



E NEWS ELECTION UPDATE VOTE BELOW THE LINE

Election 2010 has started and we all loved the polligraph and how men and women divided on the leader's speeches but by now many of us will be starting to get a good idea about what we think about the Feds. More importantly you will now know that Bob Brown has sold his soul to the ALP so that about 80% of his preferences will go to the ALP on Election Day.

The ALP have a 35% to 38% primary vote, as it stands, so they had little choice but to seek the Greens preferences, however we do. The dismissal of Kevin Rudd was not well supported by most of us.

I understand that power is everything but now we have a deal between a party that clearly will do anything to win and the Green's who can't win. In fact the Greens have had in the past a clear mandate not to govern and as such their policies do not actually reflect the real work, great ideas and plans of government but just a few issues which have significant effect. The ETS for one will have a significant impact on our cost of living with little or no benefit, The banning of fishing or human access to National Parks let alone four wheel driving.

So the Greens have had it good, but what happens if they actually win a seat and control the house and the senate. We then will have a significantly large increase in the cost of living because they want Australia to lead the way for the rest of the world by introducing a carbon tax for which we will all pay dearly. This is notwithstanding everything, Australia is barely the top of a pin head when it comes to the worlds pollution.

Yes it is vital that we make a stand and like Labor in Victoria get serious about Yallourn and brown coal, building with double or triple glazed windows and having a solar power buy back scheme that actually can work.

In my article in the August issue of Trackwatch, which I wrote before the election was called, I commented about how important it is to vote for the party that you want to govern and not for those that want to stop things we regard as important. Well now that a deal has been done between Gillard and Brown it is important for us to stand up and make a difference when we cast our vote this year.

To that end I am recommending that none of us vote above the line because your vote may go somewhere you don't want and that will be the beginning of the end for all recreation in Australia. Fishing, Hunting, Skiing, Horse riding, trail bike riding just to name a few. Healthy Parks for healthy people, not if the Greens have their way.

Just recently the Victorian National Parks Association released a new fishing policy. A huge new number of marine national parks. We four wheel drivers have been listening to this VNPA mantra for years, "more parks and lock them up". The good news is that all Federal political parties said NO to this proposition.

So we have reported what the policies of the Greens actually say, now it is your job to work out how to vote for both the senate and the house of representatives. That is please take a greens card as you enter the polling booth and identify all their candidates and then start below the line with the last number being the top green candidate then work backwards. So if there are 50 candidates for the Senate then start at 50, then 49 then 48 and work your way back up the form till you get to the party you want to support and put them in the top bracket of numbers. You can get more information from our web site.

This is not difficult but **SO IMPORTANT**. We at Four Wheel Drive Victoria are asking you all to vote for your party of choice but please protect our rights, our privilege and our recreation and make certain you **VOTE BELOW THE LINE** for both the Senate and the House of Representative and put the Greens last. By the time the next issue of Trackwatch hits your mail box the Federal election will be over. Please love the fact that we have the right to vote and to make a difference. The rest is up to you. I should also add that we have created a political update link on our website. Pay us a visit and keep in touch. Visit <http://www.fwdvictoria.org.au> and follow the link for more information.

Please pass this edition of e news to all your friends and encourage them to vote below the line our future recreation may depend on it.

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