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for Franklin*

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Dear Mr Hehir

Audit of parliamentary entitlements paid to Liberal MPs and Senators

I refer to correspondence from Tim Watts MP dated 28 August 2015 asking you to conduct an audit of printing entitlements paid to Victorian Liberal MPs and Senators during the tenure of former State Director Damien Mantach.

I have obtained evidence which indicates Mr Mantach was also involved in printing campaign material for Tasmanian Liberal MPs and Senators during his time as Tasmanian State Director including in the 2007 Federal Election campaign. I enclose copies of some printed campaign materials from 2007 which were formally authorised by Mr Mantach.

While this material may not necessarily have been printed under the relevant parliamentarians' taxpayer-funded entitlements, it does indicate that Mr Mantach played a role in publishing and authorising printed campaign materials for Tasmanian Liberal MPs and Senators.

I ask that you extend any audit of printing entitlements of Victorian Liberal Party MPs and Senators to those paid to Tasmanian Liberal Party MPs and Senators during Mr Mantach's tenure as Tasmanian State Director, to ensure that any public monies which may have been misappropriated through alleged "kickback" schemes in this State, if any, are also identified and returned to the taxpayer.

As noted by Mr Watts MP, the Tasmanian Division of the Liberal Party has already discovered that Mr Mantach allegedly misappropriated \$48,000 by overspending on a corporate credit card. It is uncertain whether the Tasmanian Division of the Liberal Party has conducted any internal investigation into other aspects of Mr Mantach's conduct including any role in handling taxpayer-funded parliamentary entitlements.

I ask you to consider this matter along with those raised by Mr Watts MP and report your findings to the Parliament at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely


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Mr Boyd
For Response Pcs.

TAX RELIEF:

**Part of the plan to keep
Australia strong, prosperous and
secure in the future.**

"GO FOR GROWTH"



The plan for tax relief

- Helping families
- Rewarding hard work
- Growing Australia's Economy

The Coalition Government's plan for tax relief does more than help families with their household budgets. It will make Australia stronger by rewarding hard work and initiative.

The plan for tax relief will also make it easier for those in part-time work.

This substantial, \$34 billion plan will deliver tax relief of around \$20 a week to the average income earner (rising to around \$35 in 2010).

A family with a breadwinner on average earnings and a partner in part-time work will get tax relief of around \$30 per week (rising to \$50 per week in 2010).

Our goal is to reward participation and hard work by ensuring that in five years:

- People earning \$20,000 or less pay no tax.
- 45% of taxpayers have a marginal tax rate of 15% or less.
- 85% of taxpayers have a marginal tax rate of 30% or less.
- 98% of taxpayers have a marginal tax rate of 35% or less.



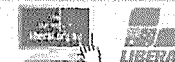
This plan builds on previous steps to strengthen Australia's economy, that have delivered the lowest rate of unemployment in 33 years, higher wages (that have grown 21.5% above the cost of living) and mortgage rates that have averaged

5.5 percentage points less than the average under Labor.

The table below illustrates how the Coalition Government's Plan for Tax Relief will provide practical help for your family.

Taxable Income (\$)	Annual Tax Saving (\$)		
	Cumulative savings from tax cuts commencing 1 July 2008 (#)		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
12,000	150	150	160
15,000	450	600	600
20,000	450	600	750
25,000	450	600	750
30,000	450	600	750
40,000	1,050	1,350	1,800
70,000	600	750	1,050
100,000	1,100	1,650	2,150

(#) Cumulative tax cuts against the 2007-08 tax scales.



The Liberals' 'Pro-Growth' 9-Point Plan



CAREFULLY
MANAGING
AUSTRALIA'S
1.1 TRILLION
DOLLAR
ECONOMY

John Howard & Peter Costello
Long term economic planning, focus,
discipline and experience

Your vote for Vanessa Goodwin in Franklin will...



Working hard to get results for our local area

- ✓ Support the Liberals' 9-Point Plan for Australia's future.
- ✓ Ensure that we'll all share the benefits locally in Franklin.
- ✓ Ensure a strong local voice in Canberra.

**70% OF
LABOR'S FRONT
BENCH ARE
ANTI-BUSINESS
UNION
OFFICIALS**

**"GO FOR GROWTH"
Vote Liberal**

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"The challenge is to keep the economy growing with full time employment while keeping inflation and interest rates low"

"Our job is to provide continued economic stability for everyone in Australia"

"GO FOR GROWTH"

A bold 9-Point Plan

This plan is all about further building and growing the Australian economy, so all Australians benefit and prosper.

