

10th June 2015

Hon. Louise Asher MP
Chair
Electoral Matters Committee
Parliament of Victoria
Parliament House, Spring Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002

Dear Louise Asher MP & Chair,

RE: Inquiry into the 2014 Victorian State Election

Thank you for requesting my 'views, insights and experiences' in relation to the 2014 election.

I ran as an Independent. I previously ran as an independent for council City of Moreland & I put up a team of real Independents in each Ward, & I achieved my objective & was responsible for ending the all time absolute Labor majority. Melbourne's North is treated as a wasteland.

For the 2014 Victorian State Election – District of Pascoe Vale, I found;

1. The expense of the campaign letter drops, advertising & resourcing were high but not unexpected.
2. The voting day gate contact by candidates & minions at entry to booths was a circus. This is an element that requires review and improvement.
3. Little to no information on some candidates, eg. qualifications, skills and accomplishments. In fact the Family First candidate remains a total mystery and no search ever revealed his face. Further, it was quite evident the 'party candidates' were under instructions to avoid public intercourse. This is also an element that requires review and improvement.
4. The process, costs and resourcing was heavily in favour of the large established parties. No doubt pleasing to the zealots. However it works to the exclusion of those (individuals) that can contribute the most. Meanwhile the party's face a deleterious recessive future, fostered by policy inbreeding.

I would like to participate in the Public Hearings, however I am unable to commit at this time to the scheduled dates.

Yours sincerely

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Candidate 2014 Victorian State Election for District Seat of Pascoe Vale