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So far, the TJRyan Foundation website has mainly provided commentaries focussed on the major parties engaged in the federal elections.

To underline its commitment to supporting other progressive political movements, we reproduce here the content of an email sent out yesterday, 29 June, by GetUp.

This deals with the minor parties and the policies and personalities which are associated with them. Their role in the incoming Senate will be significant component in future policy analysis.

The GetUp email:

‘US has Trump, you’ve got me’: Hanson ready to rock the boat

ONE NATION

EXCLUSIVE

MICHAEL MCKENNA

Pauline Hanson has put the Coalition on notice ahead of her likely election as a Queensland senator, labelling the Turnbull government's \$40 billion submarine contract a "junk haul" and questioning company tax cuts.

The former federal MP yesterday joined strategists from both major parties in predicting her return to parliament amid polls showing double-digit support for One Nation across much of Queensland. With the double-dissolution election almost halving the share of statewide votes, to 77 per cent, needed for a Senate seat, some pundits believe One Nation could pick up a second Senate spot in Queensland, on the back of preferences.



The above article was in today's *Australian* newspaper about the very real chances of One Nation's Pauline Hanson winning a Queensland Senate seat.

GetUp writes in its email:

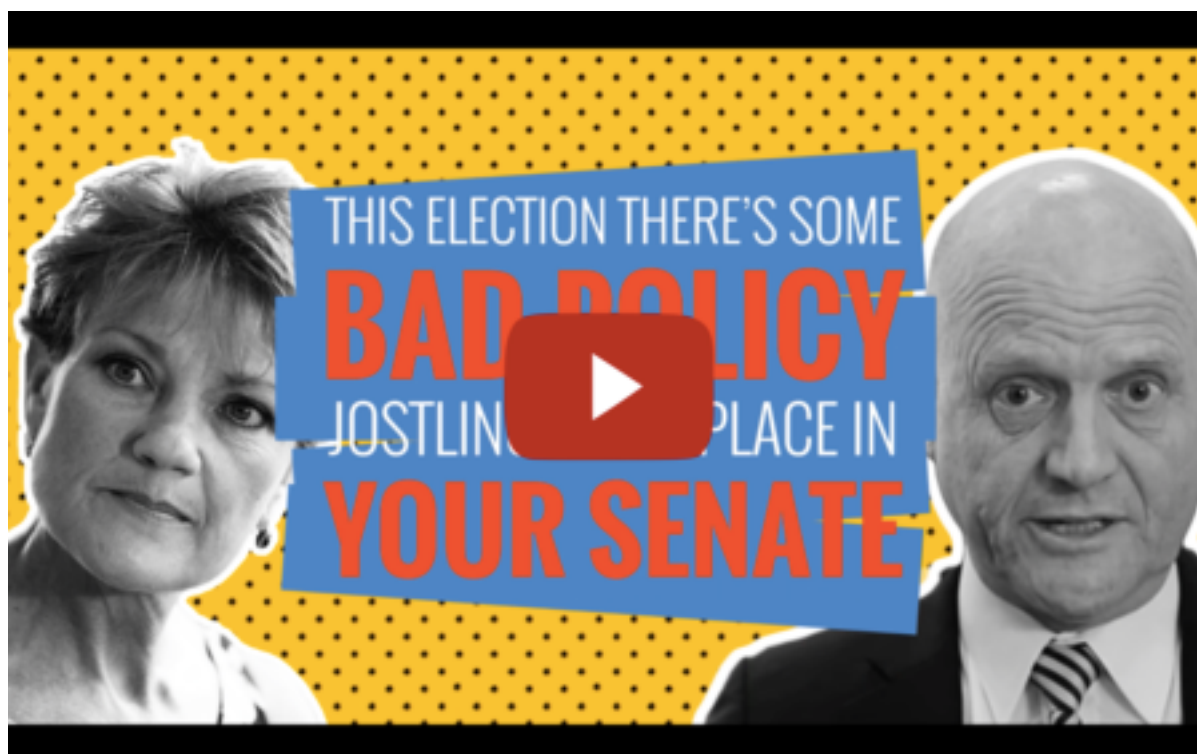
'Between Trump's candidacy and the shocking Brexit vote, there's no denying it: the radical-right is on the rise, fuelled by ignorance and xenophobia. **Here in Australia, the threat is no less real...**

'We're headed into a double dissolution election, meaning *every single* Senate seat is up for grabs. It's a double-edged sword.

'We have twice the opportunity to elect diverse, progressive Senate candidates. And double the risk of terrifying fringe candidates – like Pauline Hanson – winning office and the platform that it affords.

"The challenge isn't just defending our Parliament from the bloc of conservative MPs dragging our politics to the far-right – it's electing a bold, progressive Senate that will keep our new Prime Minister in check.

[Watch this quirky new video as a reminder of what's at stake](#)



'Support for independents and minor parties is at an all-time high, as disillusioned voters abandon the major parties and look for a new force in politics.

'This thirst could see climate-deniers, economic regressives and radical bigots set up camp in our parliament, jeopardising all of the issues our movement holds dear.

'But it could also see grassroots momentum swell behind candidates and minor parties who are ready to get in the ring and fight for our clean energy future, accountability and integrity in parliament, dignity for people seeking asylum, and a fair, thriving economy. **Together, we can tilt the scales.**

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'The Senate we elect on Saturday will shape what's possible for the next six years. Our independent movement of over one million Australians is perfectly poised to push voters towards the candidates who can lead us towards a better future, and away from those who will drag us back to the dark ages.

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'PS - Think what you will of the rag-tag team of crossbenchers who've called the legislative shots in the Senate for the past three years – all in all they helped protect us from the worst of the 2014 Abbott Budget, from the Medicare co-payment to \$100K university degrees.

'So, on Saturday, GetUp members will be providing voters with information on how to vote for a diverse (and sometimes unexpected!) range of senate candidates who offer something better than the Coalition on the issues our movement cares about – including the Australian Labor Party, the Greens, Ricky Muir and the Australian Motoring Enthusiasts, the Glenn Lazarus Team and the Nick Xenophon Team. **Read more: [https:](https://)**