

# STOP POPULATION GROWTH NOW

## Party of Australia

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The next SA election March 2018 . Candidates, helpers, and donors needed

Subject to the renewal of our party registration in SA, we intend to contest the next SA election. We welcome expressions of interest from members interested in standing as candidates representing SPGN. Some financial support to pay nomination deposits, print flyers and other expenses will be available.

Those members unwilling or unable to stand as candidates, may care to make a donation to support our cause . This can be done by posting a cheque to Stop Population Growth Now , Box 134 Brighton 5048, or by paying directly into our Wespac bank account (BSB 035-045 Account number 276115 ). If you require a receipt, please provide name and address to either [convenor@stoppopulationgrowthnow.com](mailto:convenor@stoppopulationgrowthnow.com) ) or by post. Donations up to \$1500 per annum are tax deductible.

We also need helpers to letterbox leaflets, erect corflutes, and other tasks. Have you a little spare time? We would be very grateful.

Would be candidates and helpers, please call the Convenor, Bob Couch on 0488 071 799 in the first instance.

### Policies of SPGN .

The Management Committee of SPGN has chosen not to formulate detailed statements covering individual areas of public policy such as health, education, defence, energy, finance, etc.

Instead, the Committee has adopted a set of general principles that it would expect its candidates to apply when considering any legislation. These general principles are:-

1. Australia must achieve zero population growth as a matter of urgency. Observance of this principle is especially important to ensure our children can enjoy a reasonable quality of life, rather than struggling to survive in an increasingly crowded, polluted, and denuded world. Our children are our future and optimizing our children's future prospects should be at the heart of every decision we take.
2. Therefore, Australia's sustainability in the long term must to be central to all relevant legislation. This includes legislation affecting energy, land use, water use, fisheries, flora, fauna, transport, food supply, finances, population etc. Long term, continually updated, publicly available, plans need to be prepared for all these areas, and legislation always needs to be framed in accordance with those plans.
3. Australia will aim to serve as a model of a sustainable society for the rest of the world.
4. All legislation must aim to give each and every citizen fair treatment, recognizing that this requires all to recognize that they have responsibilities, not just rights

5. In respect of any legislation, SPGN would expect its candidates to apply informed common sense.

**Please turn over**

Letters to the Editor

The Advertiser (thank you Editor) has been willing to publish letters from myself as Convenor, SPGN, from time to time. Two of these follow:-

**Put a cork in it** (Letter published 29/8/2017)

The newly installed parking meters on the Henley Beach foreshore have been vandalised, possibly by individuals who wish to retain free access to the beach, one of the last remaining places you can take your family without cost. Whilst not condoning this vandalism, I point out that the apparent need to time limit family access to the beach is just one more consequence of the creeping, insidious effects of population growth. As a person who argues that SA has more than enough people already, I am often told population growth will not be a problem if we just build more infrastructure to support such growth e.g. school, roads, hospitals, power lines etc. However, as the issue with beach parking illustrates (and it is also a big problem at Seacliff in the warmer months), it is not always possible to address the bad effects of population growth with more infrastructure. There is only so much beachfront in Adelaide. It is not practical to build more. We are already having problems preventing our existing metro beaches being washed away, because of excessive beach front development. The SA Labour Government (supported by the Liberals and Xenophon) has plans to increase SA's population by 545,000 over the next 30 years. Would any of those parties like to explain to me how this will improve citizen's access to the beach?

Bob Couch  
Convenor  
Stop Population Growth Now

**Stop the Growth** (Letter published 23/3/2017)

Thousands of words are being spoken about the various options for supplying power, but the elephant in the room (estimated total future demand needing to be met), never seems to be mentioned. Australia's population is projected to increase by approx 4,500,000 in a mere 10 years time, an 18% increase over present numbers (medium level projection Australian Bureau of Statistics). All these extra people will need power. Given that we cannot adequately provide power for our existing citizens, why do we want to make the problem even harder to solve by increasing our population. This is just one more reason why population growth is bad for Australia (and indeed, the planet). Population growth can be stopped by making big cuts to immigration. Encouraging small families would also help.

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Latest available Australian Bureau of Statistics Population figures

The preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) of Australia at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 was 24,511,800 people. This reflects an increase of 389,100 people (231,900 from migration) since 31st March 2016.

Cheers Bob Couch, Convenor, SPGN