1 A TAX PLAN TO BUILD THE ECONOMY.

Help families, reward hard work and grow our economy, with further tax relief.

A five year goal so that:

- those earning \$20,000 or less pay no tax;
- 45% of taxpayers pay no more than a 15% tax rate;
- 85% pay no more than a 30% tax rate; and
- 98% of taxpayers pay a top rate of no more than 35%.



2 HELPING FAMILIES AND SENIORS WITH THE COST OF LIVING.

• A Tax Reform Plan that will see 65% of working women with children pay no more than a 15% tax rate.

• A significant boost in the Utilities Allowance and a new Cost of Living Guarantee so that pensioners, carers and the disabled are fully compensated for increases in the cost of living.

3 KEEPING OUR FINANCES STRONG.

• A pledge to keep cutting the tax burden on families while keeping the Federal Budget in the black.



• Never following Labor States into debt.

4 A 3% UNEMPLOYMENT GOAL.

• A bold goal to cut the unemployment rate further to 3%.
• Not only a job for all those who want one but also the job and career you want.



5 GROWING SMALL BUSINESS.

• At least 100,000 Small Business Training Vouchers to assist small business owners and their employees to improve their skills.

• Keeping small business free of interference from union bosses and militant union officials.
• Never returning to Labor's 21% interest rates for small business.



6 BUILDING 100 NEW AUSTRALIAN TECHNICAL COLLEGES.

• Build an extra 100 new specialist Australian Technical Colleges to improve the skills of our young people and ensure our workforce has the skills needed so the Australian economy can continue to grow.

• Two new specialist Australian Defence Technical Colleges to build the skills of our Defence Force personnel now and into the future.



7 BOOSTING FRONTLINE HEALTH SERVICES.

• Increase the number of Australian-trained GPs so that within four years there are 900 GP training places a year – a 50% increase. Train 500 extra nurses a year in hospitals and double the number of Australian-trained medical specialists to 300 a year.

• Fund 50 Family Emergency Centres in local communities to help families when sudden illness or injury occurs and to help take pressure off public hospital emergency departments.
• Ensure that money for health services reaches the front line.

8 PRACTICAL GOALS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE.

• A national plan for integrated road, rail and port infrastructure through to the year 2020 and beyond.
• Water saving investments in the cities and the bush, including storm water capture, recycling and better irrigation.

• A Clean Energy Target and a world-leading Emissions Trading Scheme to drive investments in low emission and renewable technologies such as solar, gas, clean coal and geothermal energy.

9 STRONGER PROTECTION FOR THE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY.

• More CCTV cameras to make communities safer, better support police and protect local businesses.
• Cracking down on hoons, vandals, drug induced crime and

anti-social behaviour.
• Protecting our borders with a stronger and better equipped Australian Defence Force and tough border controls.

Liberal Senate Team



**Senator
Richard
Colbeck**



**Senator
David
Bushby**



**Don
Morris**

Advancing Tasmania's Interests

The Liberal Senate Team has a strong track record of Advancing Tasmania's Interests including:

- ✓ Keeping our economy strong and supporting business to create more jobs;
- ✓ Protecting the jobs of timber workers and their families;
- ✓ Securing the future of our fishing industry;
- ✓ Delivering lower, fairer taxes for hardworking families and business;
- ✓ Supporting our farmers in the Fair Dinkum Food Campaign;
- ✓ Establishing and strengthening the Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme;
- ✓ Saving and enhancing the Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme;
- ✓ Supporting small business to create jobs through workplace reform;
- ✓ Delivering record funding for major highway upgrades and local roads;
- ✓ Supporting the Meander Dam and promoting other sustainable water developments;
- ✓ Delivering the dual campus Australian Technical College to Northern Tasmania;
- ✓ Delivering funding for the Antarctic Airlink;
- ✓ Delivering record funding for public hospitals, plus \$79 million to boost services in Devonport, Burnie, Ouse and Rosebery;
- ✓ Increasing retirement incomes and reducing tax on superannuation;
- ✓ Protecting our environment, including \$3.5 billion for practical climate change programs, and
- ✓ Tripling government assistance for child care since 1996.

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Tasmanian Liberal Senate Team



Advancing Tasmania's Interests





Senator Richard Colbeck

Senator Richard Colbeck is a proud Tasmanian and a passionate advocate for our state. He has lived on the North-West Coast for most of his life and, with his wife Gaylene and three children, calls Devonport home.

