

*Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2008*

## **MURRAY DEBATE TO GO AHEAD LIBERALS STILL RELUCTANT TO CONFIRM**

Australian Democrats candidate for Mayo Andrew Castrique has today announced that the Mayo by-election debate on the River Murray is going ahead, however Mr Castrique says it is now time for the Liberals to finally announce whether they will participate.

“It is now time for Liberal Jamie Briggs to publicly give an answer as to whether he will take part in this important debate,” said Andrew Castrique Democrats candidate for Mayo.

“My campaign team first issued the debate challenge to Mr Briggs on July 22<sup>nd</sup> (nearly a month ago) by email to the Liberal party secretariat and as yet have not been able to get a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ answer as to his participation.”

“The Liberals agreed to give an answer after close of nominations, yet we are still waiting.”

“If Mr Briggs and the Liberals are not taking Mayo for granted then they will participate in this debate.”

“The other candidates have all displayed a willingness to participate ensuring that this will be a great community event and a win for local democracy,” concluded Mr Castrique.

### **DEBATE DETAILS**

**DATE:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2008 1:30pm for a 2pm start

**VENUE:** Strathalbyn Town Hall, High Street, Strathalbyn

Entry: Gold coin (with any profits going to local community groups)  
Debate moderator: Mayor Kym McHugh, Mayor of Alexandrina Council

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