



GREENS GREATS URGE AUSTRALIANS TO RECLAIM DEMOCRACY AT MORUYA FUNDRAISER

Former Greens leader, Dr Bob Brown, and current Greens NSW Senator, Lee Rhiannon, have urged Australian voters to reclaim democracy in Australia, by throwing their support behind The Greens candidate for Gilmore, Carmel McCallum and Eden-Monaro Greens candidate, Tamara Ryan.

At the function in Moruya, Dr Brown told a packed hall of people that it was outrageous that the two older parties had refused any form of co-operation with the Greens if this very close election ends with a hung parliament. “What they’re saying”, Senator Brown told the audience, “is that your vote doesn’t matter. If they don’t get the result they want, they’ll send you back to polls, and keep doing it until they get the result they want.”

Dr Brown said this was a travesty of what Australian democracy stood for freedom of choice, the right to contribute to major decisions in our society, and freedom to exercise our rights by voting as we see fit.

Senator Rhiannon and Dr Bob Brown both listed many of The Greens’ achievements in federal parliament, including overturning the \$7 GP co-payment, working with Government to prevent Australia’s economy being devastated during the global financial crisis, initiating the NDIS and, recently, pushing for electoral reform, as evidence of the power of smaller parties like The Greens to make major, identifiable improvements to the outcomes of political decisions for all Australians. All the speakers also listed the support of the wider population for ending the inhumane detention of refugees, and for ending the huge cost to Australians of off-shore detention, as issues in this election.

Carmel McCallum spoke movingly of the power of democracy, of people making choices about the ways they wanted governments to deal with the massive issues around climate change, focusing on the needs of people for sustainable jobs and a clean environment, and about her plans to transition the people of Gilmore, into 21st Century renewable and sustainable industries. She said, “I feel incredibly proud to be carrying on the legacy left by Bob Brown and the amazing work done by Lee Rhiannon, for the people of Gilmore, our children and our children’s children.”

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