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Why Do Greens Party Candidates Step Away From Red Banners Before Elections?

Photographic and other evidence suggests that a number of Green Party members have some affinity with the Socialist Alliance party. This affinity, begs the question as to why they stand for the Greens Party, rather than the Socialist Alliance Party.



The Late John Kaye, David Shoebridge and Jamie Parker

The 2015 NSW election results give a clear insight as to why the late John Kaye and David Shoebridge would stand for the Greens Party in the upper house. Standing for the Greens Party places them on a ticket that secured 9.92% of the count, enough to win 3 seats. The Socialist Alliance Party polled 0.2% of the vote. Showing your true colour at election time can be career limiting.

If Jamie Parker stood for the lower house seat of Balmain as a Socialist Alliance party candidate, voting in state and federal elections across Australia suggests he would not win the seat. There are currently 3 Socialist Alliance representatives in local government across Australia.

According to Wikipedia, "The **Socialist Alliance** is a radical [socialist](#) party in [Australia](#) which engages in a combination of [grass roots](#) activism and electoral politics. With branches in most states and territories,^[1] and electoral registration federally and in a number of states, it claims to be the largest group on the Australian [far Left](#).^[2]"

"The Socialist Alliance's stated aim is to "replace the capitalist system with one in which the fundamental elements of the economy are socially owned and controlled and democratic systems of popular power established" through a "sustained mass campaign of total opposition to capitalism".^[3]"

How many Greens Party voters actually know what form of politics they are voting for?



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"Cleaning up politics is imperative if we are to restore integrity to the political process," said Jamie Parker, the Greens' MP for Balmain. Does integrity include being clear about your underlying political beliefs?

In NSW, one of the more prominent members of the **Greens Party** is Lee Rhiannon, a former state upper house member and now a NSW senator in the Federal parliament.

Ms Rhiannon also has a strong connection to red flags. She was elected as a **Greens Party** member of the NSW upper house in 1999. After making NSW parliament facilities available for a group organising protests against the World Trade Organisation in Sydney in 2002, she made it clear she was not concerned about the potential for violent protest. This attitude does not seem to be in keeping with the **Greens Party** mantra of peace and non-violence.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LoiZ4DGAw8>

During the interview on A Current Affair, she said "History is both in the past and it comes into the present as well. Many lessons to be learnt....." It is ironic that when anyone raises Ms Rhiannon's political past she and the **Greens Party** think we have nothing to learn from that history.

Some right leaning journalists seem to think there is much to be learned from Ms Rhiannon's political history, but don't seem to make much progress.

<http://www.thesydneyinstitute.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Lee-Rhiannon-28-Sept-11.pdf>

Who better to finish this review than Jim Casey, state secretary of the Fire Brigades Employees' Union, former member of the International Socialist Alliance and **Greens Party** candidate for the Sydney seat of Grayndler.

The editorial in the Daily Telegraph provides a summary of what lies beneath the green skin of the **Greens Party**.

As Labor's Anthony Albanese recently pointed out, his election opponent in Grayndler Jim Casey is far more a socialist than a tree-hugger. "The Greens political party candidate who has been chosen in this electorate has spent more time in the international socialist organisation than he has in the Greens political party," Albanese pointed out. "If he was fair dinkum he'd run as an international socialist and see how many votes he got there."

Answer: not very many. Which is why the Greens maintain their environmentalist façade.

Read the full editorial below.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/opinion/jim-casey-farleft-agitator-cloaked-in-green/news-story/688b15e11834eb77773c3f610a5e40fe>



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If anyone you know is thinking of voting for the local **Greens Party** candidate, get them to watch the next two links and see if **Greens Party** is the party they really want to support. The first link was filmed at a conference organised by the **Greens Political Education Trust**.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=34ToPBfgrQM&list=PLpQdYVvM_gcNBjb-fOixiaPsiHFwg4du7

The next was filmed at the 100th anniversary AGM of the NSW Fire Brigades Employees' Union.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLc1YkXUhc&index=3&list=PLpQdYVvM_gcNBjb-fOixiaPsiHFwg4du7

So on election day, when the **Greens Party** pamphleteer comes to you, remember the wise words of Cindy Lauper – “But I see your true colors shining through, I see your true colors,” and that is why I am not voting for you or the **Greens Party**.

