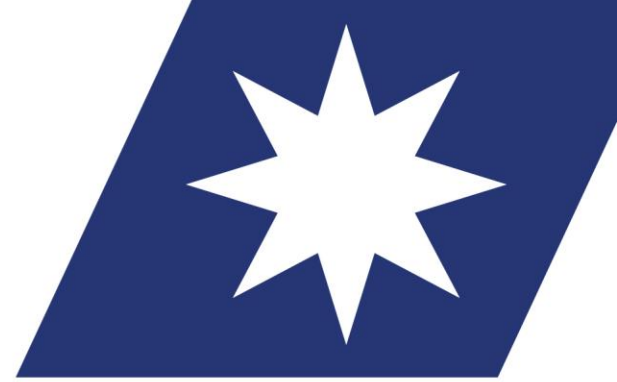


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North Queensland: our time is *NOW* – Katter's message to NQ

KAP Leader and Federal Member for Kennedy Bob Katter and KAP candidate for Leichhardt Dan McCarthy fronted media this morning in Cairns for the final time before the election and delivered a passionate message to the people of North Queensland to vote for the KAP, which has the first chance of grasping real control of the Federal Government in the past 50 years.

"This is our chance," Mr Katter said.

"We have an opportunity for controlling the Federal Government here. The Prime Minister said it looks almost certainly to be a hung parliament and if we can get three seats in that Parliament then we will have power such as we haven't seen in 50 or 60 years.

"The major headline of today's Townsville Bulletin had our KAP Candidate for Herbert, Nanette Radeck is within striking distance of winning.

"We believe we are stronger here in Leichhardt - so the signs are very good. "

Mr Katter said recent polling was rarely accurate for minor parties and that it shouldn't be taken as the likely outcome of an election.

"Last election, the polling said I'd lose by seven per cent nine days beforehand. I won by 12 per cent.

"With the polling in Townsville, a few days old now, saying we have 13 per cent of the primary vote, well that is a conservative figure but demonstrates the surge of the KAP."

Mr Katter warned all voters ahead of tomorrow's election that if the ALP won, it would be detrimental for the people in the Far North, as Cape York was set to be returned to National Park under the UN World Heritage declaration as announced by ALP environmental spokesperson MP Tony Burke earlier in the campaign.

"If we don't get the power, the entire Cape York – and I remind you that Cairns is the capital of Cape York – the entire Cape York is about to be made into National Parks.

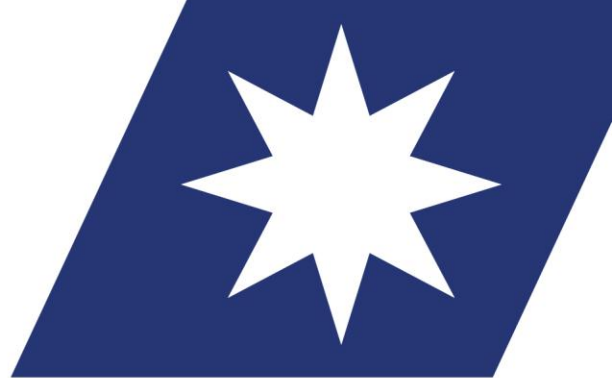
"For the first time in 30,000 years the people of the Cape will be dispossessed of their rights – World Heritage takes your rights to develop and to work the land. It takes your rights to water, timber and quarrying.

"Please Cairns, understand your economic base will be swept away if the Labor Party gets in this election. People have fought for the last 200 years to protect their land will have it brutally taken off them."

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On being asked which major party Mr Katter would support should there be a hung parliament, he replied he would decide on whichever delivered most for North Queensland.

“We will decide on who becomes the Government of Australia on the interests of the people in North Queensland, as I have determined on each previous occasion.

“I am not interested in either party – you only have to look at the number of empty shops here in Cairns, in every town in North Queensland. Who is responsible for that? Well, at the very last Parliamentary sitting, LNP voted against a minimum price for dairy farmers and yet they still say they are for agriculture.

“The southern suburbs of Cairns fall into Kennedy and at the last election; we won one out of every two voters at that booth. That trend will flow on into the Cairns region.

“For the people of the north I tell you, here is the opportunity where we can grab for ourselves the power. It can be done.

“Keep the faith in those fighting especially for the north, not those puppets on the strings out of Canberra.”

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Note: Photograph of Bob with KAP Candidate for Leichhardt, Daniel McCarthy in Cairns today along with Suzi Hannah and her daughter Shiloh.