



## THE BANKS ARE ROTTEN IN CHISHOLM

Abalinx 30 August 2018 Peter Adamis.

Today in the Age Julia Banks the snow flake stated that "I have always listened to the people who elected me and put Australia's interest before internal political games, factional party figures, self-proclaimed power brokers and certain media personalities who bear vindictive, mean-spirited grudges intent on settling their personal scores". The image itself tells the story, that she has turned her back on the electorate of Chisholm.

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What utter drivell! What gutless self-seeking individual would say that unless they were part of the Turnbull driven sycophants. She should hang her head in shame. So many people helped her win the seat and now she is off like a rat like her ex-boss the megalomania Turnbull. People like Gladys Lieu, Frank Greenstein, John Paganis, the Chinese and Greek communities, the scores of the young Liberals and the many others that worked their butts off to help her beat the Labor candidate.

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# Liberals rocked by bullying claims

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A row over bullying and intimidation has rocked the Morrison government as a key MP vows to quit Parliament at the next election in a fresh sign the Liberal Party remains deeply split over last week's leadership turmoil.

The development is another blow to Prime Minister Scott Morrison as Labor prepares to exploit the imminent resignation of former prime minister Malcolm Turnbull to challenge the government's authority on the floor of Parliament.

Liberal MP Julia Banks sparked a furore over the treatment of women in politics yesterday after announcing her intention to leave Parliament, declaring she had experienced bullying and intimidation by Liberal and Labor MPs.

The Age has spoken to several MPs who are also angry at the brutal politics displayed last week, when supporters of leadership contender Peter Dutton put pressure on their colleagues to bring down Mr Turnbull.

Ms Banks said last week was the "last straw" after the intimidation she had witnessed on both sides of politics since her entry to Parliament in 2016.

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certain media personalities who bear vindictive, mean-spirited grudges intent on settling their personal scores," she said.

Worried about their future careers, other Liberals have asked for their names to be withheld when discussing the intense lobbying from Mr Dutton's camp to secure the numbers for a leadership ballot he subsequently lost.

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She did not resonate or identify well with the Australian Hellenic community, she did acknowledge those who worked diligently behind the scenes and she was certainly no star when she was in Canberra. If she had any courage at all she would have fought back at the alleged bullies who in my opinion were using "if and what" scenarios to seduce and attract rather than bully. But no Julia Banks wants to go out with a bang and put her party at risk.

It matters little that she voted for Turnbull because her vote means absolutely nothing now, especially when Scott Morrison is battling in the trenches throwing grenades to ward off a union controlled Labor party. Scott Morrison deserves better. Scott Morrison whether you like him or not is doing his best under the circumstances and can do without being undermined from within. Turnbull first and now Banks. What a gutless duo and un-Australian to boot.

Also from her statement, Banks goes onto say: "I am not giving up the fight for gender equality. The scourge of cultural and gender bias, bullying and intimidation continues against women in politics, the media, and across businesses. In anticipating my critics saying I'm "playing the gender card" – I say this. Women have suffered in silence for too long and in this last twelve months the world has seen many courageous women speak out. To young women and men reading this announcement – I say I've only ever aspired to inspire. If I've inspired any one of you to have leadership courage – that will sustain me."

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### A Liberal MP quitting over the leadership spill speaks volumes at heraldsun.com.au

SO Julia Banks' constituents were clear that they wanted Malcolm to remain PM. Big deal. A huge number of other MPs' constituents wanted change. We might not like it but this is a parliamentary democracy, and on matters of leadership, the party decides. The majority of Liberal MPs signed a petition for change and that is what we got. **Roger**

"MEAN spirited" to bring down Turnbull but nothing to say about the same actions Turnbull used to knife Tony Abbott in the back? **Steve**

MAKES you wonder why they go into politics. She can't be that naive to not know what goes on in the political circus. **Jennifer**

SAD that Ms Banks feels so strongly, she will not contest the next election to represent her constituents. It is good she shows loyalty to the party and remains until the next election. Perhaps more loyalty could have been shown for her party had she waited until next year to announce she would not stand. **Adrian**

NOT enough ticker ... and if she thinks Turnbull has great integrity, she could check with Nelson and Abbott to see if the knives are still in their backs. **Terence**

AS the swamp drains, so will the clarity of the water return, and the remaining flora and fauna begin to thrive. This is for all the (political) environmentalists out there who still don't realise that "Turnbullism" was the weed that was choking the Liberal Party. **Pam**



Julia Banks is resigning, citing the Turnbull dumping as the last straw.

