



## DON'T WASTE YOUR VOTE ON THOSE THAT MANIPULATE US

Home owners living in residential parks are fully aware of how the industry works for them. We also know that the *Manufactured Homes Residential Parks Act* is a piece of draconian legislation introduced by the Beattie Labour Government which the LNP Government find convenient for their wealthy friends. It also conveniently removes any responsibility from government to provide a decent way of life for seniors. This is a deliberately chosen path.

This snap or snide election of total inconvenience to the people of Queensland is based purely on the self-preservation of those few sitting in parliament, they will avoid all acts of decency and honest open debate. **We are all being manipulated.** This early poll call was done on the basis of independent and government polling, reflecting declining electoral support, especially among mature-age voters.

Preceding this, the two major parties (the ALP and the incumbent LNP) announced policies urging voters to "Just Vote 1", which would have circumvented (and subverted) the approved legal process of optional preferential voting applying to Queensland State elections.

The intentions were mainly two-fold - and impacts immediately after the announcement of the January 31 poll.

Firstly, the intent was to polarise the electorate into a two-party (ALP v LNP) contest, to arrest the slide in public support as polled, by neutralising the sliding "grey power" vote and the impact of the minor parties and Independent candidates.

Secondly, to deny thousands of new electors, and voters changing electorates and home addresses, the prospect of registering (or re-registering) in time to qualify for a vote. They had only four working days to complete the necessary processes....which was a virtual impossibility for most.

In the latest Electoral Commission six monthly report, the LNP has known funding of 8.31 million dollars. That's without the separate hidden funding that Campbell Newman has put in place. Surely this money could be put to better use in our hospitals instead of glorifying a political party, this is what we are all being asked to support and vote for.

ARPQ have now established a close link with the newly formed Mature Aged Party (MAP) thus joining five other grey vote associations which means numbers. Those that saw the announcement of MAP a few weeks ago on Chanel Nine's Current Affair should be aware that that film clip was shot over two months ago and things have certainly changed since then. The impact of the Current Affair film clip has had a national impact and although the emergence of MAP was one of the reasons for this unnecessary ill-timed election, MAP is here to stay, we want pensioners to have a voice on the floor of parliament and it will happen.

All politicians think and act on a daily basis only, they may claim to be thinking of thirty years ahead but they are safe in the knowledge that they will not be around to answer for their lack of insight; and how long will it be before we run out of assets to sell off, this is a

one way street current political parties have put us all on.

### A word from MAP

M.A.P., as the party for mature-age people – or “grey power “ – was thus denied the opportunity to achieve formal registration by completing due processes required for registration before the snap election was announced.....just DAYS before MAP’s registration processes were to be completed.

Thus, MAP’s capacity to give official “voice” to all the concerns of the mature-age electorate (as “grey power’s” voice you could say) was stopped in its tracks.....until AFTER the election.

But despite these “slippery tactics” to muzzle the grey vote, the voice of mature-age electors WILL be heard – and their votes WILL be counted on January 31.

MAP will support Independent candidates in ALL electorates – and it is urging mature-age voters (from 18 to 80+) to Vote 1 for Independent candidates in all seats, to vote for every candidate....and to give their LAST preference votes to the A.L.P. and the LNP.

MAP will continue to raise mature-age and pensioner concerns on issues such as: affordable housing, pension levels, entitlements, security, help for the disabled, disadvantaged and their carers, measures to contain rising costs, protection against violence and the abuse of children and the aged, stamp duty exemptions for lower-income homebuyers, initiatives to promote growth and employment, restrictions on State Asset sales, Residential Parks, Retirement Villages and many more.

### The Act Review

Certainly, those within the Department of Housing and Public Works who chair the ministerial meetings, we at ARPQ believe have listened to us and have genuine intentions to improve the lot of home owners in residential parks. Unfortunately, these people do not have the final say on the outcome of the review. The review of the Act will be very much a political exercise in favour of park operators whom the government rely upon to provide the imaginary low cost affordable homes in residential parks and retirement villages.

Our ARPQ January 2015 Newsletter tells the real story of the way the industry is heading with full government support. We have been informed from sources in the know that the claimed “Fair Balance of Interest” between the parties, promised by the LNP is nothing but a ploy to placate those living in residential parks.

In all our ARPQ newsletters and bulletins we have told it like it really is, our website is full of stories of what happens in these parks, they are true stories and can be found in our “journal” section. Our final word is what we have always said, use your vote wisely. The worst case scenario is what we have now, no opposition in parliament, these undesirables will continue to rape this state, at least the “independent candidates can give some opposition.

**Beware, the LNP candidate are suddenly visting parks with the Attorney General at the invitation of park operators, think about it.**

You’re ARPQ Committee – January 2015