has let us down badly. We have ended up with two power blocs whose true objective is power rather than government; a political system that ignores the needs and wishes of its people; and government after government that regulates our present and defines our future in accordance with party lines.

I, like many of you, have had enough of duplicity and of lies, enough of petty bickering and pointless character assassination, enough of governments conferring unwarranted financial benefits on their political allies, and enough of stop gap policy measures to quell bursts of public outrage when hidden agendas or administrative incompetence emerge. Like all of you I want government to be responsible and politicians to be accountable.

But if, four weeks from now, we vote as we always have, whether out of habit or because we feel there are no real alternatives, then we cannot expect that things will change or that the future will be any different. History will continue to repeat itself.

If, on the other hand, four weeks from now, you wish to restore to the citizens of this State their right to have their government hear their voices, heed their wishes and act in their interests, then may I suggest that you take the opportunity of casting your vote for an independent representative. Only when independents, rather than parties, hold the balance of power, will people be truly represented.

As a citizen you have the right to vote. By voting you have a say about who is in government. Is the person you will vote for the person you want to represent you? Who do you trust to do their best for you, for your family and for all of us?

Naturally, I would like you to vote for me. But more importantly I suggest that you consciously ask yourself the questions I have suggested, that you actually look at the candidates, and that you make a thoughtful and informed choice because, like you, I want the people of this electorate to be properly represented. If you do that then, irrespective of who you vote for, I will have done my job and you will have made the right decision about your future.

Thank you for your time.

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