

Mike Kaiser



CAREER SNAPSHOT

- Graham Richardson protégé
- One-time member for Queensland state seat of Woodridge
- Former Queensland ALP state secretary
- Former assistant ALP national secretary
- Has known Morris lemma for 20 years
- Became lemma's COS in September 2005

Morris lemma's Chief of Staff

➤ **PROFESSIONAL SPECIALITY:**

Orchestrating election fraud benefiting ALP interests in marginal seats that determine which party takes government at state and federal elections.

➤ **PERSONAL VICTORY:**

Escaped prosecution for electoral fraud in Queensland

➤ **LATEST WIN:**

'*Easy Voter Cards*' to hasten voting fraud in the New South Wales State election on 24 March 2007

WHO IS MIKE KAISER?

“...(He is) a hardened young serial offender - premeditated, systematic, amoral, shameless, remorseless - educating and corrupting new generations of young Labor activists into the corrupt old culture over which he presided. No wonder Mr Beattie struck a chord three years ago when he called him ‘scum, scum, scum’.”

(Source: Senator George Brandis, Liberal MP, ABC *Lateline*, aired 19/08/2003)

WHAT HE ADMITTED TO IN QUEENSLAND

‘In the 1986 ALP plebiscite for the State electorate of South Brisbane [between Jim Fouras and Anne Warner], false enrolment forms had been submitted in the names of Mike Kaiser and Paul Lucas, who both became Members of State Parliament]...

...Mike Kaiser, Member of Parliament for the seat of Woodridge and former State Secretary of the ALP, resigned from the party on 10 January 2001 after **admitting he had given a false address** on the electoral roll 15 years previously. Kaiser served as an independent until the State election on 17 February 2001.’

(Source: *Electoral Misconduct and the Regulation of Political Parties* – a briefing paper by Rowena Johns for the Australian Government, May 2001)

CRIMINAL WRONG-DOING REWARDED

‘The fate of former Queensland Labor MP **Mike Kaiser**, who quit the party and his seat after admitting to electoral fraud as a 22-year-old and is about to restart his career as the party's assistant national secretary.’

(Source: ‘Hanson lodges appeal as sentence sparks outcry’ SMH 21 August 2003)

"Mike Kaiser is one of the most gifted campaigners this party has ever produced. I can understand why the federal ALP would want him."

- Peter Beattie, Sydney Morning Herald, 20 August 2003

TRUTH VANQUISHED DESPITE EVIDENCE

Gary Nairn MP: (responding to assertions by **Labor’s Michael Danby MP**) *“Michael (Danby) has obviously forgotten. He said there's no evidence of (vote) fraud. I mean he's clearly forgotten about Mike Kaiser, you know, the Labor roll-rorter up in Queensland. He's actually now Morris Iemma's Chief of Staff. Karen Ehrmann went to jail for fixing electoral rolls.”*

(Source: ‘Electoral changes’, aired on ABC Radio National, 24/6/2006; <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/saturdayextra/stories/2006/1669993.htm>)

IEMMA UNFAZED BY KAISER'S CRIMINALITY

In 2001, Mr Kaiser was forced to quit the Brisbane seat of Woodridge, the second-safest Labor electorate in Queensland, after admitting involvement in Labor vote rigging in the 1980s.

Mr Iemma said he had no problem with Mr Kaiser's involvement in the vote-rigging scandal. "People make mistakes, and he made a mistake and he paid a very heavy price for that. He lost his political career."

The Australian, 20 September 2006 - p2

RUTHLESSNESS EXPOSED

'...Kaiser was forced to resign (from his seat of Woodridge, QLD, in 2001) after recognising his signature on a falsified electoral enrolment form, relating to an operation carried out by the Australian Workers Union faction in an unsuccessful attempt to defeat a Socialist Left candidate in the state seat of South Brisbane in 1986. "I accept the consequences of what I did 15 years ago and as a 22-year-old student", Kaiser said. "I feel stupid."

"**He's not just stupid**", commented the Democratic Socialists' Coral Wynter, who ran for the South Brisbane seat in the last state election. "Mike Kaiser's 'youthful indiscretion' as a student was part of **his apprenticeship as a Labor Party hack**."

Wynter said the Shepherdson inquiry's glimpse into the ALP's internal operations proved that the party was an "organisational dictatorship" run by ruthless right-wingers like Kaiser, "in which the rights and views of the Labor rank and file and the working people are pushed aside".

(Source: 'Labor in Damage Control' – *Green Left Weekly*, 24 January 2001)

KAISER'S REPUTATION

Excerpt of an editorial following public disclosure of allegations against Carr-Iemma government minister, Milton Orkopoulos:

**Could a sex scandal bring
down a government in Australia?
History suggests parties can
survive such events, and Iemma
has a man experienced in such
matters to help him: his chief of
staff, Mike Kaiser.**

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‘...(Iemma’s) chief of staff Mike Kaiser ensures Iemma will be haunted by history, and carries around clippings from newspapers that predicted landslide wins for Wayne Goss and Jeff Kennett only weeks before voters sent them both to the glue factory.’

Adam Walters
NSW Political Reporter, National Nine News
28 February 2007

SIGNIFICANCE to MARCH 07 STATE ELECTION

In 2000-2001, the *Shepherdson Inquiry into Allegations of Electoral Fraud* in Queensland graphically exposed the Australian Labor Party's culture and practice of systematic electoral fraud.

Several key Labor figures were prosecuted including:

- Labor party identity, **Karen Ehrmann** -- she went to jail while others convicted received suspended jail sentences;
- Deputy Premier, **Jim Elder**, was forced to resign from parliament but escaped jail

20 other alleged rorters escaped prosecution – including Mike Kaiser – thanks to Queensland’s lax *Statute of Limitations* enacted by the Wayne Goss State Labor Government.

For years, concerned citizens around Australia having been trying to get the Howard government to make it more difficult for people like Mike Kaiser and enthusiastic party supporters to manipulate our state and federal elections.

Voting on behalf of anyone but you and voting more than once in an election is a criminal offence. However, current electoral procedure makes it impossible to know who has voted more than once and which votes are illegal – a weakness designed and ruthlessly exploited by Labor.

At every election, marginal seats are decided by just handfuls of votes: often less than 100 votes, sometimes less than a dozen in a seat where tens of thousands of votes have to be counted.

Mike Kaiser knows this and his reputation for fraud precedes him into the 24 March New South Wales state election.

MIKE KAISER KNOWS FRAUD WORKS

History shows few voters care about voting fraud as an issue, because Australians have a relaxed attitude to voting: mates typically voting for mates to save time running Saturday errands and to return favours. But voters do not appear to grasp the extent to which their lives are being ruinously shaped by individuals committed to self-interest at the expense of the will of the people. Australian parliaments host individuals with confected mandates, who are making decisions they have no right to make. They are there because fraud decides who takes government in Australia.

That is why NSW now has the **innocuously-named “Easy Voter card”** to hasten ballot fraud in marginal seats thanks to Labor’s culture of doing “*whatever it takes to retain power as a right*” [G Richardson, ‘*Whatever It Takes*’, p.144].