



Please consider this email a formal objection, raised against the proposed registration of the so-called "Fraser Anning's Conservative National Party", as advertised by Boston White, the registered officer.

Under section 129 of the Electoral Act, "Parties with certain names not to be registered" it clearly states-

(c) is the name, or is an abbreviation or acronym of the name, of another political party (not being a political party that is related to the party to which the application relates) that is a recognised political party

and

(da) is one that a reasonable person would think suggests that a connection or relationship exists between the party and a registered party if that connection or relationship does not in fact exist;

On these grounds alone, Anning's transparent and, frankly, ridiculous attempt to hitch his wagon to an established state and federal political party (The National Party) should be dismissed as showmanship and hucksterism that makes a mockery of our political system and grand democracy.

Anning himself has no status or recognizable achievement in any political arena that would see him gain any more than the handful of votes he gained last time he ran, and this is clearly an attempt to deceive voters into accidentally voting for his party instead of the National Party; the name choice was clearly not coincidental, as the National Party is a strong and successful party in Queensland with many years of state and federal representation.

To date, there is no proven or verifiable connection between Anning and the National Party, nor has he (or will he) sit as one of their nominated representatives in state or federal election, which means that his proposed party sits in clear violation of section (da).

Votes gained through deception and trickery are fundamentally undemocratic, and I would imagine the vast majority of voting Australians would agree.

(Suggested alternatives could be "Anning for Australia", or "Anning for a Conservative Australia". One can only wonder at his insistence the word "National" be included...)

I eagerly anticipate the AEC doing the right thing and knocking this on the head before it gets started.

I would go further to suggest that some sort of caution should be issued to Anning by the authorities given his manipulative tactics, which could be considered voter fraud.

Please note that this is **not** an objection based on Anning's political views, or an attempt to deny him the right to run as a candidate. He should, however, be prevented from using trickery and deceit to con his way into public office at the highest level.

This should be an alarming issue that concerns Australians of all political affiliations.

Regards

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