Richard's trade background and over two decades working in the construction industry, has made him a strong supporter of Australian Technical Colleges and the practical training they provide. Richard's small business experience through operating his own construction company also makes him a strong advocate of a flexible workplace relations system.

A keen sportsman, Richard has been involved with local sporting groups and clubs for many years and enjoys his regular attendance at local football games.

Prior to his election to the Senate, Richard served a number of key roles in the Tasmanian business community and Local Government. He served as President of the Devonport Chamber of Commerce, and as a director of the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. As an Alderman of the Devonport City Council, Richard took special interest in regional development, water, waste management and the arts.

First elected to the Senate in 2001, Richard's first ministerial appointment was as the Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. This role allowed him to build on his strong affinity for rural communities developed during his time living on a dairy farm at Wilnot. He worked closely with farmers and the farming sector through his responsibility for industry research and development corporations and the Fair Dinkum Food Campaign. In 2006, Richard was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for Finance.

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STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMY

The Tasmanian Liberal Senate Team is committed to strengthening our economy and doing what's right for Tasmania. Strengthening our strong economy is absolutely vital to ensure that our local businesses can grow to create more local jobs and to lock-in our future prosperity. We will continue to work hard to make our economy stronger into the future to benefit all Tasmanians.



Senator David Bushby

Senator David Bushby is Tasmania's newest member of the Senate. David was born and raised in Launceston, but now lives in Hobart with his wife Sarah and their three daughters.

David has undertaken a range of roles during his working life. After receiving an economics/law degree, he practised law in Launceston, Sydney and Hobart, worked in the policy area of the Tasmanian Department of Premier and Cabinet and was an adviser to a Federal Cabinet Minister. This experience has given David an excellent understanding of both the policy and legislative processes of Government. Committed to small business, David has also been involved with two companies that are focussed on providing innovative approaches to waste water treatment, water re-use and conservation. He has also been a director of a public relations company.

David's enthusiasm to see small business thrive in Tasmania saw him take on the role of Secretary/Treasurer of the Tasmanian Small Business Council in 2001. David is a strong supporter of Howard Government initiatives to cut red tape and ease the administrative burden on small business owners.

As a dedicated family man, David understands the benefits for families of the Howard Government's record levels of child care funding, the Baby Bonus and the First Home Owner Grant. David also has a special interest in working to ensure that families continue to have access to more services and choice in health and education.

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UPGRADING OUR TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

The Tasmanian Liberal Senate Team is committed to continuing to upgrade our road and rail infrastructure and Bass Strait schemes. As an island state with a dispersed population, it is crucial for Tasmania to improve our transport infrastructure. We will continue to fight for a greater investment in our key transport infrastructure as well as the Bass Strait schemes.



Senate Candidate Don Morris

Don Morris is a fourth generation Tasmanian, with family links across the State. He grew up in Launceston, went to university in Hobart, has lived across Australia - including Norfolk Island - but now resides in South Hobart.

Don has extensive experience working in the public sector where he has undertaken a variety of roles in federal, state and territory government over more than 20 years. With a specific background in the delivery of service to regional Australia, Don knows that every decision taken by government - large or small - has an impact on the people of Tasmania.

Don believes that the expenditure of Government funds must be undertaken wisely and responsibly. The money is that of the people after all - and is entrusted to the Government by taxpayers to be allocated for the benefit of all Australians. Don therefore has a special interest in the accountability of governments to answer for how your tax dollar is spent. He is proud of the Howard Government's record of strong economic management and is keen to look in our current prosperity for the benefit of future generations.

Don also recognises the great challenge of our ageing population. As Tasmania's population is actually ageing faster than any other state, Don strongly supports public or private sector initiatives to help older Tasmanians stay in their homes as long as possible. To achieve this, Don will fight to ensure that fully resourced domiciliary and other support systems are in place across the State. Don takes the view that how we treat our older citizens is a measure of how civilised we are.

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IMPROVING OUR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

The Tasmanian Liberal Senate Team is committed to improving our State's water infrastructure. Local communities deserve the right to have clean drinking water and our farmers need greater water security through improved water storage and distribution infrastructure. We will continue to work with local communities to improve access to water for both drinking and irrigation.

This election, Bob Brown and the Greens have made it clear they want to get their hands on the balance of power in the Senate.

The Greens are just NOT worth the risk

DANGER

A vote for The Greens...

