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GREENS STAY POSITIVE IN FACE OF SMEAR

Concern is that Voters Should be Fairly and Truthfully Informed

The Tasmanian Greens have pledged to stay positive as both the Labor and Liberal parties began circulating negative and misleading material designed to smear the Greens and frighten voters.

Greens Opposition Leader Peg Putt MHA has prepared a new leaflet to counter the false and misleading claims, outlining that Labor and Liberal are panicking over the way Tasmanians are warming to the Greens, and asking voters to reflect on whether they want people who make misleading claims to benefit from their vote.

Ms Putt feels vindicated by reported statements from a Premier's Office insider that a group of around six people have been delegated to prepare dirt files on political opponents, and again

This Time Vote Green

In front of a packed house and beneath a banner reading, "This Time Vote Green", the Tasmanian Greens candidates launched their election campaign speaking about key election issues and discussing why many Tasmanians are voting Green for the first time.

Balance of Power - Opportunity to Overcome Health Crisis

Greens Opposition Leader Peg Putt MHA declared that a balance of power parliament would present a unique opportunity to resolve Tasmania's health crisis, and called for a tripartite working group of all three political parties to be formed to work together on the issue.

"To exemplify the positive potential of balance of power, and the responsible approach the Greens will take, today

I put a major proposal before the Tasmanian people on a way forward to resolve the health crisis," Ms Putt said.

"It's simply this... that a tripartite working group of all three political parties in the new Parliament be established to work together to resolve the issues and make things happen in our hospitals and in health service provision throughout the community."

"Everyone is fed up with political bickering and fault finding on health issues."

"What they want and deserve is leadership from all sides of politics, and a determination to get things fixed."

"We can do this - and we should."

Transparency and Accountability in Government

Ms Putt also outlined Greens' plans to establish a body similar to ICAC, the Independent Commission Against Corruption, to enact a Bill of Rights, and to end backroom manipulation of Tasmanian elections through state-based political donations disclosure laws.

Announcing the Greens' ICAC Initiative, Ms Putt said:

"Repeatedly over the past years the need has been demonstrated for an independent body to investigate allegations of wrong behaviour - be it by politicians, government businesses and agencies, or police."

"Today I announce the Greens' policy to establish a body along the lines of ICAC - the Independent Commission Against Corruption."

"This will be the vital insurance that cronyism cannot rule Tasmania."

GREENS ANNOUNCE FURTHER HEALTH FUNDING

And Reiterate Tripartite Working Group Opportunity to Solve the Health Crisis

The Tasmanian Greens have tied up their health initiatives for the state election with announcements of a *Public Health Reconstruction Package*, a *Statement of Commitment to Health Workers*, and a *Disability Services Package*.

Greens Opposition Leader Peg Putt MHA and Health spokesperson Tim Morris MHA also released the Greens overarching Health Policy, under which all the election campaign commitments sit, including those on Ambulance Services, Child Protection, Mental Health, the RHH greenfields site and smoking already announced during the campaign.

"The Greens are strongly advocating that we not only fund health adequately, but that we urgently address the need for the money and results to be delivered on the ground by listening to these at the grassroots, working smarter, and doing away with bureaucratic obstruction," Ms Putt said.

"I also reiterate that a balance of power Parliament will be a marvellous opportunity to get all three political parties working together to fix the health crisis, and call on the other two parties to join the tripartite working group which the Greens propose be set up."

"Preventative Health initiatives as proposed by the Greens will move this state towards

healthier living in a healthier environment, with less chronic diseases, and this will contribute significantly towards resolving the problems of an overloaded health system with its huge waiting lists," Mr Morris said.

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The Tasmanian Greens have released their Treasury and Finance Policy, whilst also outlining the funding of their election campaign promises.

The Greens promised spend for the next financial year heavily targeted towards health, housing and education totals \$199.1 million, whilst tax cuts of \$25 million of stamp duties on insurance are designed to assist business and households.

Greens Opposition Leader Peg Putt MHA stressed fiscal responsibility and a triple bottom line approach to managing the State Budget, under which formal reporting of the environmental, social and economic impacts of Budget decisions would become the norm.

For more detailed information on the funding of our election campaign promises please contact the State Parliamentary Offices of the Tasmanian Greens on (03) 6233 8300,

Greens' Health Funding Details

Greenfields hospital site pledge

- Planning study to find new hospital site - \$500,000
- Community consultation to find new hospital site - \$100,000

Mental health election initiative

- Boost mental health services - \$10,000,000
- Address OH&S issues for health workers - \$300,000

Disability services support package

- Disability Professional Carers Programme - \$4,000,000
- Disability Accommodation - \$500,000
- Disability Services Commissioner and Office - \$500,000
- Community Learning Centre - \$500,000
- Women with disabilities gender-specific services - \$500,000

Smoking initiatives

- Smoking cessation programs - \$250,000
- Buyback of cigarette trading licenses - \$100,000

Health policy and workers commitment

- Preventative health - \$2,000,000
- Dental health - \$5,000,000
- Commitment to health workers - \$1,500,000
- Ambulance services - \$4,000,000

Child protection initiative

- Child Protection Services - \$6,000,000

Affordable housing

- First year of four-year planned funding - \$26,000,000
- Private rental assistance - \$3,000,000

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