



SFF Media Release: State Election Results

With the election now over, Shooters, Fishers & Farmers Party Tasmania (SFF Tasmania) Chair Lorraine Bennett said she was very happy with how the party performed in the state election.

“Carlo DiFalco was our candidate in Lyons and despite no advertising and very little time to mount a campaign, Carlo is currently sitting fifth on primary votes with around 80 percent of the vote counted,” said Ms Bennett, who acknowledged that preference deals would probably end up ruling Carlo out of the race.

Still, Ms Bennett believes it is a remarkable result for Carlo to have done so well in the state’s largest electorate and goes to show how disenfranchised the average rural voter is with the major parties.

“We are a small, grass roots political party with very little financial backing. In fact, we went into this election campaign with just \$5000 in the bank - just enough to pay the registration fees for the 9 candidates we ran in this election. Imagine what we could have achieved if we had even a fraction of the campaign money that Liberal, Labor and the Greens have at their disposal.”

Ms Bennett believes that the early election call certainly made it difficult for smaller parties like SFF Tasmania to launch a proper election campaign but she is proud of what they managed to achieve despite limited time and limited funds.

“With almost 84 percent of the vote counted, SFF Tasmania received 3 percent of the votes, which is a 0.7 percent swing in our favour,” said Ms Bennett, who credits their success to the small army of volunteers who either put their hand up as candidates or worked hard behind the scenes to get the message out to Tasmanians.

“Our policies resonated with everyday Tasmanians because they were written based on three central pillars: personal freedom, individual rights and cultural heritage. In fact, in the last week of the election, both Liberal and Labor made a direct play for hunting and fishing votes with their recreational hunting and fishing policies. We consider this a win in and of itself as it’s probably one of the first times in recent history that the majors have acknowledged the importance of the outdoor community.”

SFF Tasmania remains committed to protecting the freedoms of everyday Tasmanians, as well as being the voice of Tasmania’s rural and regional communities.

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