

# Mallee Candidates

| Candidate                                      | Replied to Email | Opposes Buybacks | Detailed Water Policy Provided | Speak Up Supported |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Anne Webster - Nationals                       | ✓                | ✓                | NA                             | NA                 |
| Adam Veitch - Trumpet of Patriots              | ✓                | ✓                | NA                             | NA                 |
| Chris Lahy - Citizens Party                    | NA               | NA               | NA                             | NA                 |
| Greg Olsen - Labor Party                       | ✓                | NA               | NA                             | NA                 |
| Nicole Rowan - Greens                          | NA               | NA               | NA                             | NA                 |
| Ashleigh Gray - Family First                   | ✓                | ✓                | ✓                              | ✓                  |
| Vaughan Williams - Pauline Hanson's One Nation | NA               | NA               | NA                             | NA                 |
| Jeff Barry - Libertarian                       | NA               | NA               | NA                             | NA                 |

## Mallee Candidates Water Policy / Replies to Email

All Candidates standing for the seat of Mallee were sent the following email -

*As you are aware, water policy is one of the biggest issues facing the Mallee electorate, which is reliant on the prosperity of irrigated agriculture.*

*Speak Up members have asked for guidance on the water policy of the candidates for the 20205 election. Could you please send me your water policy, particularly your position on buybacks by Thursday, April 24th, to enable us to provide feedback to our members.*

*With thanks,  
Shelley Scoullar*

**Please find below the correspondence from the candidates -**

### Anne Webster - Nationals

Dear Shelley

Thankyou for contacting me about water policy on behalf of the Speak Up Campaign. Indeed it is a very big issue in the electorate of Mallee.

I have consistently called out Labor's reckless buyback of water in the Murray-Darling Basin, which occurred at a time the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder was not using what it owns already. Labor's 450 gigalitre extra water recovery is a political target to hold or win seats in Adelaide. Mallee's primary industry – farming – is under threat from a Labor government mothballing farms and converting Mallee into an industrial wasteland. The Nationals will restore the vital and protective socio-economic test we had in place before Labor and the Greens ripped up Basin bipartisanship, ensuring river communities suffer no hardship from buybacks.

Here are some articles I have written on this important issue:

[Anne Webster MP - Labor sucking us dry with estimated \\$3 billion 450GL water buybacks - Column \(Swan Hill Guardian\)](#)

[Anne Webster MP - Labor buying 70GL Murray Darling Water while farmers return 22x that amount to environment](#)

[Anne Webster MP - Water Buyback Impact laid bare as Labor aims at Political Target](#)

I hope you will have received a hard copy of my recent newsletter in the post with information about the work I have been doing across Mallee and in parliament over this term.

If you would like to know what I have had to say as the Member for Mallee and Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Health, please take a look at my website [www.annewebster.com.au](http://www.annewebster.com.au), like my [Facebook page](#) or see what I've been saying on [Youtube](#).

Kind regards

**Adam Veitch - Trumpet of Patriots**

Greetings Shelley,

I appreciate your email and am sympathetic to the fight of farmers and rural and regional areas regarding water rights, allocations and buybacks.

I know domestic and foreign investment of water being brought and sold as a 'money making' investment by people that should not be able to buy and sell a precious resource like water is not the right path but as we have learnt over time government don't care about the people and their struggles, they care about party donors and special interest groups while farmers and irrigators miss out or don't get what they are entitled to or need to produce goods.

This is an attack on farmers and producers to profiteer while the farmers and associated areas suffer.

For decades government have systematically hamstrung rural area and this stems from the Lima Declaration and successive government interference.

What is needed is proper representation of the people and addressing the issues faced.

**Ashleigh Gray - Family First**

Hi,

I apologise that this is being sent a day behind the requested deadline.

Please find attached some responses that we have provided including in response to water allocations and buy back program.

Thanks

Ashleigh Gray

Family First Candidate for Mallee

**[Ashleigh Gray - Family First](#)**