




Speech By  
**Carl Judge**

**MEMBER FOR YEERONGPILLY**

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**MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

**United Australia Party**

 **Mr JUDGE** (Yeerongpilly—Ind) (11.55 am): I rise to proudly announce my membership of and allegiance to the United Australia Party, a party which stands to bring people together and restore honesty to government.

Today I reaffirm what I stated in my maiden speech on 31 May last year. That is, I value and respect my community. I continue to feel humbled and privileged to represent the people of Yeerongpilly in this parliament and I thank them for placing their trust in me. On that point, my decision to join the UAP has been made after careful consideration and with their interests in my heart and mind.

I thoroughly comprehend the importance of restoring public confidence in politicians and accountability in governments. For this to happen, politicians must have the conviction not to compromise their integrity and to commit to their respective communities. I can assure my constituents that this is my firm position.

Furthermore, it is my firm belief that governments at all levels—local, state and federal—must remain true to their pre-election promises. The Gillard government had an obligation to be honest and transparent about the introduction of the carbon tax. The public was unforgivably deceived. Likewise, the Newman government had an obligation to be honest and transparent about the intended approach to job cuts in the Public Service. Again, the public was unforgivably deceived.

As I stated previously in this place before ending my association with the Newman government, we all have a choice about how we conduct ourselves. It is my view that politicians must be transparent, accountable and genuinely concerned with the good people in their electorates. Today I have become a member of the United Australia Party because I believe that it is a party that supports these principles and will offer people a truly worthy alternative to the other so-called mainstream political parties.

**Mr Dowling** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Dr Robinson): Order! The member for Redlands will cease interjecting.

**Mr JUDGE:** Political parties like the ALP or the LNP do not deserve to be elected by essentially bidding for votes or by default. Importantly, the United Australia Party will take action that is in the best interests of our nation, states and territories and will restore accountability and honesty to government. I have every confidence—

**Mr Dowling** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order! I warn the member for Redlands.

**Mr JUDGE:** I have every confidence in the party in this regard, including my UAP colleague in this parliament, Dr Alex Douglas, the member for Gaven. As the founding state members of the United Australia Party we will work to serve our respective electorates well and truly, as well as all other Queenslanders alike. Together we will also work diligently to support the United Australia Party executive and all candidates contesting state seats at the pending federal election. The federal leader of the United Australia Party, Clive Palmer—

**Mr Dowling** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order! Member for Yeerongpilly, take your seat. I warn the member for Redlands under standing order 253A.

**Mr JUDGE:** The federal leader of the United Australia Party, Clive Palmer, has confirmed that the party's policies will be progressively released in the coming weeks and months, just like other parties do, and well before the federal election on 14 September.

The difference with the UAP is that we are a moderate progressive conservative party. Clive Palmer, on behalf of the UAP, has confirmed five specific and important expectations: party officials will not be allowed to be lobbyists; the carbon tax will be abolished from when it was introduced and rebated accordingly; there will be humane onshore processing of asylum seekers at airports to help people get off leaky boats, saving lives and the expenditure on border protection; a royalties for regions program involving one-quarter of the wealth generated from industries such as tourism and mining will remain in the regions; and it will be an objective to process mineral wealth from places like Queensland and Western Australia in places like New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania to help create more jobs to sustain industries.

In closing, I want to reiterate that I am extremely proud to be among the first members of the United Australia Party, which I believe will become a mainstream federal party as well as in all states and territories. I am particularly heartened to be part of a new democratic movement dedicated to bringing people together, including in my electorate of Yeerongpilly.