

August 16, 2016

Mr B Coulter  
GPO Box 3350  
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Dear Mr Coulter,

*Barry*

As a former Chief Minister and member for Port Darwin I am supporting Rohan Kelly to be the next member for our electorate. I don't give an endorsement lightly as many of you know.

Ronald Reagan quipped during the 1984 presidential debates when asked if, at 73, he was too old to be President: "I will not make age an issue of this campaign. I am not going to exploit, for political purposes, my opponent's youth and inexperience". It's a great line that has endured over time. The fact is that age and experience is less important than passion and determination.

Paul Everingham, our first and best Chief Minister ever was 34 at Self-Government; his deputy Marshall Perron was 36. A couple of the Ministers were under 30.

Rohan is young, so was I when first elected. I know Rohan's passion and determination to serve our electorate. The Country Liberals need renewal and Rohan can play an important part in the Country Liberals going forward. There's much work to be done, especially on the economy.

This election is the most important for a generation. I like Michael Gunner, he's a good bloke but he and his team are not ready. Just compare the backgrounds of the candidates. Putting aside personalities, throwing a Government out after one term will damage our economy. We need continuity. Labor 'L' of a risk is very apt in the current circumstances. Make no mistake, we can't afford a new Government with L plates.

Port Darwin is awash with candidates this time round. Every vote will count. Independents asking you to vote 1 only without preferences are wasting your vote.

The Territory deserves better than Labor – on August 27 give Rohan Kelly the opportunity to prove he is worth your vote.

Vote 1 Rohan Kelly, I am.

Yours sincerely,

*Shane*

*Every vote will count.*

**Shane Stone**  
Former Member for Port Darwin  
Former Chief Minister of the Northern Territory