



LIBERALS CAPTURE HEARTS AND MINDS OF AUSSIE BATTLEERS

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Last night in the heart of Oakleigh I witnessed something I had not seen since the days of the Jeff Kennett prior to his elevation to the Victorian Premier's role. Jeff Kennett had captured the imagination, hearts and minds of the Australian Hellenic population as a result of his support to their stance on the origins of Alexander the Great. David Davis the Shadow Minister for Transport demonstrated once and for all to everyone present that he was able to capture the hearts and minds of those present. It was estimated that in excess of 200 people had attended the function in order to hear David Davis and his team of Liberals. I must admit that I was taken back a bit by his passion, grit and determination to right a wrong by the Daniel Andrews led Labor Government of Victoria.

Full marks to David Davis and his team who were there to support him last night, Inga Peulich, Margaret Fitzherbert, Donna Bauer, Georgia Crozier, Andrew Edmonds (Candidate for Oakleigh), Asher Judah (Candidate for Bentleigh), Geoff Gledhill (Candidate for Mordialloc) and Michael Lamb (Candidate for Frankston). A solid team of Liberal representatives from various industries and organizations lent their support to the function. Visit Facebook page to hear David Davis regarding Liberal Party point of view: <https://www.facebook.com/peter.adamis/videos/10217157049660972/>

Other well-known members in the community and industry were Nick Bantounas (Event organizer), Peter Vlahos (Former Mayor for the City of Monash), Esther Demian (Event Coordinator & Taxi Industry representative), Nick Loupis (3XY), John Payvanis (3XY), Louie Bougias (Bourke Street hero), Nick Patsios (Taxi Industry), Peter Christodoulou (Taxi Industry), Vasili and John Zafiroopoulos (Oakleigh Greek community) and many other industry groups who attended to hear what the Shadow Minister for Transport had to say. They certainly were not disappointed.

Esther Demian the event coordinator and also the taxi Industry representative for the evening spoke about the failures of the current Labor Government under Daniel Andrews. She gave a number of examples such as the East West Link, (Failure), Victorian Crime (Failure), Home invasions (Failure), Car Jacking (Failure), Domestic Violence (Failure), Safe Injecting facilities (Failure), Taxi Industry Reforms (Failure), CFA and fire Department (Failure), Water desalination (Failure), Sky Rail Project – No Consultation (Failure), Youth Justice (Failure), Bail laws (Failure), Energy Bills (Failure), Timber mills (Failure), Hazelwood Power Station (Failure), Fiscal expenditure (Failure), Honesty and Trust (Failure), Public Consultation (Failure) and finally and most important, Putting People First a notable Failure. A promise on the eve of election victory not kept.



Esther's speech was capped by a roar of approval and passionate exclamations of Labor shame. As an observer, wondered how Daniel Andrews can make a comeback and woo back traditional Labor supporters. I must say that speaking with various individuals within the "No Name" Restaurant in Oakleigh, I came to the conclusion that 95% of the guests who attended were hard core Labor supporters incensed at Daniel Andrews and his Labor Government.

Some of those present were of the opinion that Daniel Andrews may do a back flip closer to the election and match the Liberal party's Transport Policy in order to win back traditional Labor voters.

If individuals like Nick Bantounas, a past hard core disillusioned Labor supporter can change as a result of the lies of the Daniel Andrews Labor led Government then Labor must do something to stop the leakage of Labor voters. Labor has much to regret and sooner or later change will come. What is certain is that Daniel Andrews's policy of "PUTTING THE PEOPLE FIRST" is now a dirty word used in derogatory terms when referring to the Labor Party. However politics is a like a game of chess, you never know whether the "Rook" or the "Knight" can be used effectively to win the game. "PUTTING PEOPLE LAST" is not the way to go to win the hearts and minds of the Aussie battler.



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