

Thank You !!

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* Thank you to all the people who voted for us. These are the people on the front line of social change in Australia who have clearly signalled that they want a very different style of politics in this country. Our voters are sick of slogans, sick of professional politicians and sick of a political system where two old adversaries try to gouge each other's eyes out every few years.

* To all the 500 helpers we had out there on polling booths around the country ...you've made the ultimate sacrifice. You've put sex and politics before football and an early drink! Helpers are the gene pool for next election's candidates. We couldn't match the sheer numbers of people that the three major parties had out on the booths so our helpers had to work a lot harder. You guys were the frontline troops in our 'sex offensive'.

* To our 21 candidates around the country – a really big thank you. You guys were the ones who got out of the trenches and went over the top. That takes guts and a degree of stupidity!! When we first started looking for candidates in earnest about six weeks ago, we were really battling. We couldn't get anyone to run in Tasmania and Robbie asked his 82 year old mum and his 26 year old daughter to run with him on Sex Party 'Family Values' ticket! We actually wanted to run at least 20 House of Reps candidates in marginal seats but just couldn't excite people. Now we are batting them off! By the time candidate nominations were closing and the profile of the party was starting to lift, we had people applying all over the place but way too late. So you guys will go down in history as the first federal election candidates for the Sex Party.

* Then we come to the party's hard core volunteers – the Tracy Lords and Ron Jeremy's of the Sex Party. The champs of the well hung parliament to whom we owe much of our success to date. We don't have official party positions like the others except when media insist on one and then we just pull one out of the hat. I think we'll just let people choose an avatar name for themselves and that's what they'll be known as henceforth.

But I have to name a few and I'll leave off some and I'm sorry for that but my brain is totally fried after the last few days.

So..in no particular order....

Don Chipp, the former leader of the Democrats, was the inspiration for forming this party. A year out from his passing he sat us down and gave us three points to run by. "Call it something they will never forget", he said. "Stay true to your original aims". "Always strive for the point of difference". Don is still very much with us.

Our political advisor.... Curly Merkin as he is known in Canberra. Like the Phantom he can never be named but this very high profile political figure has pushed us to form a party ever since John Howard tried to ban X rated films in the mid 1990s. Curly you are legend....the ghost who walks (slowly).

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Our candidates.... Seranna, Martin, Katie, Joel, Ari, Christian, Justine, Emma, Bret, Dee, Tim, Mark, Zahra, Jason, Austen Tayshus, Sue, Larissa, Huw, and Shana – thank you

To Angela, Dean, Ben, Douglas, Jack, Jason, Denis, Sam, William, and Rob B, your service has been immeasurable and you will each receive 72 virgins upon departing this life except Angela and Sam who will receive Virgin air flights to various Mediterranean destinations.

To Ilia, Bret, Craig, Graeme, Anne, Jeremy @Fnukey, and Neil @Suncoast, Bernard@Pegasus...coordination and creative excellence.

To Sarah and Rob who provided the backbone of the whole campaign here in Victoria we are deeply indebted to you for running the show in Melbourne and no amount of virgins could cover that. To Bec, our trusty manager of the Canberra office who gave her six week old puppy up to the kennels to coordinate the Canberra office and all other states. When you see how cute that puppy is you will realise what a sacrifice this was.

Lastly, to those Eros members who gave their support in so many ways...you know who you are... the Sex Party would not have flown without you. Sexual fantasy is something you guys deal in every day but this was a political fantasy that excited some more than others and to those true fetishists....grab your leather masks and riding crops because we're up and running again!

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