



# AUSTRALIANS FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT

*PROSPECTUS*



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

Established in late 2024, Australians for Better Government (ABG) is dedicated to improving the way we vote, the structure of our Government and the wording of our Constitution.

Australians for Better Government believes that we can no longer rely on politicians to drive political change in this Country. We need a grassroots People's movement. ABG aims to be that movement.

Elected Members of Parliament often serve their own ambitions, or the will of their political party, rather than faithfully representing the interests and concerns of their constituents.

This has contributed to a decline in Western civilisation, and Australia is not immune. The ideal of our Government was based firmly on the Separation of Powers between the Legislature, Executive and Judiciary. This 'separation' has been blurred, resulting in the Government of the day in the Legislature appointing the Executive and Judiciary. Where is the separation and why do we allow it to continue?

In the Senate, political parties vote along party lines, instead of reviewing legislation on its merits and acting as a 'House of Review'. Why do we allow this to continue?

ABG will begin the discussion, among everyday Australians, to fix these issues and others outlined in this document.

Dedicated to freedom, liberty, the pursuit of happiness and overall good Governance, Australians for Better Government is already enjoying rapid growth and our movement is spreading across Australia.



**Our  
proposals  
are designed  
to improve  
the  
performance  
of  
Government  
to deliver  
better  
outcomes for  
the future**

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# UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM

Australia has always been the Lucky Country, but in recent years it is beginning to feel like something is badly wrong.

## **Issues that Australians now face:**

- The gross National debt is forecast to reach \$1.067 trillion by the end of the 2026-27 financial year, as forecast in the 2023-24 Federal budget.
- Electricity prices have skyrocketed and we face the risk of blackouts, despite previously having cheap, abundant and reliable energy.
- We are ceding our energy independence by rejecting coal, gas and nuclear power. Instead we are importing wind and solar components from the rest of the World, mainly our strategic opponents.
- Housing and rentals are unaffordable with many young Australians having no prospects of owning a home. This is despite previous generations being able to support a family, buy a car and pay off a mortgage on a single income.
- Our manufacturing industry has moved offshore and it is almost non-existent.
- Individual freedoms are being eroded with threats to free speech, bodily autonomy and the introduction of a digital ID.
- Our health system is in crisis, with many Australians turned away at hospitals or facing extended delays without care or treatment.
- Defence capabilities are minimal and recruitment is at an all-time low.
- We are heavily taxed with no serious discussions on tax reform.

## **CONCLUSION:**

### **Our problems are the result of BAD GOVERNMENT!**

Australians can no longer rely on politicians and political parties to solve the issues we face. A movement of everyday Australians is needed to advocate for change. Australians for Better Government exists to drive the change needed to optimise Governmental performance.

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# THE SOLUTION: BETTER GOVERNMENT

**Government MUST reflect the will of the people.**

With that ideal in mind, our Constitution, all Government legislation and any laws are just words on a page. They mean nothing without public support.

Whether it be our Constitution or our system of Government, it can be changed.

## A BETTER AUSTRALIA

**Improving the performance of  
Government to deliver better outcomes  
for Australia's future.**

This is your chance to be part of a movement to improve the performance of Government and thus improve the lives of all Australians.

### OUR MISSION

The following prospectus outlines Our Mission on how to reform our system of Government in Australia.



## JOIN THE MOVEMENT

If you share our vision, join our movement.

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# HOW TO ACHIEVE BETTER GOVERNMENT

CASE STUDY

## MINISTERS SELECTED ON MERIT

Currently, Government Ministers are selected from a pool of generally unexceptional people who are elected Members of the Legislature.

**THE CULPRIT?** One line in Our Constitution **completely wrecks** our system of Government - the 'Ministers to sit in Parliament' line in Section 64.

## COMPARE THE PAIR

### THE CURRENT SYSTEM: Minister for Defence - Richard Marles MP

- Joined the Melbourne University Labor Club in his first week at University.
- Former legal officer for the Transport Workers Union and later their National Assistant Secretary.
- Joined Australia's peak union body, the Australian Council of Trade Unions as Assistant Secretary in 2000.
- Devoted Geelong Cats supporter, golf fanatic, a keen photographer and snowdome collector.



### A BETTER OPTION FOR DEFENCE?: General Peter Cosgrove



- Graduated in 1968 from the Royal Military College.
- Fought in Vietnam, commanding a rifle platoon.
- Awarded the Military Cross in 1971 for his performance and leadership during an assault on enemy positions.
- Commander of the International Task Force East Timor (INTERFET) in 1999.
- Appointed Chief of Army in 2000.
- As General, served as Chief of the Defence Force.

## CONCLUSION

Removing the 'Minister to sit in Parliament' line from Our Constitution would allow the Governor-General to select Ministers from the broader Australian population, allowing for a merit based appointment.

**This is only ONE of our proposals**

# OUR MISSION

## REFORMING THE CONSTITUTION

We believe it is imperative that the Constitution defines the relationship between The People and the Government as being one of Master and Servant, respectively.

### Our Proposals

- To advocate for a National Referendum to replace Section 51 subsection (xxvi) of the Australian Constitution - otherwise known as the 'race clause', with a clause which forbids any form of discrimination on the basis of a citizen's race, sex or ancestry within the Commonwealth.
- To reform the Senate of Australia by banning any party affiliation of Senators, to ensure the Senate is a true 'House of Review'. This would also apply to State Upper Houses.
- All Constitutions at Federal, State and Territory level should only be altered by way of Referenda, voted upon by the eligible citizens of that constituency.



