



## WALKING A LIBERAL TIGHT ROPE

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It appears that any criticism of the Liberal party in Victoria will bound to attract the ire and attention of the so called elite in 60 Collins Street Melbourne.

This is very odd indeed when the political party is allegedly a broad church and made up of paid volunteers.

Robert Clark, the current President echoed those same words as John Howard that the Liberal party was a broad church and as such there is room in it for everyone. The current State Director Sam McQuestin is frustrated with the current systems that fail to produce the desired results. Maybe Ian Quick with his "vast knowledge" of Linex systems and databases to fix the problem, but he is far too busy trying to break the password on Abalinx protected documents on the abalinx.com website.

There are so many problems associated with this current leadership that leaves members wondering why they continue putting up with them. After all are we not grass root members who are always available during election campaigns and attending functions and events. We do not like to be taken for granted year after year while they sit in their ivory tower

"I joined the Liberal Party because I believed they stood for freedom, freedom of expression, freedom of ideals, for the empowerment of the individual, for small government. They're all the reasons I joined the Liberal Party. Now, the current situation is as a member of the Liberal Party, I can't vote today for the person that I would like to represent me in Parliament. If they suspend me ... There is no democracy in the Liberal Party. I will continue to express my views. I'll express - I'll continue to do what I think is right. I'm an old-fashioned conservative, that's my background."

"I enjoy debate. I've lived in countries that have had no freedom. I know what it's like. Freedom's like air and water: you don't appreciate it until you haven't got it. "If the Liberal Party was a business, they'd be deregistered because of its conduct," It's a breeding ground for hacks at the moment. They're talking about their own careers. The Liberal Party we have progressive intellectual leaders and they should be encouraged. We need more of them. We need more public debate on where we're going, and if we do that, we'll have a much better party."

Having stated the above readers will begin to wonder what in heaven's name is going on within the Victorian Liberal party. Readers can be forgiven for thinking that above statements are the authors but in fact are those of another Liberal fed up with what was occurring in his State. It would appear that the gentleman who made the above statements is none other than a solid Liberal party member by the name of [Charlie Lynn](#) an alleged Liberal party whistleblower, talks about his suspension and that of two other members who spoke of alleged corruption of the process.

Like [Peter McLellan](#) who once held the seat of Frankston so many years ago and resigned from the Liberal party after he had clashed with [Jeff Kennett](#). What Peter, Charlie, Jeff and I have in common is that we all served in the Australian Regular Army and as such our ethics, values and duty first attitudes were compatible with Liberal beliefs and values.

Next month another member is to face State Council over his criticism of Robert Clark's poor performance, his Administrative Committee and his opinion of other Liberal party members who seeking to make a name for themselves. These members seeking to enter parliament are known to have caused much chaos and undermined leaders and are found to have harassed other members. These same individuals should bear in mind that they are not above public scrutiny, they shall be held accountable and will be constructively criticised if they fail to perform as expected.

The member facing suspension in this case is also a veteran who is not afraid to call a spade a spade. After all he is speaking on behalf of numerous grass root members who are being bullied, harassed and intimidated. When the member under interim suspension faces his peers, a two-thirds majority is required to pass a motion at Liberal State Assembly meeting.

Therefore members will have a choice on what is in the best interests of the Victorian Division of the Liberal Party; do they suspend the long time member of some thirty years service or do they vote against any suspension as the member is merely voicing his opinion against poor performance, disloyal actions and against tyranny, bullying, harassment and intimidation. This alleged suspension is not about the member but the freedom to express an opinion without being subjected to suppression legally or otherwise. With the battle lines drawn, the troops at the ready, it would appear that the month of March will certainly be an eye opener.



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