The only way to stop Bob Brown and the Greens getting the balance of power in the Senate is to vote for the Liberal Senate Team.

Vote for the only party that does not do deals with The Greens.

Vote Liberal



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...is a vote for



A massive tax grab



Radical social changes



Soft law & order

THAT'S EXTREME!

If you're thinking of voting for

THE GREENS

at this election, consider what you're **really** voting for.

DANGER

What the Greens really stand for:

MASSIVE TAX GRAB

PAST AND PRESENT GREENS POLICIES

INTRODUCE DEATH TAXES, INCLUDING TAX ON THE SALE OF THE FAMILY HOME.

Source: Greens Economic Policy, Tax and Revenue.

MASSIVE HIKE IN RESOURCE TAXES ON FORESTRY AND MINING.

Source: Greens Economic Policy, Tax and Revenue.

TAXATION OF FRANKED DIVIDENDS FOR SHAREHOLDERS - INCLUDING SELF-FUNDED RETIREES.

Source: Greens Economic Policy, Tax and Revenue.

INCREASE THE MEDICARE LEVY AND ABOLISH THE 30% PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE REBATE.

Source: Greens Economic Policy, Tax and Revenue.

INCREASE THE COMPANY TAX RATE.

Source: Greens Economic Policy, Tax and Revenue.

INCREASE CAPITAL GAINS TAX.

Source: Greens Economic Policy, Tax and Revenue.

INTRODUCE A GIFT TAX.

Source: Greens Economic Policy, Tax and Revenue.

INCREASE INCOME TAX.

Source: Greens Economic Policy, Tax and Revenue.

DANGER

What the Greens really stand for:

RADICAL SOCIAL CHANGE

PAST AND PRESENT GREENS POLICIES

GIVE WELFARE TO THE UNEMPLOYED WITHOUT THEM HAVING TO LOOK FOR A JOB.

Source: Greens Social Citizenship & Welfare Policy.

FULL ACCESS TO MARRIAGE LAWS FOR SAME SEX COUPLES.

Source: Greens Media Release, 30/11/2005.

REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CAR PARKING SPACES IN OUR CITIES AND REDUCE CAR OWNERSHIP.

Source: Greens Housing, Urban Planning & Transport Policies.

OPPOSE DEVELOPMENTS THAT CREATE JOBS FOR LOCALS INCLUDING: GAS; BASSLINK; WINDFARMS AND ALL MAJOR WATER DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDING THE MEANDER DAM.

Source: www.tas.greens.au/policy, Greens Leader Media Release 6/12/2005, Greens Alternative Budget.

DANGER

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What the Greens really stand for:

SOFT LAW AND ORDER

PAST AND PRESENT GREENS POLICIES

LEGALISATION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS INCLUDING TAXPAYER FUNDED HANDOUTS OF ECSTASY, SPEED, HEROIN AND MARIJUANA.

Source: Greens Policy, Drugs, Substance Abuse and Addiction, 2005.

"...THE REGULATION OF THE PERSONAL USE OF CURRENTLY ILLEGAL DRUGS SHOULD BE MOVED OUTSIDE THE CRIMINAL FRAMEWORK."

Source: Greens Policy, Drugs, Substance Abuse and Addiction, 2005.

"PILOT PROGRAMS TO TEST EFFECTIVENESS OF CONTROLLED AVAILABILITY OF HEROIN TO REGISTERED USERS FROM SPECIFICALLY LICENSED CLINICS."

Source: Greens Policy, Drugs, Substance Abuse and Addiction, 2005.

"CONTROLLED AVAILABILITY OF CANNABIS AT APPROPRIATE VENUES."

Source: Greens Policy, Drugs, Substance Abuse and Addiction, 2005.

"INVESTIGATION OF OPTIONS FOR THE REGULATED SUPPLY OF SOCIAL DRUGS SUCH AS ECSTASY IN CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENTS."

Source: Greens Policy, Drugs, Substance Abuse and Addiction, 2005.

VOTED AGAINST THE ANTI-TERRORISM LAWS IN THE PARLIAMENT.

Source: Hansard, 30/11/2005.

