

## What is happening to democracy and what can we do about it?

The WikiLeaks Party will be fearless in the pursuit of the 21st century freedoms which are essential to the creation of any meaningful democracy. These freedoms include:

**The free flow of information** ◀ We live in a media-ocracy. What is politically possible is defined by the media environment. And in Australia 98% of the print media is the hands of just three corporations. Seven out of ten of our national newspapers are owned by the Murdoch News International group. The WikiLeaks Party will push for radical innovation in media policy to increase Australian media innovation.

**Internet freedom** ◀ The WikiLeaks Party will be fearless in its opposition to the creeping surveillance state, driven by globalised data collection and spying agencies, both state and corporate controlled. We will demand that all information on data seizure and storage by government agencies and allied corporations be made transparent.

**Protection for whistleblowers** ◀ With an increasingly unaccountable corporate state and an increasingly secretive security state, whistleblowers are an essential brake on bad practice. Only the threat of leaks can keep unaccountable institutions honest. So whistleblowers must be protected by law.

**Standing up for national sovereignty** ◀ For too long Australian politics has been under the influence of foreign powers and transnational non-state actors, affecting both our foreign and domestic policy, against the interests of Australians. The WikiLeaks Party will fight to expose the collusions between the Australian state and the military-industrial complex that dominates world affairs.

**Integrity in the global community** ◀ Our national character is proud and generous, but recent policies have given no regard to our obligations to the international community. The WikiLeaks Party will ensure Australia stands tall as a responsible global citizen.

Further positions on issues important to our members and The WikiLeaks Party can be found on our website, [wikileaksparty.org.au](http://wikileaksparty.org.au).

## Calling 'time' on corruption of purpose

Parliament is failing Australians in its democratic function. In a true democracy, parliament must facilitate – not obstruct – our democratic obligation to dissent. Yet we are witness to a degeneration of democracy into political party oligarchy, in which dissent is stifled and the public bureaucracy is contained and docile.

**It's time for a culture shift.**

**It's time to give dissidents a voice in our political system.**

**It's time to inject some genuine, independent scrutiny into our political process.**

## Why is The WikiLeaks Party campaigning for the Upper House?

We want to return the Senate to its core function as a genuine Upper House – offering independent scrutiny of government, protecting the interests of the people, and ensuring that light is shone upon bad practices. The WikiLeaks Party will be vigilant against corruption in all its forms.



## Who are The WikiLeaks Party candidates in this year's election?

**WikiLeaks Party candidates are ideally suited to the work of the Senate. They are skilled in understanding complexity and they are experienced in dealing with large amounts of documents produced by bureaucracies and spotting their hidden significance and tricks.**



**Julian Assange** Victoria

"The values of transparency and accountability and resistance under pressure that I have developed through hard experience with WikiLeaks, that is what we intend to take to Canberra."

Julian Assange is the founder and editor in chief of WikiLeaks.



**Binoy Kampmark** Victoria

"A monitored government, rather than a government monitoring its subjects, has always been the aim of a healthy democracy. WikiLeaks is the only party of its kind to remind voters of that aim."

Dr Binoy Kampmark is an academic, writer and researcher with particular focus on the intersections of law, international relations and history.



**Kellie Tranter** New South Wales

"I'm running because our government simply doesn't give people accurate information, it is incapable of having Australia stand in the world as an independent nation and its policies often don't reflect public opinion."

Kellie Tranter is a lawyer and human rights activist, working and commenting on issues like climate change, human rights, gender equality, unjustified wars and economic exploitation.

**Alison Broinowski** New South Wales

"Secrecy empowers governments, it doesn't protect citizens from them."

Dr. Alison Broinowski is an academic, journalist, writer and former Australian public servant with particular interest in Asian affairs and cultural and political issues.



**Gerry Georgatos** Western Australia

"The ability to discover the truth is outstripped by the capacity to manifest deceit - The WikiLeaks Party is an opportunity to challenge this premise."

Gerry Georgatos is a life-long human rights and social justice campaigner, investigative journalist and researcher around many issues with a particular focus on fighting racism.

**Suresh Rajan** Western Australia

"The protection of human rights is paramount to me. The WikiLeaks Party delivers this."

Suresh Rajan is an economist and vigorous advocate for ethnic communities and people with disabilities.

