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Good day everyone. It's Thursday the 24th of April. Anzac Day Eve, Johnny Larder. Great to have you back on. How are you buddy?

Oh, good. Thanks Woody. Yeah. And, uh, looking forward to Anzac Day. It's gonna be a, a, a beautiful day, um, to celebrate, uh, what these diggers have sacrificed for our country and everyone that's served.

Indeed, it is. It's gonna be a great day. And we're about to talk to our guest very shortly. Lee Hansen, uh, one Nation candidate for Tasmania. Welcome to the program, Lee.

Thank you, Graham. Thank you for having me. And hi John as well.

A lot to unpack from you very shortly, but we want to, we wanna talk about some, look, it's, uh, what are we, eight or nine days out of an election?

And there is just some stupid things going on, John. Yeah. Madness. Absolute madness. Now it's vitally important for the sake of this country that the minor parties. Get a lot more clout than they have at the moment. We need to get minor parties elected, and that's why we're talking to our Senate can or our candidate from, uh, one Nation, candidate from Tasie the, this afternoon.

But the last thing that this election campaign needs on the, uh, on, on the side of those who are fighting for freedoms in this country that have been lost is ego driven. Um. Manic behavior and uh, look, we've got to, discipline is the key to a good campaign. It has to be disciplined and you can't have loose cannons running around, firing in every direction.

And that seems to be what's going on at the moment, John, and I think, without mentioning any names, because it only gives it oxygen, we need to call on sensible heads to prevail and let's try and get this country back on our feet and stop concerning ourselves with ego and control. Because it's just ridiculous.

It's absolutely ridiculous what's taking place at the moment. Um, we've got a uni party running this country that needs to be, uh, given a slap around the head and they need some control by the minor parties and the independents. So let's get on with that all, shall we? And let's worry about the arguments later.

What do you reckon?

I think that's a very good idea.

Why are you smiling, Johnny?

Well, I don't think anything more needs to be said, hoodie. I mean, what's going on in the background, uh, with uh, a couple of these, uh, individuals is, is just beyond belief.

I. It is, it pales. It just, it's beyond the pale. But anyhow, let's get on with real, real, uh, political assessments and in talking to our guest today, Lee Hansen.

Of course, everybody knows Lee Ya, Pauline Hansen's daughter. That's, that's great. A lot of people are saying you're writing on her, on her, uh, apron strings. That's a letter rubbish. I've had a good look at your background. You are a lady who can stand in your own right. You don't need your mom's reputation to do that.

You've had a, an extensive background. You've, you've, um, you've worked a lot in education, in human resources, which is gonna lead us to ask you some very pointed questions about the last few years. But clearly you're a candidate with, uh, uh, exceptional qualifications. You're a good thinker. You're sharp.

You can act on your feet and you need a break. And I'll tell you what, compared to your opposition in Jackie Lambien Tasmania, you are a lay down maer. If you get the proper airtime and people can see what you're about, welcome to the show and tell us a bit about you and why you're running.

Thank you Graham, and thank you, um, for acknowledging my background and my experience because I am my own person in my own right.

Mm-hmm. Um, yes, I am Pauline's daughter and I love my mom and I'm proud of my mom of what she's achieved. But you know, from day one when I said to mom, I need to do this, I said, but I'm my own woman and I need to do this off my own back. So, and I stand by my experience, you know, I've been in senior leadership roles across three of the biggest industries in Tasmania since I've lived in Tasmania.

And I've, you know, I've earned my worth and I'm a and a good worker, and I've built up my, uh, capability in doing so. And I, and I know that's well understood, which is great. Um, so why, uh. It's been really interesting. I've been asked this question a few times and, you know, growing up and witnessing mom what she'd been through.

I think she was, I was about 10 years of age when she got into politics and seeing the enormous highs and the tremendous lows, uh, politics was never something that of interest me because why would you, if I saw the damage and the impact it can have on someone you love, your role model, your mother, as well as myself, uh, and what I personally went through.

It's nothing that interests me whatsoever. However, the critical turning point really has hit the last few years for me. I'm a mother of two young boys, seven and 10. I moved to Tasmania, uh, about 13 years ago. I met a Tasmanian born man up in Queensland and he wanted to move back home, so we did, and I fell in love with the place we got married down here and, and had our, uh, children.

However, since being a mom and also through my own career and work experience, alarm bells are ringing for me enormously more as time goes on. You know, having witnessed as a parent what I need to go through to try to raise my boys, the education system, the cost of living, you know, my husband's had some health ailments.

Lately, so trying to make ends meet and it's only getting harder and harder. And I do a lot of community work as well, uh, through the local school and my exposure through that, it's really just, it's, it's got me deeply concerned. So given my background, given I am tenacious, resilient and I know how to use my voice when I need to and, and speak for others when they don't have a voice, it's time I have to put my hand up and here I am.

