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I am 54 years old and live at Lake Boga in the heart of the Murray-Darling Basin. I currently work as a refrigeration technician whilst studying Refrigeration Engineering at RMIT University . My wife is a teacher and I have five sons, two who still live at home, one who has graduated with a Bachelor of Marine Biology, one with a Bachelor of Construction Management and one studying for a Bachelor of Theology.

Most of my adult life I have been dedicated to aiding the community and in particular giving my time to youth affairs and personal development, even before I had children of my own. I'm also very passionate about the future of the agricultural sector, especially after my family was given little choice other than to leave the dairy industry over 15 years ago.

My decision to “get political” came in a period I describe as a “perfect storm”. One of my sons has a disability and I was battling the state-based health systems in Victoria and New South Wales to get adequate healthcare and support assistance for him. Around the same period the dairy industry was dealing with its own battles for survival. Farmers were facing a “green drought” because, whilst there was plenty of water available, farmers couldn't access it. Our water entitlements had been reduced and to buy more we were facing highly inflated water prices. Meanwhile, the dairy industry's guaranteed pricing for milk production was being stripped away under deregulation.

The idea of being forced into more debt because of deregulation and water pricing, plus my son's needs, turned me towards politics, and that's when I

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National Banking
A return to Government-owned public banking services including a postal savings bank, development and infrastructure banks.

Development
Revive manufacturing and agriculture through great infrastructure projects that build Australia and create millions of meaningful jobs.

Sovereignty
No WALT with China. Establish an independent foreign policy and pursue peace through diplomacy and economic development.

Justice
Compensation for victims of financial crime. End Australia's inhumane mistreatment of asylum seekers and refugees. Bring Julian Assange home.

Turn Post offices into branches of a new public post office bank which invests your **guaranteed savings** in infrastructure projects to benefit communities—lowering up the budget to expand essential services that **reduce your living costs**.

How to vote for Chris Lahy in Mallee
House of Representatives

Number the green ballot paper as shown below. You must number all the boxes. Use only numbers.

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demands, for access to affordable water. We must support the food and fibre producers of this country.

I firmly believe that the ACP's water, power and transportation projects, plus other great infrastructure plans, funded by a government-owned national bank, are the only way to revitalise regional Australia and return hope to struggling farmers, small businesses and the youth of this nation.

With the prospect of another historic economic depression on the horizon, inflation and interest rate rises, supply chain blockages and a drum-beat for war, it has never been more urgent to consider the welfare and interests of the next generations. Young people need hope and optimism and vision for the future. I would like to see free access to tertiary education, access to affordable housing, and local training incentives especially in regional areas like the Mallee.

The ACP stands for these ideas and principles. Please break with the major parties and vote for me in the upcoming election.

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found the Citizens Party. They gave me the knowledge and understanding to realise we have to fight to overturn these government decisions which are literally killing off the rural sector. I believe the government can do "the good", but that means abandoning their free-market ideology and following what the ACP has outlined for the future development of the country.

Speculation and financial gambling, such as what has happened with water rights since they were separated from property rights, must be outlawed. As bad as it was for me 15 years ago, it is even worse now for farmers who have to compete with aggressive global speculators and environmental