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## 500 IN FIVE WEEKS!

Hear Our Voice submitted its application to register a political party with the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) yesterday (3 September 2007).

After launching the Party at Australian Parliament House on 1 August 2007, Hear Our Voice gained overwhelming support from the community by achieving the 500 members required to register the party.

“In only 33 days Hear Our Voice gained over 500 members, enabling us to submit our registration with the AEC. This is an extraordinary achievement and demonstrates people are looking for a new type of politician and party,” Hear Our Voice President, Toni McLennan said.

“We now have members in six of Australia’s eight States and Territories and membership continues to grow.

“The overwhelming message from the community and new party members is that they are so anti Coalition and Labor politics that they want different voices in parliament – not more of the same.

“It concerns me that there is such an alarming level of distrust and contempt toward politics and politicians and this demonstrates that the two major political parties have lost touch with the people.

“We were overwhelmed by the support for Hear Our Voice but saddened by the many stories of hardship and people’s struggles to make ends meet.

“Despite the fact the Government says we have such a strong economy and Australians have never had it so good, the thousands of people that Hear Our Voice members spoke to felt that they were not sharing in this prosperity.

“This is because the Howard Government is creating an uncaring economy, rather than building a community where all people prosper,” Toni McLennan said.

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