I do wanna touch on something of your, of your history in that, how it affected you when your mum was sent to prison.

Oh, I was in disbelief, to be honest. I I, at the time the court case was on, I. And it was hard to believe that was actually happening. You know, call me naive, I suppose in the sense of I'm the kind of person where I just naturally assume, uh, the better in people and the good in others.

So I, I knew my mother hadn't done what was being accused, so therefore it wasn't, you know, never felt on in any means that it would be a guilty sentencing. So I was actually, uh, had a plan, a holiday planned to New Zealand at the time, and my mom said to me, go on your holiday, like nothing's gonna happen.

You've got nothing to worry about. Go and enjoy yourself. I was young, wanting to travel, and I was overseas in New Zealand when I got the news. So being the youngest of mom's children, I had to step up and be the spokesperson to try to, you know, gain awareness and, and, uh, help her through this. One of the hardest times

was, I remember, um, mum was actually on suicide watch at the time, and I didn't know because we had no contact with her, and I did an interview from, from overseas at the time in New Zealand.

And it was that interview, I later found out that pulled my mother out of the depths that she was in because I was able to speak to her through the interview. Right. And that was a critical turning point for mom to keep fighting. So the impact it's had on her, and it took her a long time to recover. You know, the, the sentencing was quashed.

She was a maximum security. I remember I was able to go visit her once with my brothers and she had to go through strip searches and, you know, uh. Which was for someone, I call her a prude. She's, she's old school. She's a bit of a prude. That, that was quite demeaning for her as a woman. Uh, so I remember the visit.

I saw her, she was a shell and a ghost of herself. I couldn't recognize her and the emotional state she was in. And she said to me, honey, as much as I need to see you, you know, myself and my siblings, she said, I can't go through that again. I can't have you visit me again. And that was, that was hard. That was hard to see someone in that state.

Wow. And all that done in the name of politics.

Correct.

Business Johnny, isn't it?

Yeah. Well, look, it's an absolute disgrace. Uh, what occurred? Uh, yeah. And look, I, I know it's part of the fabric of who she's now, but, uh, you know, you, you, you don't wish that upon anyone and especially when it's, it's, it's not true.

Uh, I mean, it's. I mean, that's, that's what's, uh, really debilitating in the whole background of it. Um, for her, I'd imagine, you know, I. Uh, to, to go through that, just absolutely horrific. And and how old were you at the time, Lee, when that,

oh, 19 at the time from memory. Yeah. And look, you know, we've all been through, everybody you speak to has been through Lowe's and that was a tremendous one for, for mum and for us at the time, amongst other, you know, personal situations at all those two.

However, the key is what you learn from it. I am blessed to have her as a role model who has taught me, and I've got cut from the same cloth. It's what you gain from it. It's the resilience you build from it, and it only makes you stronger. So I take that as a positive and I utilize that in the character I am in moving forward.

There are so many things in our lives that if we looked at our life as a tapestry, that leaves dark threads in the tapestry.

Yeah.

And as much as we'd like to remove those threads, if we remove them, it takes away the whole context of the tapestry and it doesn't look as good, you know, everything you've been through in that experience with her and that she went through.

Is part of life's education and I believe equips you better to do the job that you are putting your hand up to do. So tell us why the people of Tasmania need you to win your seat in this election.

You know, being on the ground, it's been amazing the last, uh, couple of weeks. I know I'm late to the party putting my hand up.

Uh, but I've really been focused in getting around the state and listening to the people and understanding the core issues beyond my own experience and understanding. I. I am anybody who tells you they know everything and know all the answers is bollocks. So the difference with me is I actually, my job, I'm putting a my hand up to represent the Tasmanians.

So that means I need to go talk to them. I need to hear from them and understand what their issues are and what they want from their politicians. And I'm not seeing that from the other politicians. They have their own agendas, their own ideals, and they publish those and they put those out. But it's really not speaking to the voice and the opinions of, of the locals.

So that's the difference I have. I'm not proclaiming to know all the answers. I don't, but I promise you I will work with the people to understand the issues, understand the problems problem, and develop the solutions with them. And that is my background and that is my training. And I won't give up until I do.

Well, in Tasmania, uh, Lee, there always seems to be a, uh, a, a, a key issue that sort of takes a stranglehold in, in the electorate, uh, at, at the time. Uh, we go to vote. I, and I noticed now that, uh, the salmon industry is coming under a lot of scrutiny. What, what, what, what can you tell us about what's going on there?

