



RESPONSIBILITY RESTS WITH ROBERT CLARK

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While liberals seek refuge from a dysfunctional administrative committee, Labor is taking advantage of their opposite number and creating an infrastructure that creates jobs and security for the long term. However as bright the future looks, eventually someone has to pay for all the buildings, freeways and structures being built. It will take more than four years for the Liberal party to get its act together to put up a decent campaign against Labor.

[Robert Clark since he became President](#) and having survived a challenge by Greg Hannan has forged ahead with his divisive concepts. He and the administrative Committee are trying to control everything, suspend members, censor information, undermine the constitution and the rights of members to criticise him and his Administrative Committee. ["The president cannot control everything in the party, even if they wish to."](#) ["Many things have happened during my presidency about which I am unhappy, but this is the nature of politics."](#) "Ultimately, however, the buck stops at the top." These words are not my own but by a former President who had the courage to tackle the difficult tasks and in doing so shoulder the burden of responsibility alone. Robert Clark is clearly out of his depth, lacking the skills and knowledge that are necessary as president. The sooner Robert Clark resigns the better.



Today members are in a state of shock to hear of a much respected Liberal resigning from Robert Clark's Administrative committee, citing dysfunctionality, deception, poor governance and lacking judgement on the Constitution. [Mrs Jean Hawkins](#) a long time Liberal was so concerned with the self-interest of members that she could no longer remain on the Administrative Committee under the leadership of Robert Clark. In response according to the Age, Robert Clark had apparently emailed committee members, saying he was sorry about Ms Hawkins' decision to resign. He rejected her criticisms stating: "Needless to say, I strongly disagree with the reasons you give, which are based on numerous fundamental misconceptions," he said of Mrs Hawkins' decision.

One senior Liberal (possibly from the Administrative Committee) dismissed the resignation, insisting it was unlikely to have any practical consequence. "Insisting it was unlikely to have any practical consequence" [The particular member who leaked the information to the media said](#) "I think it's another stunt in a long line of stunts from people who want to destabilise the party." Whatever the case may be, there is only a few remaining administrative committee meetings before elections in May of this year.

However in response to a recent petition by members, Mr Clark confirmed the special council meeting would no longer go ahead because some party members who had signed a "requisition" had withdrawn their support. ["The withdrawal of these requisitions means the party can now return to focusing on more productive activities, such as getting target federal seat candidates into the field and building our party profile and presence in marginal and traditional Labor areas."](#) Mr Clark told members. This is not true at all, members did not withdraw their support. It appears that someone highly placed on the Administrative committee leaked to the media their spin on the handling of member's petition. In today's world of instant communication, anything is possible.

The current Administrative Committee (not all) led by Robert Clark are more interested in focusing on self-interest projects rather than concentrate on what is best for Australians and that of the Liberal party. Is it a wonder that Robert Clark has lost respect of his own Administration? The latest Administrative Committee decisions have demonstrated that it is no longer a governing body and its [dysfunctional methodologies](#) have done much harm to its members. For example the members' petition and their motions were handled in an undemocratic manner and biased manner, especially when the decisions they made had a direct bearing on the Constitution.



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