The Greens just aren't worth the risk

How to vote Geoff Page Liberal for Lyons

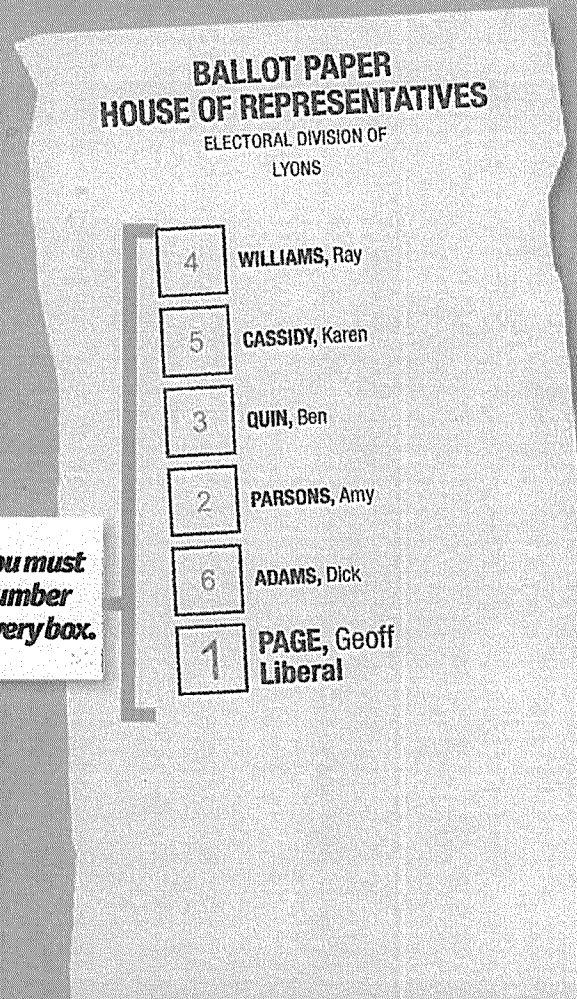


"GO FOR GROWTH"
Vote Liberal

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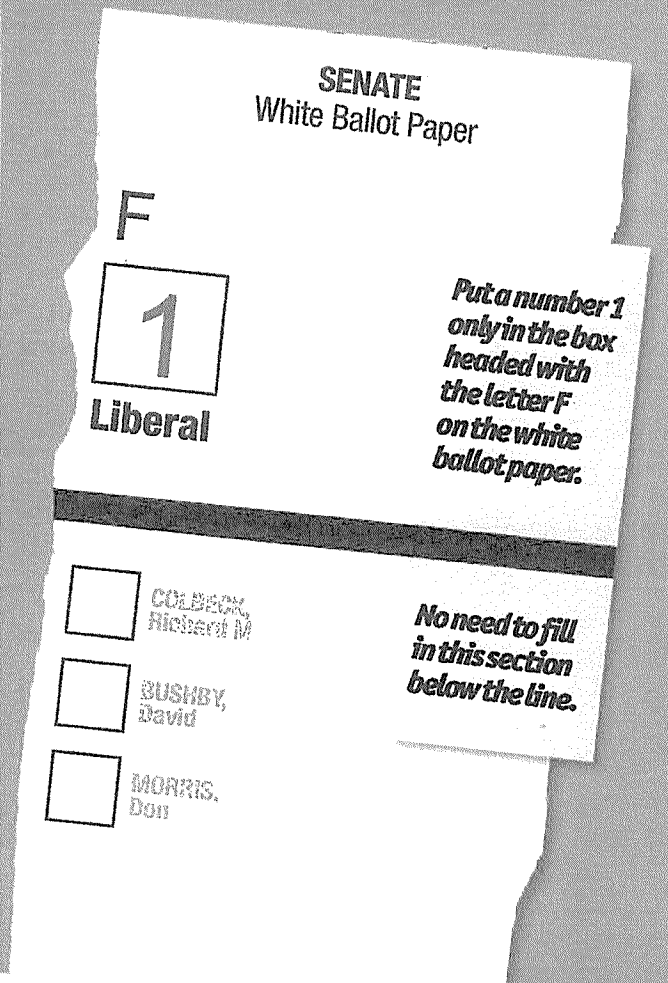
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STEP 2 How to vote Liberal in the Senate

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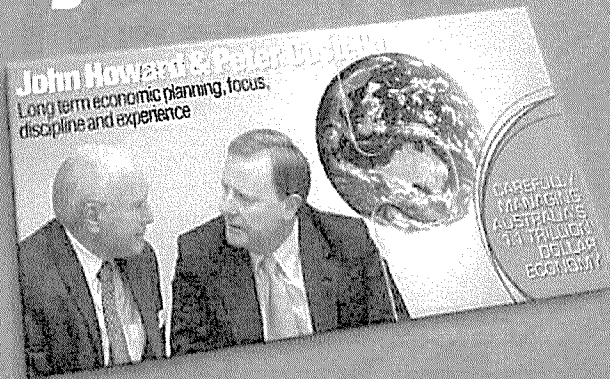
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"I need your vote to do more" Geoff Page