Yeah, absolutely. Look, this one is a contentious issue. It really has hit the headlines. What concerned me is some of our senators currently and political parties were putting out statements to boycott to, um, don't support the industry. I then started getting questions as to what's my view, and I said, well, hang on a second.

I need to fact find and I need to understand the issues. So I took it upon myself to go and actually tour some of these salmon farms so I can see firsthand and hear both sides of the picture. The difference I'm offering is, look, I, I hear that there are concerns environmentally, you know, about, um, where the pens are located, about the volume of, of fish, you know, uh, being, uh, uh, grown within these pens.

The vaccines. There was a one-off incident over decades where. Uh, some wild fish brought in a, uh, sickness or a, or a disease to the fish and they died. And it was unfortunate. It was before the annual vaccination process and it had morphed. So I get there are concerns and that's had a really negative impact.

However, what we're forgetting and what our job as politicians is not to throw the job, the baby out with the bath water, but understand how we can help and support the industry. So I'm not excluding that there's concerns there, I'm not excluding that there might be work to be done and there is work to be done.

But there's over 5,000 jobs in this industry directly in Tasmania, plus in indirect jobs that benefit the agricultural industry, for example, as well. So isn't our job to work with them? I do not want, say, hypothetically, and what we're not hearing from the current politicians is what happens if we shut it down?

Those 5,000 plus jobs are gone and those families and livelihoods are, are directly impacted. Who's going to employ them? What are the jobs that are left in the, in, in the market that's going to, you know, what's the impact? They're rural and regional, remote areas, so it's going to have an impact on the local community and other small businesses as well.

Then for salmon, that means we're going to import salmon from overseas who have lesser controls environmentally, and I've gonna have a greater impact environmentally, let alone increase our risk to exposure of disease and importing the fish because of the, the lesser controls. So for me, I, again, I'm not saying there ain't, there's not any concerns.

There are, and I'm hearing that, but the vast majority shouldn't. We support our own and look for solutions to have a help them, and that's what I want to do.

Mm-hmm. Fair enough. Fantastic. That, and that's so true. I mean, salmon is becoming a staple in, in Australia's diet. Uh, you wouldn't think so now, I mean, I remember 18 months ago he could get a good feed of salmon from, for 25 bucks a ki.

Now you're paying up near 50 mm. Um, and we need, we need to consider our, our, uh, agricultural industry, both, um, aquatic and on land. What are some of the other issues that Tasmanians are oppressing you about as you, uh, as you campaign?

Uh, the big ones obviously are cost of living. The, just for everybody, every household is finding it hard.

You know, in my lifetime I've never found it this so difficult. So we're all struggling. Everybody, um, enormously and some tremendously more than others. The education system is a big one. You know, hats off to, our teachers are trying to do an amazing job, but there is a lot of improvements that need to be made, um, in regards to, um, education and for example.

Uh, 50% of our kids that, uh, graduate through school here in Tasmania are illiterate. It blows my mind, and there's a number of root causes or factors that are contributing to that. But how do we support our own students, our own kids here in Tasmania, to make sure that they're equipped with the right skills and capabilities to be successful in life and in the, in their workforce as well.

Then you think about the pipeline that's going to higher education, which I'm not saying everyone needs to go to university, but we absolutely need a core minimum. To take on the essential jobs such as health and education, uh, and engineering, which are vital to the success of our e our economy down here in Tasmania.

And then we talk about the health industry. Uh, you know, we've got mass failings with, uh, maternity wards shutting down here in Hobart Doctors clinic shutting down. And this is unlike to the mainland as well. But we've got, uh, regional and remote medical practice shutting down because we can't get the right doctors.

The, the urgent care clinics are. Putting greater strain on the current doctor shortage supply that we've already got, and they're being promoted as 24 hours or, or 8:00 AM to 10 or pm, which is actually not the case. So I'm hearing lots of failings, and it's not the doctor's fault, it's not the ambulances fault, um, but it's how do we support and work with these departments and work with the industry to bring the pipeline attraction and retention here within Tasmania.

Great segue for you, John, in that, uh, in that response.

Yeah. Well, look, your, your mother, uh, has been very vehement in her opposition to the, uh, COVID mRNA vaccines. What, what, what was the, what was the phone call you got from mum? Uh, did she offer any advice as to whether to take it or not?

Oh, when the vaccines were going?

Yeah. Uh, look, obviously mum's exposed to a lot more data and information than the average person, you know, that's through her role when the vaccines were being mandated. You know, I was working at the university at the time and it was being mandated and upon which everybody either had to, um, take the vaccine or would face, um, dismissal.

It was a really hard decision because my mom was saying, Lee, don't put it in your body. You know, I'm hearing data about people dying. Um, there is severe medical consequences or long-term impacts of this. And she, you know, obviously she was fu not wanting to gain the vaccine and I was between a rock and a hard place.

