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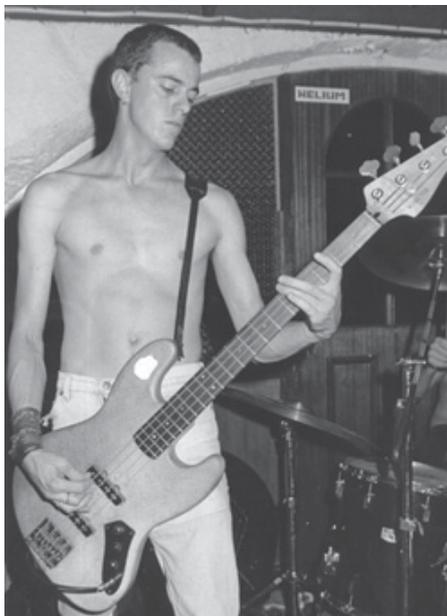
# Robert O'Brien

## Independent for Wannan



Hello. My name is Robert O'Brien, and I have nominated as an Independent Candidate for Wannan for the upcoming federal election. I am 30 years old, and I am fed up with the lies we have been told by the Liberal and Labor parties. In fact, a lot of people are, and some of those people may vote for One Nation. I'm hoping that those people will vote for me instead.

Some people may remember that I played bass in a Warrnambool band called *Loudmouth*. Some may be aware of my radio show on **3WAY FM** ("*Take the number 10 bus*", Tuesdays 10pm - midnight). I have also organised Australian tours for several international bands, including *Propagandhi* (Canada), *No Use For A Name* (USA), *Millencolin*



*Me playing bass for Loudmouth*

(Sweden), *No Fun At All* (Sweden), *All You Can Eat* (USA) and *Spitboy* (USA).

It has always been a priority to keep prices down (maximum \$12); to organise all ages shows whenever possible; and to support local bands. I get more satisfaction seeing a room full of people enjoying themselves (with positive entertainment) over making heaps of money.

And if I get elected to the seat of Wannan, then I intend to carry that belief through, and return part of my income (as a parliamentarian) directly to the community. Initially, this will be to fund the setting up of a Youth Centre in Warrnambool, then in other areas within the electorate.

I oppose the sale of any Government utilities, such as Telstra and Australia Post. As Australians, we already have "shares" in these entities. Labor may not admit it, but they will eventually sell Telstra, and Liberal definitely will.

I oppose the **Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI)**, which will give extensive new powers to Multinational corporations. This denies governments the right to control foreign direct investment in their countries.

The rules and regulations which hinder foreign investment and will be dismantled under the MAI are often those that protect workers and jobs, public welfare, domestic businesses, the environment and culture. By subverting national and local priorities to the needs of foreign investors, the MAI poses a dangerous threat to democratic political processes. Both Liberal and Labor are pushing this legislation, which will mean unlimited foreign ownership of Australia. Telstra will become 100% foreign owned, and profits will be the most important thing. Services will decline, jobs will be lost and profits will go overseas.

I support government assistance for the development of Australian inventions, keeping them and their profits in Australia.

I also (extremely) strongly support government support for the development of Water Powered Cars and Free (Zero Point) Energy devices. The technology for these has been suppressed for 70 years.

This technology would mean no coal or uranium mining, no drilling for oil, no burning of fossil fuels, no spending money on SEC bills or worrying about the cost of petrol. Cars can, with