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Victorians Deserve to Hear Every Voice This Election

The recent announcement that One Nation intends to field candidates across every Victorian electorate and region is unquestionably newsworthy. Every party entering the election deserves fair coverage.

But democracy is strongest when voters hear from *all* serious candidates—not just those with established party brands or the largest media profile.

As an independent candidate for Eastern Victoria, I welcome robust political debate. What concerns me is not who receives coverage, but who doesn't.

Independent candidates are stepping forward across Victoria because communities are asking for something different: practical solutions, genuine representation and politics that puts people before party.

When election coverage focuses almost exclusively on major parties or the loudest political voices, voters miss the opportunity to hear new ideas and alternative solutions to the challenges facing Victoria.

The role of the media is critical in a healthy democracy. Balanced election coverage helps ensure voters can make informed decisions based on the full range of choices available to them.

This election will shape Victoria's future. Every candidate who has done the work to earn a place on the ballot should have the opportunity to explain their vision to the communities they seek to represent.

Victorians can't vote for ideas they've never been given the opportunity to hear.

I encourage media organisations across the state to ensure their election coverage reflects the diversity of candidates contesting this election and the communities they hope to serve.

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