

## Mallee Newsletter

# Nationals are 100% for regional Victoria



100% for regional Victoria: Mallee MP John Forrest, former VFF president Andrew Broad and Senator Bridget McKenzie

In the two years I have been honoured to represent Victoria in the Australian Parliament, it has become clear to me how important it is for regional areas to have fighting for them in Canberra representatives who are 100 per cent focused on a better deal for regional communities, regardless of which party is in Government.

There are so many concerns in regional Australia that require urgent attention

and don't have anything to do with party ideology.

These are the issues that the Nationals fight so hard for, issues like:

- ensuring regional access to the quality of health and education services that Melbourne residents take for granted;
- making sure young people from regional areas aren't prevented from

going to university by unfair financial constraints; and

- committing to making infrastructure investment just as much a priority in regional communities as it is in the cities.

John Forrest MP has done just that for 20 years. Now Mallee needs another great local champion!

*Bridget McKenzie*

# Fighting in Canberra for regional Victoria

Your Nationals representatives are fighting for you in the Federal Parliament on issues of particular concern to regional Victoria.

## Regional Education

Regional universities and regional students are paying a disproportionately high price for Labor's cuts to tertiary education funding and unfair changes to the Youth Allowance. Thanks to the Nationals, the Government has backed down on some of those changes.



## Regional Health

The Nationals have led the fight to address the rural health crisis. Simple changes to the incentive system for health professionals to work in regional communities could go a long way to fixing the problem. The Nationals are also 100 per cent behind the push by regional universities for more medical training in regional areas.

## GST equality

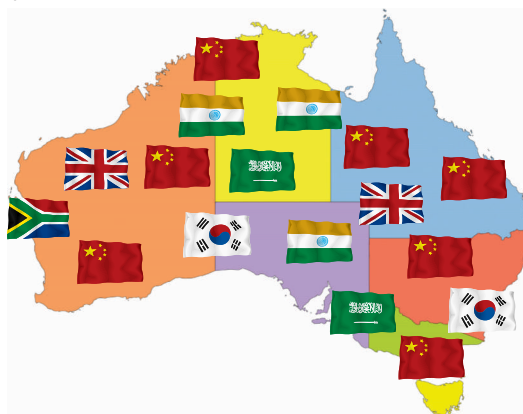
The Nationals are seeking GST equality between Australian retailers and foreign importers.

At present foreign imports under \$1000 are GST-free, which penalises Mallee small businesses.

The Nationals believe that fixing this inequity will take pressure off struggling retailers and create more jobs particularly in the regions.

## Selling the Farm

The Nationals have led the way in demanding the Government pay much closer attention to foreign buy-ups of our agricultural assets. We are the party which opposes the \$3.4 billion takeover of Aussie icon Graincorp. In Government, the Nationals will introduce a range of measures to shine the light on foreign takeovers and stop them dead where appropriate.



**THE NATIONALS** for Regional Australia

**THE CHAOS!**

**THE DEBT!**

**THE SPIN!**

**Labor's Budget 2013 offered nothing for regional Victoria**



**Swan's ruthless cuts target families**

**Labor's dark cloud of debt hangs over nation's future**

**BROKEN PROMISES**

**Surplus, tax cuts go with revenue fall**

**Regional Victoria is paying for Labor's mistakes.**

FAMILIES and businesses will bear the brunt of a \$43 billion credit

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the government's tax receipts.