

We The People

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The Queensland State Election Result



Good Day to you. Well the Queensland election is over and we have a Labor minority government and who would have thought that would happen. At the last election it was a landslide of momentous proportions for the LNP. Now just 3 years later many commentators have had a go at explaining the reasons why this outcome occurred and I would like to offer an explanation which is perhaps a little different from others. The joy is that it's not complicated.

First up we now have the ability to make our views known in real time on social media via the internet. This is the first time in human history this has occurred and while its chaotic in nature it has major advantages for *we the people*. It's a bit like having an ongoing referendum. The politicians think by watching our blogs and comments and the tabloids they can develop strategies to win us over but this is their folly because the system of adversarial politics is over. The two major sides of the political field look for competing differences when in reality we simply want them to listen to us and not their own media advisors, campaign strategists and internal factions. They just have to listen and put aside their own political imperatives and personal selfish motives. This is not about their power and their position, it's about our power and our position.

So what happened at the Queensland State election was that the LNP lost the election, meaning Labor didn't win it. I think the people rejected both parties yet neither the past or present leaders realise this. They simply don't know how to listen as it's not in the politicians DNA because of electoral inbreeding. They are all out of step operating in last centuries paradigm and they must change else this country suffers more and more. Friends, the problem is a complete lack of understanding of the difference between **arrogance and strength** and **knowledge and wisdom**. Put another way there is a mighty difference between two people when one is arrogant and the other is confident. Arrogance places self first and hides weakness while confidence coupled with humility resides in great leaders who put others first and recognise their own short comings. In politics this type of leader takes the people with them and sets the pace. The great leader talks with the people, while the arrogant leader **talks at them**. As well, thinking people don't give a damn about the 24 hour news cycle.

In my view this is the age of political arrogance and we the people don't like it. We know the State's finances and indeed the country's finances have to be fixed but we must also see a plan which is fair and just, even if it's tough. The people have spoken in Queensland and chucked out Mr Newman and reinstalled Labor by default, in the faint hope someone is listening. So far I doubt it. This is a prime example of learned ignorance through self denial and self indulgence. Premier Palaszczuk has demanded her Labor benches listen to the people but in my view they don't know how, just as the LNP doesn't. None of them do. They are still looking for the magic political bullet and the tables will turn again if they miss the point.

If I'm any judge what we want is a fair society where work and loyalty are rewarded and where honesty is common place. We want our freedom and culture preserved and we want the minority voices quenched silent. We want real leaders to lead and for those who impede to get out of the way. We don't want to hear anymore negativity about funding the aged and we don't want any more half brained schemes or legislation which doesn't make common sense. Now it's time to listen to reason you political charlatans and to get on with the job of effective - affordable - insightful government.

Until next time this is Kent Bayley

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