



Jason Wood MP
Federal Member for La Trobe

STATEMENT

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Labor Candidate Soft on Terror

Recent local media reports state that Simon Curtis, Labor Candidate, does not support anti-radicalisation program MYHACK in La Trobe - despite Jason Wood MP, Federal Liberal Member for La Trobe, taking the bi-partisan approach and inviting Anthony Byrne MP, Federal Labor Member for Holt, to be involved in the program's proceedings.

In an effort to create political and community friction, Mr Curtis is opposing Jason Wood MP's efforts to bring our community together in the fight against terrorism and the radicalisation of our youth, by labelling him a 'scaremonger'.

"For the Labor candidate to accuse me of scaremongering when we've had multiple local examples of the risk we face already, I wonder what it would take for him to take the threat of radicalisation seriously?" said Jason Wood MP.

"Being weak on terrorism achieves absolutely nothing, so does he propose to do nothing and just hope for the best?"

"Seeing this reaction from the Labor candidate, I have no choice but to assume he would not support proposed changes to citizenship or other counter terrorism measures"

In the same media report, Mr Curtis links the issue of anti-radicalisation programs with the issue of family violence. This is politically irresponsible and does not give the issue of family violence prevention the respect and focus it deserves.

"This week I met with Joanna Fletcher from Women's Legal Service Victoria to discuss my aim to boost resources for those affected by family violence in La Trobe"

"I take the matter of family violence incredibly seriously, and I do not choose to politicise it like others" said Jason Wood MP.

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