



Statement by the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson – 3 April 2025

In February, The Nationals asked me to nominate for the seat of Whitlam.

At that time, it was the last thing on my mind as I was engaged in a variety of other roles.

However, the hardship that families and small businesses in our region are experiencing with the ever-spiralling cost of living, and the way the Albanese government is running roughshod over widespread local opposition to the proposed Illawarra offshore wind farm, I agreed to put my name forward and do whatever I could to help fight for the people of Whitlam.

Since then, it has become clear that the campaign for Whitlam will be between the Labor and Liberal parties, and I want to do everything I can to help enable a change of this seat and the whole of government to the Coalition.

Therefore, I have decided that I will step aside from the role of candidate in order to keep the focus on the main game, and that is to win government for the Coalition at this election. Following discussions yesterday, The Nationals are fully supportive of my decision to not lodge a nomination with the AEC for the upcoming election.

My thanks go to everyone who has helped and supported me, and I wish Peter Dutton and David Littleproud the very best of luck in winning government on 3 May.

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