

Message for the Regional/Rural Voters of BENDIGO from Independent liberal republican candidate PETER CONSANDINE

The upfront admission to make is that **Peter Consandine** is the Founder, National Executive Director and Bankroller of The REPUBLICAN PARTY of AUSTRALIA [RPA] which, due to unforeseen happenstance, is not contesting Seats in the Australian Senate this time around, as a registered party. Instead, it is playing with the hand it has been dealt and thus the **Independent liberal republican** campaign in three (3) key, highly marginal Seats – one of them being **Bendigo**.

The REPUBLICAN PARTY OF AUSTRALIA is a national, community-structured party which champions the Australian people's ownership of the eventual republic (constitutional reform). It also champions government system reform (a two-tier system of governance), electoral reform, cultural and symbolic values reform, ecological taxation reform, land management reform and parliamentary reform.

Peter Consandine is running in the Seat of **Bendigo** as a candidate for the RPA in this Federal election to promote a stand-alone, semi-autonomous Region of **Bendigo** mostly free of the diktats of an arrogant, take-it-or-leave-it Brumby State Labor Government.

If **Peter Consandine** was elected the Independent Member for **Bendigo**, then whatever is the make-up of the federal government in Canberra, considerably stronger *national* (financial) attention would be given to the electorate – as was discernibly the case in **Calare (1996-2007)** which was held by the recently-deceased, conscientious Independent Member, **Peter Andren**.

Victoria needs a Regional/Rural Independent conscientious voice to complement the efforts on the Canberra cross-benches of **Tony Windsor**, the federal Regional/Rural MHR for **New England**.

Bendigo voters, on 24 November, can deliver such a Regional/Rural Independent by electing **Peter Consandine** to represent them.