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Dear Ross,

I am writing to thank you for your help, encouragement and support leading up to the recent Territory election. I do hope that you have no regrets about chairing a pre-selection panel that selected myself ahead of Dennis Collins in the light of the result. It will always be a matter of personal regret that Lyn and I fought that campaign on opposite sides of the fence. I always considered that she had a great deal to offer (told her so on many occasions) and would hope in time that she would be prepared to reassess her position.

I accept full responsibility for the election loss in Sadadeen. In hindsight I clearly made a number of mistakes during the campaign. In particular I allowed a whispering campaign that I had "stacked" the preselection panel and was a failed candidate from down south. Neither of those allegations are true.

A number of very firm friendships were formed during the campaign.

Your support will never be forgotten. Your commitment to the Party and its selected candidate speaks for itself.


I intend to continue my active involvement in the CLP. I have not finally decided whether I will offer for pre-selection again but be assured I am not about to be frightened off by party dissidents lacking in discipline, loyalty and commitment to our party. I am very proud of our Party and was honoured to be its candidate in Sadadeen.

Again, thank you for your help and in the event I can reciprocate in any way please do not hesitate to contact me.

We are presently relandscaping our grounds but come spring we intent to put on a small function to express our appreciation for your support.

I shall write to you again at that time and do hope you will be able to join us.

Kind Regards

  
Shane L. Stone