



Bulletin Number 3 - Federal Election 2019

We are Ethnic, We are Taxpayers and We Vote

Pre-Election Forum

ECCWA's "We are Ethnic, We are Taxpayers and We Vote" Pre-Forum", was held on 8th May at 5.30 at 20 View Street, North Perth.

Dr. Anne Aly MP, Member for Cowan is represented the ALP, and the Hon. Senator Jordon Steele-John represented the Australian Greens.

ECCWA has been organising such forums for decades and only one party has ever declined our invitation and they did it twice before. So it is not unreasonable to describe the Liberal Party of Australia as a serial offender in this regard.

The Liberal Party was invited via, Mr. Sam Calabrese, its State Director, the Hon Senator, Dean Smith and indeed the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, the Hon David Coleman. Mr. Sam Calabrese did not even acknowledge receipt of the emails we sent him. It it was absolutely disgraceful behaviour on the part of the Liberal Party not to have acknowledged our invitations let alone accept it given the number of times, we extended it and despite the great respect that ECCWA has for the Hon Ken Wyatt, the Hon Senator Dean Smith and the Hon Julie Bishop for their support and assistance.

The Forum was a very informative one and a feisty one at times. Dr. Aly and Senator John-Steele were forthcoming in their responses to the questions from the audience.

The Forum was covered by WTV and streamed live via Facebook. Podcasts of the same will soon be uploaded to our website.

Mr. Vesh Armugam a freelance journalist also covered the Forum and his article can soon be accessed on the ECC website.

The media release issued by the Council following the Forum can be accessed from [here](#).

Questions for Political Parties

ECCWA sought responses from the Australian Greens, the Australian Labor Party and the Liberal Party of Australia on their stance in relation to eighteen issues of concern to CaLD communities. We are yet to receive responses from them.

Details of the questions can be accessed from [here](#).

Key Policy Links

We have added further links to the above webpage – [click here to open](#).

I Choose Humane Campaign

ECCWA wishes to remind and urge you to support and endorse the above campaign, details of which were included in our Election Bulletin 2.

<https://www.choosehumane.org.au/>