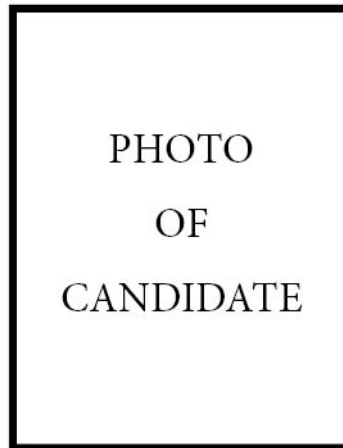


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The need for public leadership

Recognition by our elected officials of the significance of public leadership could halt the slide in the public's opinion of those elected to our parliaments and councils, and may well elevate the standing in which the community holds them, Independent Senate candidate for Queensland, Greg McMahon, said today.

The need for expressions of quality public leadership among those in power are highlighted by examples where this has not occurred, Mr McMahon said.

"The attitudes that left soldiers who fell in Vietnam in burial sites outside of Australia for 50 years may be a past example of a lack of public leadership.

"Recent examples of situations where government may be hurting or harming citizens, or may be allowing hurt which government could readily relieve, may be the elderly in care, veterans applying for pensions, and public officers who are punished for disclosing wrongdoing in government, Mr McMahon said.

"Illegal entry into Australia is another area where notions of public leadership may assist good government.

"Those of us who support the deterrent policy of denying settlement in Australia to illegal entrants, may be compromised in that support if the government is seen to be allowing mistreatment of persons to also become part of the deterrent policy.

“Ensuring that any mistreatment of persons placed in nearby countries can be disclosed by doctors and other support staff at those placements is a whistleblowing protection issue critical to support of current policy.

“A heightened appreciation of notions of public leadership is vital for our various leaders to grasp ... and deliver on!” Mr McMahon said.

“Public leadership notions, if they are identified and supported in our councils and parliaments, can bring positive benefits.

“It could move community disappointment in its elected representatives to renewed respect.

“Most beneficially, implementation of public leadership notions could encourage and facilitate a growth in community spirit.

“An uplifted spirit within communities could be enabling to its members and its social groups to do more for the common good, and to join with councils and governments in assisting those in the community already hurting and harmed,” Mr McMahon said.

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