I said, mom, I don't want to get the vaccine, however. My husband at the time was unable to work because of a back injury, and I was a sole income provider with two very young children and trying to do homeschool from at home at the time. And I said to her, I don't know what to do. Jobs are a shortage. It's very hard.

I've gotta pay the mortgage. I've gotta put food on the table. I don't know what to do. I can't risk. And I was. I was forced, if I wanted to continue to support my family and be employed, I had to take the vaccine. Now I dragged it out as long as as possible. Um, but I had to take the, take the vaccine, which was incredibly, uh, difficult for me.

It should never have been mandated. Um, met multiple people, stood their ground, which I commend them and app applaud them, that they were able, you know, they, they. Took that decision. But yeah, unfortunately I was one at the time. However, um, I refused to get my children vaccinated and upon which I did not.

You know, the, the thing is with all of this, this Covid madness is people should have been left alone to make their own decisions.

Correct.

That wasn't the case. And which leads me to ask you some questions with your HR background. Uh, I happen to call the HR Department of Qantas, the human remains department.

I have, I have never seen such draconian, uh, Gestapo tactics in my whole life. Other, other than what I've seen coming from Qantas HR on staff who, uh, who couldn't be vaccinated because they're on long-term sick leave, fighting cancer, people being bullied and coerced. It just went crazy. People losing their jobs all over the place.

HR departments have a lot to answer for. What are your thoughts?

I agree. I agree. Um. And this is where it's a values alignment. Look, a lot of you hear a negative, um, commentary about human resources department. You know, there are some, uh, wonderful people that do work in these divisions across multiple, uh, businesses as well.

I feel for some of them between a rock and a hard place. 'cause equally they need to get the vaccine, or they're, they're instructed, they must, you know, enforce this protocol themselves to keep their own jobs in order because, you know. The CEO or the board or whoever directs has made this call, however.

All I can say to my fellow, you know, HR background colleagues is never forget why you are there. If you are in hr, it's because you genuinely want to be people-centric and do the right thing by the people. And there are points in your, in your career that you need to say, well, this is a values misalignment and I do not agree.

With what I'm being told to do because it goes against my core purpose. Why I'm here is for the people and the staff and to look after them and fight for them and make sure they have the right employment conditions. So that would be, uh, a, a values check for their, for themselves is what I would encourage them to do.

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Mm. Le Lee, you, you're, you're obviously, uh, one of hundreds of thousands in Australia, probably into the millions that have taken these vaccines, uh, unwillingly. Uh, now it is actually the duty and, and, and the due diligence of the person, uh, providing the injection, uh, to, to the, uh, person to actually obtain informed consent.

Um, uh, did anyone, uh, ask you any questions? A, a as to, you know, your mental state, whether you wanted it, didn't want it, uh, or, or it was just a case of roll a sleeve up.

Actually, funny you say that. I'm trying to think back. I do remember when I had to go, uh, get my first vaccine, I only had two. And I remember when I got the first vaccine, the, uh, it was through the pharmacy and the, um, clinician that was giving it to me, pardon me, said to me right now, do you consent and do you agree?

And I said, well, no, I don't. And he looked at me and he said, well, do you want to, you are here. You're getting a vaccine. I need your consent. I said, I'm being forced to do this. I don't want to do this. So this is my current situation. And he looked at me and he didn't know what to do. And I said, like many other people, I have no doubt you've seen.

And we'll see. We are being forced to have this vaccine against our will for the fact of keeping our jobs and supporting our families. So come on. Let's do it. And he just, yeah. So I do remember that, um, because it did not feel right to me in any way, shape, or form. And it should have been, uh, the choice of each individual.

And I understand that there's people out there that still have never returned back to their industry or profession because they refuse to get it, which is a shame we've lost essential skills from essential workforces that are as a result of

this. Well, you're looking at one in the black shirt. A paramedic of 25 years, he can't get his job back because he stood for and, and been fighting it in the courts for ever since day one.

And, um. It is just been a nightmare. And, and he is one of many, there are about 45 paramedics in Queensland. Even though the Supreme Court in Queensland ruled that the police and the essential services up there acted, um, not in accordance of, um, of, um, of the proper standards. They, they should have been returned to work.

They haven't been, there are thousands of nurses who can't go back to their jobs. Uh, police officers who can't go back to their jobs. It's just, it's, it's a minefield and we're still fighting that battle.

And it's wrong. And I'm sorry to hear that, John, and great for you for maintaining, um, your stance in fighting that.

But what on earth are we doing to our society, to our people just like yourself? We've got these skilled shortages, these fantastically skilled people without there and unable to provide that service, uh, for our community. It just does not make sense to me. And this is the way we've headed today. It's wrong.

