



Is Geoff Shaw the only parliamentarian standing tall

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The Victorian people for the past twelve months have been subjected and fed misinformation, innuendoes and malicious lies surrounding the parliamentarian behaviour of Geoff Shaw. Labor and Liberal parliamentarians and supporters have been accused on entering into discussions regarding the alleged misappropriation of government funds of Geoff Shaw.

Listening to radio personalities, people in the street, news media, friends and supporters of political parties from both sides of the fence have convinced me that not one has any idea of what Geoff Shaw stands for and are readily to believe the absolute rubbish that is being spread to undermine the one person in parliament who is not afraid to stand up and say things as they are.

I have never met Geoff Shaw and yet I feel I he is being hounded and not being given a fair go. I have heard women express their dismay at Geoff Shaw's stand against abortion, heard parliamentarians talk about in his inadequacies in parliament and that he is not a team player, I have heard malicious items about his personal habits from people who have never met him and in all o tis I wonder how many have honestly sat down to listen to him.



Geoff Shaw. As a conservative right wing member of our society, I have great respect for those on the left of politics and for those who believe in the green machine so to speak.

Yet despite my respect for all the groups only a few would I would honestly believe that they have a good grasp of the political situation in Victoria and of the mediocrity of our parliamentarians.

Targeting Geoff Shaw is only a blind to hide their mediocre performance and to use the time to prepare for the State election. Furthermore it also to hide their own misgivings and shortcomings, which some not all have been guilty of and the people of Victoria have not woken up to them to date. Time is on the side of all Victorians and sooner or later all such dirty laundry will have to washed and dried for all to see. But that time has not yet come. I like the sound of Geoff Shaw when he recently stated "would you kill the heart beat of an infant". I know I would not unless that heart beat was to endanger the life of the mother.

Yes I agree that a woman's body is her own, (I will never deny a woman's right to her own body) but that right ceases to be her own when she has conceived and she is responsible for that additional heart beat within her womb. I agree also that there are times when abortion is the only option and even when that decision is to be made it is made with all the good and right intentions and not disposed as an unwanted heart beat.



Denis Napthine. Having said the above, I do not believe that Geoff Shaw is being treated fairly on political level and is being used to prop up the government who at the moment is struggling to retain its majority in Parliament.

It is not in the interests of the opposition as it would make Geoff Shaw a martyr and it would not help their cause in relation to the upcoming election.

It is therefore up to the Denis Napthine government to come to terms with Geoff Shaw and retain his services at least until State election in November. Labor on the other hand does not want to have an election forced upon them now as they are fully prepared and/or obtained all of the resources necessary to conduct an effective election campaign.

I do not believe that Geoff Shaw is a bad politician but one who passionately believes in what is right, correct and good for his electorate. Mind you if he is all of the above, the proof of the pudding will be at the next State election. If the people of his electorate believe in him and that he is doing the right thing by his actions in parliament and that he is truly representing them, they shall return him back into office.

Unfortunately, unless one who is to run as an independent is wealthy, has the resources and manpower it is somewhat difficult to conduct an election campaign successfully and get your message out to the electorate. Very few independents are able to do this and those that do have had a personal and dedicated following. If Geoff Shaw is to return, the government of the day will do well to come to the negotiating table and stop spending good money in trying to denigrate a representative of the people.

Then again we must consider whether his negotiations with the current Napthine government are to shore up his own support base. His current political tactic of divide and rule appears to be working as both major parties do not have a bipartisan approach to removing Geoff Shaw as it's not in their interests to do so. But by hinting and demonstrating his lack of support on some government initiatives it would seem that he is being left with playing his ace that he has kept up his sleeve regarding supporting a No Confident motion should it arise against the Government.



Ted Baillieu. Denis Naphine as far as I am concerned cannot be faulted for the manner in which he has kept a Liberal government in power the clever manoeuvring of his ministers, supporters to ensure his grip on the leadership role.

Ted Baillieu on the hand was given the an unwarranted kiss of death by those who were supposed to be looking after his interests and in my opinion did not deserve to step down.

In any case it would now appear that as it stands there are other contenders for the leadership position all of which are reluctant to make the first move in the event in brings about their political demise and reduces their chances of the top job.

In essence, the Geoff Shaw as stated above is but a side show designed to hide the mediocrity of our current parliamentarians who lack the vision and the courage that Victorians need at this moment. We as a nation are heading towards a minor recession whether we like it or not and we need to be united if we are to see this minor recession be overcome. Do not believe all of the vitriolic, hyperbole, political double speak, agnostic rhetoric but listen to your own gut feeling and realise what the true situation is. Political rivalries will have to be put aside, mediocrity replaced by professional and experienced members of parliament who can and will represent their electorates and not sit on their backsides alienating their constituents.



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