



The serpent

amongst the rotten apples of decay

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A GRASS ROOTS POINT OF VIEW. Never in the history of the Liberal Party have the few been so responsible for the many ailments now rife within. Sycophants, Whisperers, Rainbow warriors, Recalcitrants, Wannabees, Janus Brotherhood and illegal carnivorous canines roaming the political desert been so destructive.

Grass root members are now striking back against what they view as decay in what was once considered the jewel within the Liberal party nationally. What a rotten state the Victorian Division of the Liberal Party is in! Rotten apples found everywhere. Alleged branch stacking in the West, carnivorous canines found in the North East, Sycophants in the inner city, Whisperers found at festivals, Janus brotherhood pontificating on social media and Rainbow warriors following the great serpent who is sitting on the throne.



If we look at what is happening in Victoria, we find first, the regime running the Administrative Committee overseen by the State President, Robert Clarke, the vanquished MLA of the once very safe seat of Box Hill, decided to hold Federal pre-selections with undue haste. This is despite the pleas of the Prime Minister, the Federal President, the Federal Director and every Victorian Federal member and senator. It is almost as if the plans to fast-track pre-selections are designed to achieve one mean-spirited 'Modern Liberal' preoccupation: the toppling of Kevin James Andrews as the Member for Menzies. What a disgrace to think that we the grass roots are being taken for granted. We have not forgotten that Box Hill had a margin of 5.7 per cent in 2014 and 13.8 per cent in 2010. It was not just demographics that lost that seat!

To understand fully we need to unravel the background to this! The Australian Electoral Commission has promised new boundaries in Victoria in this parliamentary term to accommodate for a new seat due to the rapid population growth in this state. This will inevitably impact on the boundaries of Menzies, the Administrative Committee has forged ahead in disenfranchising preselectors who might otherwise be preselectors if the preselection is properly and fairly delayed until after the AEC's redistribution process.

In order to push back on this rotten borough politics, a special State Council meeting is being triggered by a written requisition signed by over 100 members of the Liberal Party's State Council. This is completely in keeping with special meeting provisions embedded under 11.10(a)-(e) under the State Party's constitution in order to hold suspect and dodgy decisions to account.

The current recalcitrant Administrative Committee led by that great serpent are refusing to hold the meeting as required – by giving themselves the power to “rule out” motions they disagree with. Members of the party's Constitutional Committee are controversially ruling this Special State Council invalid – note that the Constitutional Committee includes the Chair, Daryl Williams, and Ian Quick's factional mate, Eddy Gisonda. We the grass root members are not naïve to be taken in so lightly. We too have reliable information that Eddie Gisonda has been doing most of the leg-work on the Constitutional Committee in recent times.

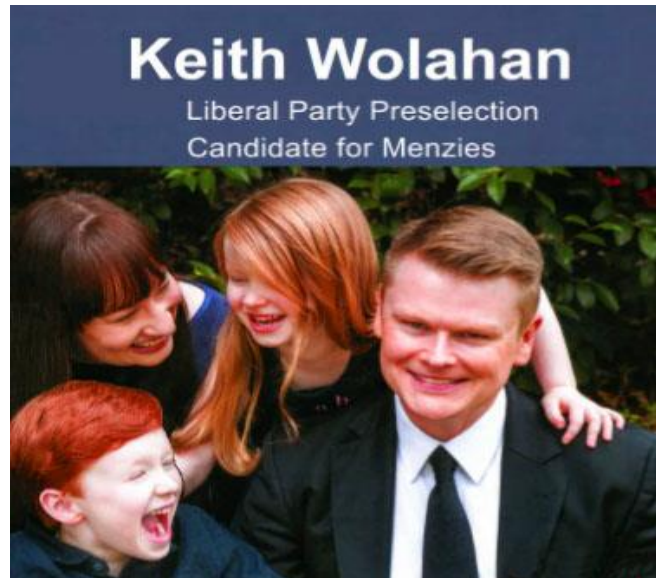


Eddie Gisonda infamously replaced retiring Sandra Mercer Moore as Menzies as Federal Electorate Chair in a narrow vote against Andrew Asten in 2018, in an unannounced ambush which was poorly received by local members. Directing all this in the wings was Keith Wolahan, who nominated Eddie Gisonda for the chair.

Therefore from our point of view, it is not difficult to join the dots: the Turnbull supporting mates – Ian Quick, Eddie Gisonda and Keith Wolahan. We ask, who most benefits from an unprecedented, inordinately early preselection Eddie Gisonda and Keith Wolahan, who have been scheming, infiltrating and engineering to win Menzies for the last ten years, openly declared war on Kevin Andrews. After promising the rank and file a new fighting machine, the Wolahan-Gisonda Federal Executive failed even to convene one meeting.

Someone should have told Eddie Gisonda that even general's turn up to meetings. At the following Annual General Meeting 2018, a less belligerent Eddie Gisonda sheepishly turned up while Andrew Asten gracefully took over the reins as the new and current Federal Electric Chair. However, the State President did not need the hapless and unreliable brain's trust driving the Constitutional Committee. Instead, what happened was that the great serpent and his sycophants of the Administrative Committee threatened to postpone a scheduled May State Council for October or November if the Special State Council went ahead.

The great serpent and his sycophant minions are in the same class as Stalin, Mao tse Tung, Idi Amin and Mugabe, all contributing towards the erosion and final decay of the Liberal Party. Knowing that tolerating the current Administrative Committee beyond the end of the financial year would be unacceptable, the Special State Council was withdrawn. It was not, as an email from 104 suggested, a change of heart by some of the petition's signatories.



Say what you like about Kevin Andrews, he has had everything thrown at him over many years and has maintained Menzies as safe seat. A lot of it has been internal 'Modern Liberal' subterfuge in alliance with third party or independent candidates and GetUp (Alex Turnbull?) money. Because he has consistently spent time on communicating with the electorate, he has avoided the fate of say, a former long-term Liberal Member for Box Hill. Many fear that a Wolahan-Gisonada led-Menzies will go the way of Box Hill based on their current unimpressive form. It's a legitimate fear. What is going in Victoria is 'rotten borough' politics.

Once the Victorian Liberal Party was a vast and deep reservoir of talent and now it is an evaporating puddle of preselection-rigging mediocrities. Clinging to power using whatever means at their disposal, the serpent amongst the rotten apples at the Administrative Committee level will certainly hasten the decay of once healthy fruit. It is no wonder that Jean Hawkins resigned in disgust. Stay tuned for more updates.



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