



INDEPENDENT FOR KAWANA

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Kawana independent Jeremy Davey a silent One Nation candidate; constituent alleges

Independent candidate for Kawana, Jeremy Davey, has dismissed allegations he has been 'planted' in the seat of Kawana by the Pauline Hanson's One Nation (PHON) party. Mr Davey said that the allegations had come in the form of a number of telephone calls.

Mr Davey today said that the crux of the allegations were that he had been funded by PHON to run against incumbent Jarrod Bleijie as the party did not want to be seen directing preferences in the seat to Labor in front of the LNP.

"I'm happy to address the allegation once or twice, have a laugh the third time but beyond that it is a time wasting exercise. I have not received any funding from PHON and I have affirmed and submitted a Statutory Declaration to the effect that I am self-funded.

"The best line I have heard is that I am running under the banner as an independent because senior PHON figure James Ashby had a 'hatred' of Jarrod Bleijie, however the party could not be seen to preference Labor's Mark Moss ahead of the LNP in Kawana; cue my nomination. You can't make this stuff up, and I reckon if you asked Pauline Hanson and James Ashby they wouldn't even know who I am," Mr Davey said.

The independent candidate did admit to talking to PHON leader Steve Dickson during an opportunistic moment that presented itself last weekend but no formal arrangement had ever been discussed. Mr Davey did say however that during the past week he had warmed to Mr Dickson's outspokenness and would not rule out working with PHON if he were elected to the next Parliament.

"Mr Dickson is throwing the cat amongst the pigeons with regard to the neglect of the Sunshine Coast and I completely support him on that. I have stated from the outset that I will work with whoever can deliver the most for Kawana. That can be the LNP, Labor, The Greens or PHON. I will however not join an existing registered party if I am elected under the banner of an independent," Mr Davey said.

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