

What does The WikiLeaks Party stand for?

The WikiLeaks Party believes that truthful, accurate, factual information is the foundation of democracy and is essential to the protection of human rights and freedoms. Where the truth is suppressed or distorted, corruption and injustice flourish.

The WikiLeaks Party insists on transparency of government information and action, so that these may be evaluated using all the available facts. With transparency comes accountability, and it is only when those in positions of power are held accountable for their actions, that all Australians have the possibility of justice.

The WikiLeaks Party is fearless in its pursuit of truth and good governance, regardless of which party is in power. In each and every aspect of government we will strive to achieve transparency, accountability and justice. This is our core platform.

Exercising oversight

In a parliamentary democracy, Parliament has three functions:

- To represent the people (the democratic function)
- To design, guide and implement policy (the legislative function)
- To scrutinise and oversee government practice, honesty and efficiency (the oversight function).

However what we have witnessed in Australia, despite exceptional work by individual politicians in all the major parties, is a failure of the oversight function.

The WikiLeaks Party aims to restore genuine independent scrutiny into our political process.

Many important votes never happen.
600,000 young Aussies are not properly enrolled to vote.

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Who can become a member of the Wikileaks Party?

You can join the WikiLeaks party if you are over 18 years of age, an Australian citizen enrolled with the Electoral Commission, Federal and State, and you are not a member of another party. If you are currently overseas you can join as long as you meet all these criteria. **Go to our online membership application form on our Membership page.**

Can people from states and territories outside NSW, Victoria and Western Australia join?

Yes, anyone who meets the membership requirements can join.

How can I volunteer for the WikiLeaks Party?

We are looking for volunteers. Our volunteers will be an important part of our campaign, helping out online, in the street and at fundraisers. We are keen to hear from you wherever you may live and whatever your background.

One of the important roles for our supporters will be helping us out at booths on polling day on September 14. By becoming a WikiLeaks Party volunteer you will receive news and updates from the party, meet like minded supporters, and importantly, have fun. **Register your interest at our Volunteer page.**

How do I donate to The WikiLeaks Party?

There are a number of ways you can support us; cash or cheque in the mail, electronic funds transfer with your bank, or credit card. More payment options including PayPal and BitCoin are also being added. **Visit our Donate page.**

How do I keep up with WikiLeaks Party news?

We'll be posting to our blogs and sending news and updates to our members and volunteers regularly. And of course everyone can keep up with our news on **Twitter @wikileaksparty**, and with **WikiLeaks Party on Facebook.**

For more information

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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.

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.

Leslie Cannold Victoria

"I want to be a voice for Australians concerned about the security of their private information and what the Government is doing in our name."

Dr Leslie Cannold is an author, commentator, ethicist and activist, with a particular interest in social and ethical issues related to health and medicine.



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.

