

OSCAR President

From: OSCAR President <president@oscar.org.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 31 January 2018 14:56
To: 'Noosa Electorate Office'
Subject: Meeting with OSCAR today
Attachments: Implementing Belcarra submission.pdf

Dear Sandy

Thank you for your warm welcome and your generous time allocation to us this morning.

It was good to discuss some issues of mutual interest and get a sense of your priorities. OSCAR wishes you well in your parliamentary career and we cannot see why that will not be a long and effective one.

We are more than happy to provide you with information that might be useful to you; as discussed I have attached the submission we made to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee in relation to the proposed legislation (*Local Government Electoral (Implementing Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017*) to put into effect the Operation Belcarra Report recommendations.

Obviously, OSCAR would be very happy if you were to pressure the State Government to bring that legislation to Parliament as soon as possible, given it was a key pre-election commitment of Labor and it would represent a significant, and needed, reform of certain governance practices.

One of the topics we did not really get around to discussing in any detail was the extent of OSCAR's involvement in future Council elections (beyond the issues of Candidate Forums and Surveys). I believe at some stage it would be good to get your input on this matter given your previous local government experience (both winning a seat on Council and your near miss in the last Mayoral race) and your successful bid for Noosa.

It is unlikely that OSCAR would ever run candidates in council elections but we may well decide to provide practical support to state and council candidates who share our objectives and are not standing as endorsed candidates for a political party. I am determined that we become a credible and effective player in the March 2020 Council elections for both Noosa and the SCRC and there is no reason why that could not extend to you in a future state election given you certainly meet our criteria for support. Any assistance OSCAR provides to individual candidates would never be financial but it could run for example to general media advertising advocating support for suitable candidates (because of their position on the issues that concern us) and assistance with people resources for letterboxing, polling booth staffing etc.

Please thank Lyn for her efforts in organising for us to meet this morning.

PS I do appreciate how much correspondence you already, and will increasingly, receive and OSCAR will do its best to limit our contribution to that volume and try and ensure when we do contact you it is of sufficient mutual benefit to merit your attention. We promise not to use the word URGENT but will always include OSCAR at the beginning of the Subject title in our correspondence to you.

Best wishes ... Greg

Greg Smith
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