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## IMPROVING THE VOTE

We believe it is in everyone's interest that people elected to Public office are of the highest calibre possible. Thorough discussion needs to take place to improve the quality of Australia's elected representatives.

### Our Proposals

- Make it compulsory that voters provide photographic identification at the polling booth so that they can be positively identified.
- Abolish above the line voting in all Upper House elections throughout the Commonwealth.
- Each ballot should list candidates in a random order.
- Party affiliation of candidates to not be shown on the ballot paper.



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# OUR MISSION

## ENSURING A TRUE SEPARATION OF POWERS

Separation of powers divides the power to govern between the Legislature (House of Parliament), the Executive (Ministry) and the Judiciary (Courts).

In reality, the Australian system has no clear separation between the three branches of government. We believe this needs to change.

### **Our Proposals**

To push for Referendums to require that all Federal, State and Territory Governments adopt a system, in which:

- The Governor-General, State Governors and Federal and State Attorney Generals will be elected by popular vote.
- The Governor-General and Governors will exercise the power of the Executive with the right to select Ministers.
- Remove the 'Ministers to sit in Parliament' line in Section 64 of the Constitution to allow the Governor-General to select Ministers from the broader Australian population. To also extend to States.
- Attorney-Generals must never have been a member of the judiciary.
- Reintroduce the Legislative Council (Upper House) of Queensland.

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## RESTORING AUSTRALIAN PRIDE



For a Country with a small population, Australia has punched well above its weight.

We have excelled on the sporting field and on the battlefield, and we have led the way in innovation in many fields.

We have avoided internal conflicts and have a cohesive society built on hard work, reward for effort and a fair go. These aspects **MUST** be celebrated. No longer can we have a black arm-band view of our history and our trajectory. We have limitless potential. We must harness this, celebrate our accomplishments and strive for even better.



# OUR MISSION

## ENSHRINING OUR FREEDOMS

We believe that a continual conversation must take place amongst the Australian people on how our society can enshrine and guarantee our freedoms to ensure that Australians will always remain free.

### Our Proposals

- Insert into Constitutions, at all levels of Government within the Commonwealth, guarantees to the inalienable rights of citizens per a Bill of Rights, such as but not limited to:
  - free speech
  - the right to bodily autonomy
  - the free practice of religion
  - the right to peaceful assembly
  - the right to publish
  - the right to trial by jury

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## DIRECT DEMOCRACY

We believe the people should be given a direct say in certain decisions of Government. The Australian people should always have the final say, not politicians.

### Our Proposals

- In certain circumstances, Governments must obtain approval from the People by way of a binding plebiscite, before:
  - incurring Government debt
  - declaring a State of Emergency
  - signing International treaties
  - selling or demolishing public assets
- Introduce Recall Elections as a method of imposing accountability upon our elected representatives.
- Introduce Citizens Initiated Referenda to allow the People to drive change.

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# THE NEXT STEP

OUR PLAN

Lobby Parliamentarians



Spread the  
word



Mobalise  
volunteers



Attract funding



Build  
Membership



Host events,  
rallies & forums



# HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US

*YOUR  
INVOLVEMENT*

## GET INVOLVED!

Your support can come in a variety of forms:

### JOIN US:

The more Members we have, the more powerful our movement will be. We believe greater political involvement is the key to driving change in Australia.

Please consider driving real change as an ABG Member.

Visit: [www.australiansforbetter.com/join](http://www.australiansforbetter.com/join)

### DONATE:

Donations play a vital part in building our movement. Your contribution can aid us with:

- Social media campaigns
- Venue hire for events and conventions
- Printing flyers, banners and materials
- Travelling to events & speaking engagements
- Hiring billboards and general advertising

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chance to be  
part of a  
movement to  
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Australia's  
performance**





# WHO WE ARE

## OUR TEAM

### **ABG President - Steven Tripp**

Steven Tripp is the host of the Commanding the Narrative podcast and has been published widely, notably in the Spectator Australia. Serious about the issues facing Australia, Steven is an excellent public speaker with the charisma and experience needed to lead ABG.



### **ABG Co-Founder - Kevin Loughrey**

Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Loughrey served 32 years in the Australian Army and 15 years in private enterprise. He graduated from UNSW with an Honours Degree in Engineering and has also been awarded international patents for several inventions.



### **ABG Vice-President & Secretary - Toni Bowyer**

Toni Bowyer is an experienced and diligent political campaigner, who has been the campaign manager for a number of notable candidates across several Federal, State and Local Government elections.



### **ABG Treasurer - Angus Van Der Schyff**

Angus Van der Schyff is a Teacher in South-West Sydney. Originally from South Africa, Angus is focused on teaching his students the importance of critical thinking and how to be responsible citizens of Australia.



### **ABG Committee Member - Leigh Evans**

Leigh Evans is Chairman of both Facts4EU.org and the Campaign for an Independent Britain (CIBUK), which is the UK's longest-running organisation for independence, sovereignty, democracy and freedom.



### **ABG Committee Member - Katy McCallum**

Katy McCallum had a 16-year career as a General Duties Police Officer, serving across the Northern Region of Queensland. At the 2024 Queensland election, Katy ran in Gympie, achieving 22.1% of the vote.



### **ABG Committee Member - Mark Neugebauer**

Mark Neugebauer is the host of South Australia in Focus and is a former political candidate. Through ABG, Mark is hoping to create a better future for not just his progeny, but for all future Australian generations.



### **ABG Committee Member - Peter Hale**

Peter Hale spent 10 years as a Criminal Investigator for the NSW Police Force before he worked in the NSW Club Industry. He has a wealth of experience as Chairman of countless State and Federal Committees



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