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Senator Pauline Hanson will officially launch CANDIDATES DISEASE, a political memoir by Peter Breen at 11am this Tuesday 12th February in the THEATRE FOYER of the Australian Federal Parliament, Canberra. The launch will take place in an area of the Parliament open to the general public and there is no charge.

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In Candidates Disease – the minor party epidemic that almost saved our democracy, Peter Breen examines the 44th Australian Parliament (2013-2016) and the 45th Parliament (2016-2019) in the context of the controversial 2018 leadership spill. He looks at the sickness in Australian politics that gave rise to boatloads of independents and minor parties – three million primary votes in the House of Representatives at the last federal election and four million in the Senate – and asks, is that the high water mark for minor parties and independents following changes to the way we vote, or is the political system fully sick with the more serious ailment bipartisan disorder now sweeping through Australia's major parties?

Exercising the right to stand for election and ultimately getting elected is just so easy in Australia it makes people sick. Breen tells anyone who asks that candidates disease is a good thing since it gives you a whole bunch of antibodies that protect you against the far more debilitating condition known as bipartisan disorder, which afflicts Australia's two major political groups: the Australian Labor Party and the Liberal-National Coalition. The problem with modern politics Down Under is not what separates the major parties but what binds them in partisan self-interest.

Candidates Disease is published by Wilkinson Publishing and retails for \$29.99 from all good book stores nationally and online at www.wilkinsonpublishing.com.au

About the Author

Peter Breen is a human rights and media lawyer who has been a fringe dweller in Australian politics for 50 years. Candidates Disease is a political memoir that looks back over his time in the Liberal Party, the Labor Party and more minor parties than he can count. He successfully stood for election to the Legislative Council of the New South Wales Parliament in 1999 on a platform of law reform. In recent times, he worked as an adviser to Senator Ricky Muir in the 44th Parliament and the One Nation senators in the 45th Parliament. He is the author of Advance Australia Fair (Cape Byron Press) and The Book of Letters (Allen & Unwin).

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