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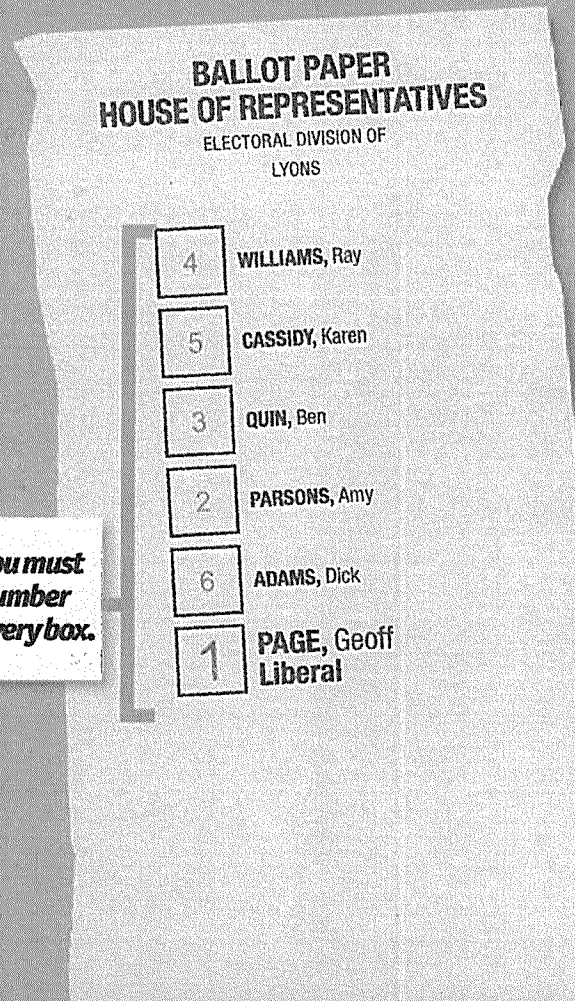


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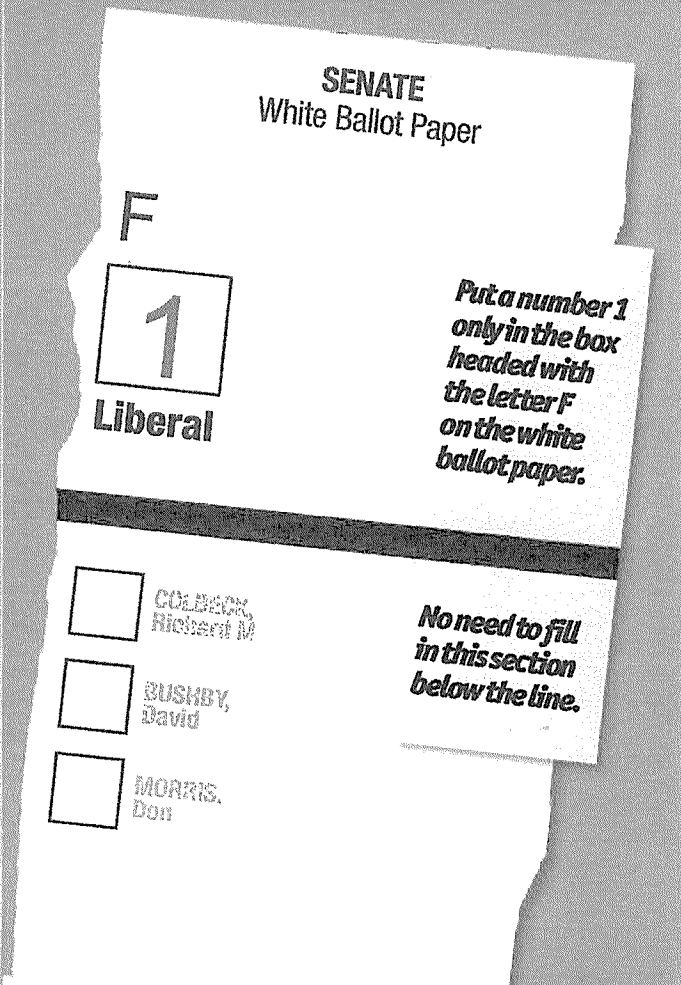
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