



## PRESS RELEASE

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“Thor Prohaska the Independent Candidate for Dickson calls on all 2019 Federal Election candidates to legally declare that they will vote as directed by the voters in their electorate”

I say our elected representatives should be legally required to represent what the voters in the electorate want. Not what the representative personally wants, or what a party wants and especially NOT what the donors want.

Unfortunately, the reality is that even if all the voters in the electorate wanted their representative to vote for or against legislation the representative has zero legal obligation to do so! Nowhere in the Constitution or the Electoral Act does it say anything about the relationship between the voters and their representative.

Until it is Law that they must represent the voters, our representatives can do whatever they, their Party or the Donors want, even when it's not what the majority in the electorate want.

To remedy this legal defect, I have signed a pledge in the form of a Commonwealth Statutory Declaration declaring that **if elected to the Australian Parliament as the Federal Member for Dickson I will always vote in the House of Representatives as directed by the voters of Dickson.**

I have now emailed all the candidates standing for a seat in the House of Representatives at the 2019 Federal Election calling on them to complete and sign the same pledge to commit to the core principle of democracy that the elected representatives is duty bound to represent what the voters want. **Without that pledge how can we have a properly functioning democracy?**

*See my signed 'stat dec' below for the details of the pledge.*



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Commonwealth of Australia
STATUTORY DECLARATION
Statutory Declarations Act 1959

1 Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration

I, 1
Thor Leopold Prohaska, of [redacted] Lawnton, Queensland, employed as a Business Analyst

make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959:

2 Set out matter declared to in numbered paragraphs

2
If elected to the Australian Parliament's House of Representatives as the Federal Member for Dickson I will always vote in the House of Representatives as directed by the majority of eligible voters in the Federal electorate of Dickson.

As a registered voter in the electorate of Dickson I have the right to cast my one vote on any policy, issue or legislation that the voters of Dickson are determining a position on.

If an absolute majority of voters can't decide on a voting position and a vote is due in parliament then I will vote as directed by which ever position for or against is supported by the most Dickson voters.

If no voters in Dickson declare a voting position then I as the elected member for Dickson can vote as I see fit for what I believe is in the best interest of the voters of Dickson.

If I fail to vote as directed by the voters of Dickson then I will offer my resignation to the voters who at their discretion will decide whether to accept or reject my offer to resign.

I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

3 Signature of person making the declaration

3 [Handwritten signature]

4 [Optional: email address and/or telephone number of person making the declaration]

4 thor@dicksonreps.net

5 Place
6 Day
7 Month and year

Declared at 5 North Lakes on 6 13th of 7 November 2018

Before me, [Handwritten signature]

8 Signature of person before whom the declaration is made (see over)

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9 Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)

9 MARCIA ELLEN LYONS JP (QUAL)



10 [Optional: email address and/or telephone number of person before whom the declaration is made]

10 "JP's in the Community" Program
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Note 1 A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years — see section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.

Note 2 Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 — see section 5A of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.

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