

Lee's comments on Walsh's "sour grapes": challenges Nationals to "come clean" on MIS'

Nationals MP Peter Walsh, has been accused of making "unfounded" comments which belittle growers in the Sunraysia district. The Deputy Leader of the Victorian Nationals reportedly took offence to the fact he was not asked to speak at the recent "Fighting for Survival" rally, implying that the day was in support of Danny Lee, a candidate in the November state election.

"It is a shame to see the Agricultural spokesman for the Victorian Nationals display 'sour grapes' rather than concentrating on the real issues at hand here. The local Liberal candidate proudly drove his Liberal Party signed ute in the parade. Mr Walsh and the Nationals chose not to," Mr Lee said.

"Mr Walsh forgets that non-sitting candidates such as myself were not allowed to hold a site at the recent Speed Field Days. The exception to this rule was local Nationals candidate Peter Crisp, who was allowed to openly display his promotional signs and be a part of the Nationals display. We were also refused a stand at the upcoming Elmore Field Days which is in the heartland of National Party territory."

Mr. Lee said he was honoured to have been asked by the local VFF to speak at the rally in his capacity as Chairman of the Sunraysia Irrigators Council, and as a local irrigator of forty years experience.

"I agree with Mr. Walsh that all sides of politics need to work together to improve the situation for regional Victoria, I am willing to work with anyone if it is of benefit to the horticultural industry and the Sunraysia region. Before that can happen, I call upon Mr. Walsh and the Nationals to come clean and publicly state their policy towards Managed Investment Schemes."

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