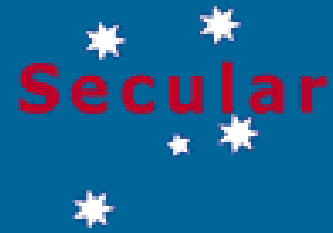




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Gregory Storer – Candidate Melbourne Ports

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## **Danby Announces Labor Party Policy Shift**

**Tonight at the Melbourne Ports Candidate Forum, Michael Danby announced that during the next term of a Gillard Government, the Labor party will be addressing the issue of 'same sex marriage' and that, as there are many in support of the change to the Marriage Act, the government would be changing the policy.**

**Kevin Ekendahl, one of the three openly gay male candidates running in the seat, is also strongly in favour of the change to the current Liberal Party policy and would consider crossing the floor to vote in favour of equality for all.**

**Gregory Storer from the Secular Party said that the party already has a policy on same-sex marriage, and it's time that the major parties fell into line. He said that in 2004, when the then Howard Government changed the marriage act to "marriage is between one man and one woman" the Labor party offered no opposition to it.**

**He said this is a clear indication of why a secular government is required in Australia. "The debate on same-sex marriage is being lead by right-wing Christian lobby groups who have dominated politics for way to long, and have been holding Australia back"**

**"It's time to get religion out of politics so that everyone, regardless of their belief or non-belief, can have confidence that policy is being made for all Australians, not just Christians"**

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