



Karina Okotel for Chisholm

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The Liberal Party, over the past 28 years, in their infinite wisdom have consistently made errors of judgement in their selection of candidates. There are numerous cases of selecting a square peg into a round hole and wonder post-election time why the candidate did not meet with their expectations. In other cases, young Liberals were thrown into the fire after being selected for an electorate that could not be won. It is like fighting an enemy who has the hearts and minds of the people and expecting to see changes occur overnight.

Some of these young Liberals are so eager to make their mark when a seat is offered to them that they fail to see the long term effects and that they are being given a poison chalice. It's time the Liberal party selected candidates that will suit the electorate and not base their selection on status, wealth and personal egos. Those days are gone and it is time the liberal Party realised that we are in a new century.

The time has come for the Liberal Party Victorian Division to bite the bullet and endorse Karina Okotel for the seat of Chisholm, replacing Julia Banks who has taken the low road to political oblivion. To do otherwise is folly, foolish and stupid. Karina Okotel has proven time and time again that she is deserving of a seat in an electorate that is tailor made for her. Despite not living in the electorate, the seat of Chisholm is perfect for Karina given that she is well known in the electorate campaigning on behalf of others.

A lawyer by profession, a great communicator, well liked, a conservative, a team player and someone who believes in good government, strong economy small business, safety net for families, equality and a fair go for battlers. She has a Christian, family orientated philosophy which is in line with the majority of the Chisholm electorate, many of who have migrant backgrounds in their second and third generations. Discussions with the various community leaders have indicated that they would prefer a political representative who has good communication skills, is not driven by ideology, is known to the people and someone who can deliver the services expected of them.

Her Labor counterpart, Jennifer Yang who has a science and business background, believes in good government, a strong economy, education, health services, wages growth and technology. She lives in Blackburn with her family and has worked as a councillor and Mayor, providing her with the knowledge and experience for higher office. Her resume appears more aligned to Liberal Party values rather than the Labor Party, but the seduction of power is strong in her and as such, the Liberals who spurned her under the leadership of Ted Baillieu may yet rue the day. Jennifer Yang wanted to be a member of the Liberal Party but Ted Baillieu did not want her and Jennifer Yang was wooed by Geoff Lake, the councillor for Monash City Council towards a Labor ideology and philosophy.



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