And when it's time for change and we need people in there that are actually gonna fight and stand up for everybody else and make a difference.

Amen to that. Amen to that, Johnny.

Well, we've established, you're sensible. Uh, you got plenty of common sense and you're a hundred percent likable. Look, your mother was, uh, was right from day do on the, on the, uh, immigration.

Um. Nonsense that's going on. Uh, I mean, to this day, I mean, she should be giving it given an order of Australia for, uh, calling it out 30 years ahead of time. Uh, what do you think about where we're going with the immigration and, and housing and all the issues that it's causing?

Yeah, spot on John. I think our job in Australia is to look after our own first and foremost.

So I struggle with enormous immigration coming into this country. When you hear of homelessness, increase the housing affordability, accessibility, the pressure on our education system, the pressure on our health system, how on earth can we bring. The volumes of Immi immigration into the country. If we cannot look after our own, who should we be looking after and and caring for first and foremost.

Sure. If we have the right systems, if we have enough housing, if we have enough, you know, the education, the health, absolutely. We do not, it's actually going backwards. And you speak to just about every Australian who says exactly the same thing. So why are we not listening to them? We need to care for our own first and foremost before.

So reduce, uh, immigration numbers. One nation policy is to 130,000 and absolutely, I stand by that.

Wonderful. So tell me about how you are being referenced by the others, and I want to know how One Nation is referencing in Tasmania.

Yeah, look, I'm really fortunate, uh, the Liberal Party have referenced myself in the Senate as number two, and I'm thankful for that.

And I'm, I suspect and hope that it will make a big difference because in Tasmania we've. Come short of approximately a thousand votes in the past. So I'm hoping that will make a big difference. Uh, each seat is, uh, slightly different. If we look at both myself and the Senate, we've got a candidate for One Nation and every, uh, lower house electorate, so five electorates here in Tasmania.

So we've got full representation across the state. So we've looked at each seat as a case by case scenario, as in regards to who we're referencing the key principle that putting labor in greens the last, so support the minor parties. Um, and, uh, where we can, however, independence, um, depends on where their position sits, uh, because some of them tend to be teals in disguise.

So looking at an each case by case basis,

how is Jackie Lamby placed you?

Well, funnily enough, I don't believe she, uh, well, I haven't seen any preferencing, the How to Vote card doesn't have preferencing on it. Um, unless I've seen a different version as to what's the online version that I've seen. Doesn't, not sure if what she's handing out at, at a polling booth.

I actually haven't seen any, uh, Lambe volunteers at any of the polling booth. I've been handing them out, so surprisingly I haven't seen any.

Okay. That's very interesting.

Mm-hmm.

Very interesting.

We can only, we can only hope that, uh, she doesn't get elected. Uh, well, I dunno if she's running or any of her candidates fair income.

She, she, her, she's gotta be one of the greatest disappointments in the Australian parliament. Uh, I mean, uh, during this covid fiasco, I've seen nothing but rubbish come out of her mouth. Uh, uh, uh. Absolute nonsense. Uh, she likes to think that she's got the backing of the military people, but a lot of the military people I speak to didn't, uh, didn't have a great deal of respect for her.

Uh, so I think she, uh, rides the coattails of all that military stuff and, and says she's looking after the defense people. But, uh, what she's actually doing in there, I don't know. I, I think she's, uh, another one that, uh, really and truly is, is nothing more than a loud mouth.

Look, it's funny you say that, John.

I, I'm hearing the same thing on the ground. I think the difference with me is I have a different style and different approach, uh, and trying to represent the people. Uh, so I am very different to Jackie Lamby and I, I'm sure you can tell that today in our conversation. Uh, but touring the state last week, uh, for example, we have a brilliant, uh, veterans and first.

A responder organization up at Alveston called J South, and they reached out to me and, and introduced themselves and said, can we get your help and support? And I said, well, funnily enough, um, I'm up that way next week. I'll, I'll stop by. I'd love to see what you do. I was. Absolutely blown away and impressed by the work that they do.

They not only for first responders and veterans, but the local community through rehabilitation, mental health, wellbeing programs, seasonal worker accommodation to help our agricultural business here, teaching the local kids in swim programs. Now, the unfortunate part is they said, uh, Jackie lives a few minutes down the street and not once has she been in to see them or support them.

Yep. Now they're disheartened by this. You know, they say, you know, they're veterans, they're trying to help the community and they have a brilliant program and model and they're having absolute success by it. They receive zero funding federally and our state, they do it all through volunteers and private funding and they're doing enormous work.

