

Gary Oliver

Greens Candidate for the federal seat of Leichhardt

My name is Gary Oliver and I am thrilled to be the Greens Candidate for the federal seat of Leichhardt in Far North Queensland.

As a proud Kuku-Yalanji Aboriginal man from Far North Queensland, I have dedicated my life to community and developing pathways to a brighter future for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians alike. I have been fortunate to hear the stories, see the struggles and the successes, and be involved in the Greens tradition of strength through unity. I was born in Cairns and my heart and my family roots are deeply embedded in the 'Far North'. I am a brother, cousin, an Uncle, a Grandfather, and a friend to many in the region. My networks and my commitment to Far Northern Queensland run deep. Indeed, my first job was building furniture in the Cairns Cane Bazaar on McLeod Street. When elected I commit to maintaining my electoral office in Cairns, and together with my family living in the community I grew up in. The opportunities we develop must amount to more than a pay check for today, they must provide for a prosperous and environmentally sustainable future. Our communities continue to face challenges but with courage and experience, together we can face those challenges and develop meaningful solutions.



My extensive professional and political experience together with my commitment to Greens values informs my interests and priorities for the constituents of Leichhardt. In no particular order they are:

1. Housing and Homelessness,
2. Families and communities,
3. Energy Security and pricing,
4. Regional Development,
5. The Great Barrier Reef, and protection of the lands and waters within the Cape and Torres Strait. Securing over 60000 jobs
6. Address the infrastructure in the Torres Strait.
7. Social Security reform:
 - a. Abolishing the punitive measures within the Cashless Card legislation.
 - b. Reconfiguring Community Development Program (CDP) and Work for the Dole to CEMTED (Community Employment Mentoring Training and Economic Development).
 - c. Increase New Start and the Aged Pension.
8. A monitoring system for future National Partnership Agreements
9. Truth and Justice Commission for Aboriginal Australia as a Nation Building program.
10. Treaty for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia.

So, with the next federal election on our doorstep, and with a focus on ensuring Senator Larissa Water's re-election, it is essential we pre-select experienced and committed men and women, who will emphasise the importance of our diversity in urban, rural and remote communities.

Accordingly, I humbly ask for your support.

In Unity

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