

T Public Interests Before **OSCANO** **4** Corporate Interests **D** **DUNKLEY**

WHY STAND IN THE DUNKLEY ELECTORATE AT THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION?

Whether the Federal election is held on the 2nd July or September, Public Interests Before Corporate Interests (PIBCI) will not be registered as a Federal political party until February/March 2017. Although we currently have around 700 members, we will not have all the relevant paperwork required to lodge our application for registration as a political party until September/October 2016. If our application is accepted, it takes about four months to be processed (once an election is called the Australian Electoral Commission stops processing applications until the new government is sworn in).

Faced with these facts and the recent voting changes to the Senate, I could either not participate in the Federal election or I could stand as an Independent on a Public Interests Before Corporate Interests platform in the Federal electorate PIBCI has most members in – Dunkley.

CAMPAIGN ENDORSED BY PUBLIC INTERESTS BEFORE CORPORATE INTERESTS

Although the Toscano4Dunkley campaign is endorsed by PIBCI, I am running as an Independent candidate as PIBCI is not registered as a political party which means I would not be able to have the Public Interests Before Corporate Interests name next to my name on the ballot paper at the forthcoming Federal election.

FINANCES

Our main focus is to have PIBCI registered as a Federal political party. It is important limited finances are not diverted to the Toscano4Dunkley campaign. I will be funding my own campaign. It will cost approximately \$4,000. A \$1,000 deposit to stand as a candidate (refunded if I receive more than 4% of the vote) and approximately \$3,000 to pay for campaign literature and 'How to Vote' cards.

WHAT DO I HOPE TO ACHIEVE?

I am hoping to secure around 5% of the Primary vote at the Federal election in Dunkley. If I can do this it would help put the ideas I'm standing for on the public agenda during the next few years.

The campaign would raise the profile of PIBCI in the Dunkley electorate, Victoria and the rest of Australia and help increase the number of people joining PIBCI.

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