So what a brilliant model that we should be looking at and rolling out, you know, is it is something we could, uh, duplicate in other areas as well. But if their local senator has not taken the time to come and see them. That's really, um, caused great, great discern for them. So I was privileged and very honored that they invited me.

Uh, and we had a speaking engagement there and it was packed then, and it was beyond just the, the normal, uh, regulars. 98% of it was local community members who'd never been there before, and I was so fortunate to be able to bring extra exposure and extra support to the great work they do. So I thank them for that as well.

My wife Michelle and I, uh, when we toured Tasmania and the community of Unity too, we spoke at Alveston to the Hoodies Heroes Group there, and I think it's the biggest hoodies, heroes group in Tasmania at the time. I shouldn't say this, probably they were calling themselves the Ton Gardening Club. Um, and I want to put a call out to all the hoodies heroes in Tasmania.

A great bunch of people, um, Trish and, uh, all you guys down there get behind this candidate. Um, if you can volunteer. I'm sure she needs some volunteers get behind her, especially in Alveston. Um, you guys are awesome. Uh, it was just an amazing couple of days we spent with you there and there's a heap of you say, let's get active in Tasmania.

Trish organized it with you. Trish watches every, watches everything we do, doesn't she?

Hi Trish.

Hi Trish. This is Lee. Trish. Lee. Lee. Trish, there you go. So, um, I'm sure she'll probably want to know how she can contact you. Um, so. How the, uh, legacy, I won't call mainstream because they're not mainstream anymore.

How are the legacy media treating you?

Uh, interesting. So unfortunately we don't get the coverage that we have hope, but nothing's changed there. Uh, it's the same spin as it always has been in watching Mum for the last three decades. So we're putting out some great policies through One Nation about supporting, uh, Tasmanians, whether it be, uh, family dual income splitting or supporting our retirees or our veterans, uh, raising the self-funded, um, retirees, uh, tax threshold.

GST building materials free. There's an enormous amount of policies and, and we're sending it to all the media outlets in Tasmania, and they're not running them. Mm. They're not picking them up. They don't want to know, they do not want to put our word out. So I'm really grateful for, such as the self hoodie and, uh, and other channels that we've been using, including social media and being on the ground and meeting people and getting word of mouth.

That is our biggest, uh, a avenue and advocate and, and that's what we're trying to leverage.

Mm-hmm. Fantastic. So who are you up against over there, apart from Jackie Lamby?

Uh, the usuals. So we have, uh, Claire McLeod from, uh, uh, liberals. We have Nick McKim from Green, so the usual, uh, major parties. Then Jackie Lambe.

Yeah.

Yeah. Okay. So, uh, Tasmania was the home of the Greens, wasn't it? It's where Bob Brown set it all up and he'd be rolling in his grave if he saw what they'd become at the moment.

Yes, yes. And, and it's exactly to that point, Graham, I think people back to the mainstream media. I see in society today, we become very quick to form judgements and opinions of what we think a party is, their beliefs or their policies are.

So when we think of greens, we think, you know, love our beautiful environment. But if you, you know, you look behind the lid or scratch at their policies, it's generally about shutting down industries, loss of jobs. Uh, negative impact on our economy, et cetera. And likewise with One Nation. And what I'm trying to get through is people who have a perceived opinion of one Nation because of the media grabs and the way the media is represented.

If you just have a look at our policies, it's family values. It's about looking after our own and their common sense policies. And this is what I'm trying to do with the new generation. Is gain exposure and ask people, just do your research, go online to these websites of the different parties and have a look what they stand for.

And those who have, I thank them because the message I'm hearing back is, oh wow, I'm, I'm surprised that's not what I thought One Nations stood for. And I thank you for doing that. And I just ask people to keep spreading the word.

About an hour from now when we complete this interview with you, we're talking with Malcolm Roberts, I.

From Queensland. Um, how much of an impact is he having on, on what's going on in your life at the moment? Uh, I mean, he's a man much admired by Australians who, who, uh, see the effort he's putting in, in the, uh, committees, in the Senate, uh, asking the tough questions. Um, where do you stand? Uh, how does he impact on you?

Look, Malcolm is a fabulous man, and I have the utmost respect for him. You, he has made a stance and he is fighting for Queensland. He's a great team member in one nation and, uh, representing the people and exactly that, asking the, asking the tough, tough questions. Uh, so I, the utmost respect for him and I thank him for that.

And I ask people, get behind Malcolm. We need him in the Senate again. He is up for reelection and we need him to continue in the Senate because he's doing a fabulous job. Uh, same as as my mom in holding the other parties accountable and doing what senators should be doing, um, in the upper house.

Let me ask you a question, sort of just not as a test or anything, are you aware of the infected blood scandal that happened 30 odd years ago in Australia where tainted blood products were, were, uh, given to people?

