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Don't Leave Mental Health Last

The *Australian Mental Health Party* are fielding two senate candidates at the election.

Paul Stevenson OAM will be running for the senate in Queensland and believes we need to see a more caring approach to policy, across community health, hospitals and aged care.

“I’m standing for a positive view of mental health and well-being for all people,” he said. **“If you look at it that way, mental health is actually relevant to every portfolio”**

In Western Australia, the party leader Ben Mullings is also running for the senate. He explains that the party wants to see a more person-centred approach to education, the environment, our health system, and the economy. He explains:

“Our big parties don’t seem to put much thought into how people connect with the policies we put in place. Mental health and well-being are usually just an afterthought”

Some of the educational policies being put forward by the *Australian Mental Health Party* include a fairer model for funding public schools, cross-curriculum guidelines for education about emotions and healthy relationships, and better preparation and support for teachers.

The party proposes a more streamlined and efficient taxation system, to reduce stress for most working Australians. They plan additional tax measures to make sure large corporate entities and multinationals are committed to contributing back to Australia.

Paul believes that a healthy attitude about the environment is important for mental health.

“We’d like to see all sectors of society embrace renewable energy, cut back on waste, and really connect in a meaningful way with the world around them”

The party holds a view that politicians need to hold themselves to a higher standard, and not denigrate or compete in the ruthless fashion they typically seem to do. This concept for a political party is a world first. As a sensible, balanced, and progressive party, they vow to maintain a cooperative attitude focused on public need.

Both candidates can be found on the right side of the ballot in the ‘ungrouped’ column. Although Paul Stevenson’s name is listed last on the ballot, he’s urging Australians to put mental health first!

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