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"I want to halve my own elected term"

Independent Candidate's unprecedented pledge

In a political landscape where candidates fiercely guard their job security, Independent Legislative Council candidate Craig Pickering is taking an extraordinary and unprecedented stance.

Pickering **will actively campaign to halve the standard 8 year elected term for the Legislative Council down to 4 years if elected** - even though doing so would slash his own time in office.

"Eight years is simply too long for any elected official to avoid the judgment of the voters," Pickering stated. "I am running as an Independent to empower community voices, and you cannot empower the community if you only ask for their feedback once every eight years."

Pickering's stance is heavily backed by historical commissions, and the public themselves. During South Australia's Constitutional Convention, a deliberative poll revealed that 75% of participating citizens favoured reducing Legislative Council terms to 4 years.

"Four year terms ensure that independent candidates, major and minor parties are continuously answering to the electors for their role as parliamentary representatives." Pickering said.

"I am running to change the system. Halving the term of Legislative Councillors is a necessary step to cure the growing cynicism and alienation many citizens feel toward their government. **True representation means facing the voters every four years, no exceptions."**

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