No, 30 years ago I was 11. So, no, I, that's something I would need to educate myself on Graham and, and trust me, I'm learning a lot, which is great.

Okay, well, Malcolm raised it in, in, uh, Senate estimates recently because it is affecting a lot of people. I, I personally have a real, uh, wagon to push on that because, uh, I know some people are affected by it.

So basically to give you a rough education, um, there are a whole bunch of people who were given tainted blood products, uh, knowingly, uh, by the government, by Commonwealth Serum Laboratories and Red Cross. They were given these infected blood products that were infected with hiv aids and, and, uh, hepatitis.

Pregnant, uh, women were given those products and the government at the time knew about it, but did nothing to declare it and bring this to a halt. And those people are still fighting for justice. Um, and they're going to join the list of vaccine injured. Uh, who are mounting up in the, in the hundreds of thousands and the, uh, the pelvic mesh scandal that there's been a medical tyranny in this country that goes way beyond our wireless streams.

And I would urge you to, uh, to have a, have a, at least have a look at this infected blood scandal is in infected Bloods Australia. Have got some resources there that are well worth looking at. And, um. Yeah, we've gotta get to a stage where we have to, we stop apologizing 50 years after the event. We need to be a country that takes action now.

Uh, because justice not only needs to be seen to be done, it needs to be done. So I just want to commend that cause to you.

Thank you.

Because it's a pet one for me for some reason. And, uh, and there's gonna be a lot of stuff that you'll deal with, and I'm sure if you're successful, you'll be participating in, in, uh, Senate estimates.

I hope so. Mm-hmm.

Me too, and thank you for sharing that with me, and I absolutely will look into that. Uh, I say there's a lot I need to educate myself on. I don't know everything yet. I've got a lot to learn. Yeah. Uh, but that just breaks my heart. Uh, Graham and I. Where's the accountability, uh, in all these decisions?

We're afraid to admit where things have gone wrong and stand by the people who need support and do what is right. So yes, hold ourselves to account.

Well have a look at the Infected Bloods Australia website and, um, and, and please educate yourself on that because I know a lot of people would be very grateful if you did.

Will do. Thank you.

Johnny, any final questions?

Well, just, we don't hear a lot about what goes on in Tasmania, uh, generally. I mean, it's, it's sort of like, uh, sort of off the map on occasions, you know, it's not, it's not, uh, it's not really in the headlines in Australia. Uh, with the mainstream media, but the, the renewable psychos are, are they going mad down there as well with their wind farms and,

yeah.

Not dissimilar. We have wind farms, uh, currently and being proposed obviously in Tasmania as well. Uh, we do have the hydro scheme, so it is slightly different from the energy scheme down here where we have the hydro dams, uh, which is a great. It works for Tasmania and obviously any excess we, we buy and sell through the BAS link and soon to be Marines linkers, I believe.

Uh, but uh, yes, the wind farms unfortunately are proposed and continue to pop up around Australia and, and the same as Tasmania on prime agricultural land, uh, which should not be happening. So I am behind in support, obviously the hydro scheme, but equally, we actually. Here's the thing, right? So even though despite hydro, we have the highest, uh, electricity bills in any state in Australia, as I understand.

And the question is why we should be putting Tasmanians first. So it's currently A GBE, uh, hydro and aurora, the re the main retailer. You know, how do we ensure that we give back to our Tasmanians first and look to reduce those prices ver versus the profit share? Going back to the state government who chooses to allocate and.

Bend wear B, should we not be reducing first and foremost, uh, the benefit of the hydro scheme back to Tasmanians. So good programs, but are they working as well as they should be? Um, is my question?

Mm, fair enough too. And we were lucky to, to we're here that, uh, the King Island cheese has been saved, thank goodness.

Oh yes. That would've been an absolute tragedy.

And look, we have some beautiful, I think of Tasmania. We are really fortunate. Uh, it is sort of down the bottom, so we, we sometimes are left behind, quite often left behind and forgotten about. But if you've been to Tasmania or anyone who has, it is a beautiful state.

I'm very lucky to live here and raise my children here. The, the outdoors, the environment, the wilderness is second to none. It is. Stunning. But beyond that, it's the community focus. Everybody. I've never lived in a place that everybody is, is willing to chip in and support each other and help each other, and that that social connection it is, is a wonderful thing to be part of Down here, uh, we have some fantastic, uh, food and produce.

Uh, uh, businesses down here and we need to look after them. You know, king Island cheese. We produce some very well known, uh, beers and whiskeys and insiders, cheeses. You know, the cream fish,

stop it.

I know. So, food. My children are privileged. We do a lot of fishing and diving. My, uh, 10-year-old just got his first, uh, cray pot license.

