

Licia Heath

Independent for Wentworth



*“Along with most Australians, I’ve been watching the degradation of our political landscape for some time, and have been working hard to improve the state of politics without directly becoming involved. But I can no longer stand aside and be complicit in a society being created that I don’t believe in. **The only way we can improve Australia’s political landscape is for the moderates in our community to stand up, get involved, and say ‘Enough!’**”*

— Licia Heath, Independent Candidate for Wentworth

Licia Heath is Wentworthy.

Dear Neighbour,

My name is Licia Heath, and I am a local Wentworth resident, and parent.

I believe our political system isn't broken, but it is sick. The only antidote is increased engagement in politics, the political process, and better representation in our Parliament.

This is the reason I've decided to run as an independent candidate for Wentworth.

Wentworth is an electorate with diverse needs and demographics, and any candidate should be able to represent the interests of constituents from Elizabeth Bay to Watsons Bay; the rapidly-expanding suburbs of Waverley, Bondi and Clovelly, and everywhere in between. **I have a genuine and proven track record of working in the community for the community's interests—not a political party machine.**

What do I stand for?

1. Parliamentary Reform:

- Fixed 4 year terms for Federal elections, including implementing strong controls on political donations, parliamentary entitlements and lobbying.

2. Establishment of a Federal ICAC

(Independent Commission Against Crime):

- Currently, no federal agency has the investigative powers or jurisdiction to expose corrupt conduct in the federal government and public sector; we need this to help return trust to our political system.

3. Media Ownership Inquiry and Reform:

- Strengthen and protect the independence of the Australian Press Council and ensure protections for journalist sources.
- Ensure funding and government protections for the ABC.
- Apply public interest test to media mergers with the aim of ensuring ownership diversity.

I also have progressive views on the environment, climate change, schools funding, asylum seekers and tax reform.

However, unless the first three issues above are addressed and rectified, the ability to establish meaningful legislation on issues such as the environment is severely compromised.

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