

Your representative ...

I am again offering myself as a candidate because I am prepared to make a continued commitment to **our** region, with the emphasis on people and outcomes - not party politics.

I am **your** representative. My goal is to serve the people of Gippsland East, not a political party.

I am 41 years of age, born in Gippsland East and live in Gippsland East.

Married to Ann-Maree, we have four school-aged children. Before entering Parliament in 1999 I was a commercial diver and farmer.

I am an enthusiastic sportsman, particularly enjoying recreational angling and playing Australian Rules football.

My interest in fishing and the environment led me to become the national president of Native Fish Australia and a senior executive of the Snowy River Alliance.

I was elected to State Parliament at the 1999 election as an Independent member.

My campaign highlighted the neglect of this area by the National Party and supported the return of passenger rail to Bairnsdale, environmental flows



to the Snowy River and restoring the health of the Gippsland Lakes.

I have never been a member of a political party.

My politics are for the people of Gippsland East and for the advancement of our magnificent region, truly Independent.

During my two terms as a Member of Parliament, I have considered the merit of issues before casting my vote on legislation and other matters before parliament.. I believe I have always voted in the best interests of the people of Gippsland East.

I believe in ...

The family unit as the most important entity in society, and that it should be given greater consideration and priority to maintain its strength.

Constitutional democracy through the three levels of government, Federal, State and Local, and that elected members must conduct themselves in the highest ethical and competent manner.

Growth and development being within the limits of the environment, designed to create local wealth and employment, thus ensuring the well-being of our future generations.