

viewpoint

YOUR LETTERS

Passion with a purpose

Finally a candidate with passion for the rural scene!

I would like to congratulate James De Barro for putting his cap in the ring as the National Party candidate for Barker.

I am a person who contacts their local Member of Parliament regarding issues that can help or hinder our businesses progress and I always felt my queries were not taken seriously and not with passion.

James, as I see it, has three lives: firstly, with his family, which includes travelling and camping around Australia which exposes him to other regions, environments and standards.

Secondly, his voluntary life in Keith, which includes many years as a volunteer ambulance officer, the pony club and most recently as chairman of the Keith Hospital Board.

Thirdly, his working life as an agronomist both in the Tatiara and beyond, including the Kununurra area in WA.

I joined James on a work trip to the Kununurra recently and was amazed by his passion and concern for issues to do with agriculture, even though some didn't have a direct financial return to his business.

James will not have all the answers, but as an information gatherer we can be assured that he will get up to speed on all the issues he is presented with during the campaign and as a Member of Parliament.

The presence of James in this campaign will make the candidates show their cards

and true colours as they will have to justify their position on issues that have a significant effect on the people and businesses of the electorate of Barker and Australia.

So I wish James all the very best and look forward to this campaign as James De Barro, puts Barker back on the agenda for all parties.

I dare say we will have to put traffic lights at the entrance to Barker as we will see more politicians and candidates here than we have seen in any other campaign.

Miles Hannemann,
Keith.

Time to get it right

In response to Adrian Pederick's letter "Getting it right" published in The Standard February 12, 2013, I thank him for his sympathy.

Unfortunately sympathy does little to reduce the daily odours that we are enduring from T&R's effluent ponds.

I must however clarify the point Adrian makes in regards to him not providing reiteration or reassurance.

I believe anyone receiving and reading the letter dated November 16, 2009, would have had the same interpretation of its purpose.

To clarify this issue I shall quote the letter I received and let readers have their own interpretation of its purpose.

"Further to our meeting on Friday the 13th regarding the new T&R development, I have met with CEO Mr Darren Thomas and other T&R Pastoral representatives to discuss your concerns.

"I have been assured the EPA and Health SA have given their approval and full support to the project.

"The waste water will be brought up to Class B at the meatworks, ensuring no risk of diseases and Mr Thomas has also indicated there should be no odour issues with the operation of the development."

As Mr Pederick's letter in The Standard highlights "getting it right" is vital for residents of Murray Bridge and surrounding area who are continuing to endure the foul odour from T&R's effluent ponds.

Ceri Johns,
Murray Bridge.

Show some commitment

How are we going to stop the sell-off of our farms to foreign interests?

How can we prevent imports from destroying our bio-security?

How can we get accurate disclosure on food labels which reveal country of origin for ingredients?

It is fair to say these matters concern many voters and I would like to suggest the

only way to achieve satisfaction is to vote for candidates who give a solid commitment to work for these aims.

To assist voters get a commitment from their various candidates, a prepared letter is available from the website www.madeinaustraliacampaign.net or from K Grundy at Box 177, Naracoorte SA 5271.

I recommend the letter be sent as soon as candidates names are announced, enabling adequate time to promote replies among friends etc.

Ken Grundy,
Naracoorte.