And he is scholar license. So he is, uh, loving learning how to dive and, and appreciate our beautiful environment.

Stop it, Lee. Um, dinner time. It's dinner time. And you're talking about King Island, double Bri. Yeah. And, uh, I've seen, I've seen Johnny do incredible things with a bottle of red and a, and a a pound of King Island.

Double Bri.

Good spot. If you haven't been, you need to get down.

Oh yeah. No, we had a wonderful tour down there and we've been down there a couple of times. Michelle and I have late and it's been, uh, it's been great. The food is just divine. There's no doubt about it. Well, where do we go? You've got, uh, a little over a week to run.

Um, let's hope you get some volunteers. You're looking for volunteers.

Yeah, we've got some, we have, uh, a number of people put their hand up and I'm enormously grateful and thankful for it. Unfortunately, I've had a little setback. My signs, half of my signs are not yet arrived. So, uh, the shipping and, and transportation has had a couple of hiccups, and then the public holidays haven't helped.

And the how to vote cards. They're not all here yet, so I'm behind the eight ball. Hence why we're trying to utilize our radio and newspaper and social media to get those out until we get the actual materials. So as soon as I get all those, yes, I need as many hands as possible. Uh, there's about 283 polling booths down here in Tasmania across the state.

So to cover those. Is tremendously, uh, difficult when it's, it's myself and five people trying to coordinate. So as many people that are capable and helping, um, I'll forever be thankful.

Well, the digital version of your How to Vote card and, uh, we'll certainly share it for you.

Wonderful, thank you very much.

I appreciate that Turning

Point. Australia have got a, an amazing resource on, uh, on how to vote and also there's a green volunteer funnel if you want to volunteer. Uh, for Lee, go to that website, the, um, the Turning Point Australia website, T-P-A-U-S-T. Uh, great stuff there. Watch the interview we did with Joel Jamal.

Um, it just points out exactly where you need to go and why you need to vote the way you should, and it helps you to do that effectively without your vote being wasted. Um. I dunno that we can do much more at this stage other than we'd love to catch up with you. We're gonna be, um, watching with interest what happens in Tasmania and uh, we just look forward to, uh, as much success as you can.

You can get outta this and, uh, we'll do everything we can to get the message out for you. But people can also go to the One Nation website.

Yes. One Nation website. Uh, I also have a Facebook page, Lee Hansen. So the best thing people can do is to go onto my, uh, one Nation Tasmania set candidate Lee Hansen Facebook page.

It's a bit of a mouthful. Follow that and please share the posts that I put up about policies and other key information, help get the word out and the information out so people are aware. That is the biggest help people can do for me. Uh, be also with the volunteering and, um, and encouraging their neighbors and their friends to, uh, to look at our policies on our main website, as you say, hoodie, just to see what we're actually all about.

And I just ask, give me a go. You know, it is time for change and hopefully, you know, people can judge from the way I come across that I, that they can see that I actually do care and I wanna do the right thing. And I do have, uh, experience and capabilities that I can offer, uh, and help represent and do the right thing by Tasmania.

I think a lot of people, I know a lot of hoodies heroes are looking for a change from flip-flop lambe, that's for sure. Um, and uh, you know, let's hope that we're talking to you after the election with some great news and you can share your experiences with us. We hope you'll do that wolf for us.

Yes, I would love to.

Um, and thank you for today too. So fingers crossed, it'll be positive news and we'll be able to have that, um, celebratory conversation.

Alright. There's a lot of people who love to watch this program because we pray at the end of it. So let's do that now. Johnny Lord, father in heaven, we just want to thank you for, uh, for integrity and we want to thank you that we're able to use this media platform to educate ourselves and find truth where we can.

We pray that integrity in our political system is upheld. It's certainly under pressure at the moment. We pray for cool heads and calm thinking. Most of all, we pray for compassion for the great southland of the Holy Spirit, God, and leaders is our prayer In your precious name. Amen.

Amen.

Johnny, you've often been heard to say, you just couldn't make this stuff up.

You couldn't make this stuff up. Don't forget, if you're in this political, uh, wrangle at the moment and you, you've got your hand up to do something, try and keep a cool head about yourself when you, for goodness sake, think about the country instead of your own self-interest, and let's get on with it.

Time has come and it's running out. Um, this is a great country Australia because you live in it, and we thank you for your love and support. Let's keep these messages shared and good luck to you, Lee Hansen. And, uh, may you, uh, may you see the light of victory at the end of the day.

Definitely. Wonderful.

Thank you Hoodie. Uh, thank you John. I appreciate your time today.

God bless you all and we'll see you next time on Club Grubby when we talk to Senator Malcolm Roberts. Bye for now.