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## **UNITY ELECTION CAMPAIGN: PEACE AT HOME AND ABROAD**

The UNITY party has labelled the major parties' federal election platform as being **"basically the same"** and predicted that the major parties' primary votes will fall because of it.

"The major parties have opted for populist, poll driven policies at the expense of human rights and decency" said Eddie Hwang, UNITY Senate candidate for Unity Party in Western Australia.

"The Government is trying to win an election by driving out genuine asylum seekers and linking them to terrorism, which is as base as politicians can get".

"Even more pathetic is a Labor opposition that has backed the government all the way – the biggest weapon in Mr Beazley's armour is that the PM may not serve his full term".

UNITY will campaign for a more **compassionate treatment of asylum seekers**, who are escaping from some of the harshest regimes on earth.

Unity's platform will be strongly against any unnecessary military action, which could see innocent victims and Australian soldiers lose their lives.

"Unity's election campaign will **oppose hate and xenophobia**, and will be based on creating a **more harmonious, enriching Australia** which will **contribute to world peace**" said Hwang.

**"Jobs, education, health, and regional inequalities** – that's what this election should be about".

"UNITY says no to war, **no to hate and no to racism** – for this Christmas we want peace".

UNITY was formed just before the 1998 federal election. Now the party has over 2,000 members Australia wide, and an Upper House MP and eight local government councillors in NSW.

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