

## Derryn Hinch's Justice Party

2016

Derryn Hinch's Justice Party (the Party) is a minor political party and first registered for federal elections in April 2016. The Party ran candidates in the House of Representatives and the Senate at the 2016 Federal election, with the Party using the slogan 'It's just common sense.'

Derryn Hinch was elected as a Senator for Victoria at the July 2 2016 election.

### Key issues for Derryn Hinch's Justice Party

The Party has outlined its stance on various law-and-order issues including:

#### *Justice in Sentencing*

- The Party wants sentences for violent crimes to reflect community values and to reduce the influence of precedence in appeal courts.

#### *Bail Reform*

- While the Party supports the premise 'that every man is innocent until proven guilty', the Party argues that in cases where a person has been charged with committing a serious offence involving an act of violence, there should be no right to bail. Particularly if the alleged offender was already on bail for other offences or has a history of violence and/or threats of violence.

#### *Parole Reform*

- The Party seeks reforms to the parole system for offenders who breach parole.

#### *Domestic Violence Law Reform*

- The Party seeks to join with groups to work towards creating a safer community for families.

#### *Equal Rights*

- The Party believes in marriage equality and equal pay and equal reward.

#### *Animal Justice*

- The Party supports harder penalties for acts of animal cruelty.

#### *Public Register Convicted Sex Offenders*

- The Party supports changes to the national register - which is private and managed by authorised police force members including:



- The register to be made public in the form of a website and an app which shows: the offender's photo, name and aliases, crime, the offender's address, year in which they committed the crime. The Party does not propose the register include the relationship between the victim and the offender, or, any details that could identify a victim, or, any facts of the case.
- All police to have access to the register including confidential details not released to the public.
- Judges would continue to have discretion so that incidents of 'sexting' where minors and young people exchange inappropriate text messages, which technically fall under sexual offences, don't end up on the register.
- Vigilante behaviour would result in criminal prosecutions, the way any assault or property damage case is handled.

#### *Euthanasia*

- The Party supports euthanasia and in particular the efforts euthanasia advocate Dr Philip Nitschke.

#### **Derryn Hinch**

Derryn Hinch ran for the first time as a Senate candidate in the 2016 Federal election. Across his 50 year career, Hinch has been a journalist, a radio broadcast presenter and public affairs television commentator.

He is often referred to as the 'Human Headline' due to him becoming the subject of certain stories he has covered.

In early 2015, Hinch began hosting his own current affairs and commentary television program – Hinch Live on Sky News in Melbourne. Despite announcing in October 2015 his intention to stand as a Senate candidate in the 2016 Federal election, Hinch remained the host of the television program, until April 2016.

In July 2015, Hinch met with Queensland's (now former) Attorney-General Jarrod Bleijie in attempts to persuade Mr Bleijie to adopt a public sex offender's register in Queensland. This meeting did not result in Queensland establishing a state register.

In July 2016, Hinch was announced as a regular guest on Macquarie Radio's 3AW Mornings with Neil Mitchell.

During his first appearance on the 3AW morning program, Hinch said that he had been contacted by individual Ministers in the new Turnbull Government, including Treasurer Scott Morrison, Attorney-General George Brandis and Minister for Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion.

Hinch claims these Ministers offered him access to their respective Ministerial Departments, and that Minister Scullion had invited Hinch to attend a visit to outback Aboriginal settlements in Western Australia.



Hinch also said that he has spoken with Senator Jacqui Lambie and believes there are certain issues he could work with her, such as veteran's affairs. Hinch also claimed that Senator Lambie will support him on issues relating to the paedophile register.

Hinch has said he hasn't spoken with Pauline Hanson, but described her policy on Muslims as 'bizarre.'

Further, Hinch said he will seek a Senate Inquiry into the Family Court and child welfare agencies.

Hinch has served prison time on two separate occasions for contempt of court for publicly naming persons who had been convicted of indecent assault with a minor and breaching a suppression order by revealing details of the criminal history of an accused. He has also served home detention for breaching suppression orders by naming two indecent assault offenders.

In 2007, Hinch was diagnosed with liver cancer and was told he only had months to live. In 2011, a donor became available and Hinch underwent a successful transplant.