I AM very familiar with Julia Banks' seat of Chisholm, having lived, worked, socialised and gone about my general business in the area. And it just highlights the fact that Julia Banks has no idea of the makeup of the people in that electorate. It's a solid Conservative working middle-class electorate — if she wanted a Leftie/Green Labor electorate, she should have contested inner-city Melbourne seats. **Josh**

CHISHOLM is marginal but Labor has held it more times than not since 1983. **Oopster**

GOOD on you, it's about time someone like you showed the courage. I wish Tony Abbott would do the same. **Andrew**

WELL said and well done. **Manfred**

WAS going to lose and so doesn't want to put in the hard yards campaigning — a bit like MT. **Ann**

SMART. She wouldn't have been re-elected anyhow. **Glen**

SHE is my local member and I'm happy to see her go. **Susan**

SHE has been so far left of centre, she could run for the Greens. I am an ex-Liberal member. I live in her seat of Chisholm and I am "ex" because of her and Turnbull. **Jamie**

"I HAVE received hundreds of emails and calls from my constituents and their voice has been very clear. They wanted Malcolm Turnbull's leadership as Prime Minister to continue." They were clearly Labor voters ringing her. Liberal voters wanted him gone; and now he has, they may get their party back. **Keith**

SHE obviously doesn't have the ticker to stick to politics. What a lame excuse for throwing in the towel. **Peter**

"SHE said Mr Turnbull was an inspiring and visionary leader of great intellect and integrity" ... utter nonsense. She would have been smashed at the next election so she is scurrying off. **Dexxter**

BEFORE the electoral boundary restructure, she was my federal MP. Never saw her, never heard from her and I never got a response to an email I sent to her office over six months ago. Probably because I don't live in Oakleigh and I don't have a last name ending in "opoulos". **Alex**

LIBERALS imploding. It's a pleasure to watch. **Jarrod**

LIBS were stuffed for years as soon as they put Turnbull in charge. People forget Malcolm tried first to join Labor but was rejected so he joined the Libs. Speaks volumes. **Stuart**

A POLITICIAN with principles. What a shame she has to leave parliament. **Terry**

I SUSPECT politics isn't for her. **Gael**

SHE did say that she could live on \$40/week. **Halg**

This pure fantasy and fibs on her part for she uses gender to hide her failure in not becoming a minister as she wanted and was promised by Malcolm Turnbull if he won. Banks could have taken a leaf out her colleague, Sarah Henderson who stated: "Politics is a robust and stressful business, particularly when contesting or representing a marginal seat". Let us hope that the next candidate who ever that may be is not an ex Liberal parliamentarian, washed out Left Wing Looney Moderate; but someone with life experiences, known to the electorate, respected by all and without any baggage or personal political agendas.

The only thing I agree with Banks is her remarks regarding "self-proclaimed power brokers". Every political party has them and some would say a necessary evil. But don't take my word for it. Read the Herald/Sun, extract below. Speak to people in her electorate, speak to those who supported her and as for her poor old staff, I feel sorry for them. If there was a bully, you will find many of them on the Yarra River Bank.



In my opinion, Banks would have earned my respect if she kept her mouth shut, speak to the Prime Minister and voice her concerns to the Victorian Liberal Party President Michael Kroger. My understanding is that she did not make any approaches to Michael Kroger and I am sure that he would have followed up the complaint like he does with many other in house complaints.

As for Ted Baillieu, I fail to see why it was necessary for him to make a statement regarding Julia Banks. Ted is a good bloke and I hate to think that he making unwarranted statements other than to undermine the President Michael Kroger. People have forgotten that it was Michael Kroger was the President that laid the foundations for Ted Baillieu to become President back in the early Nineties. Ted blotted his book by taking credit for the work done by Michael Kroger.

The short of it all is that Julia Banks is typical of a failed political careerist and now that she has failed she cuts it and run. What a goose and the electorate is better off without her.



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