The Net Effect Party

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A new Australian political party using the Internet to empower voters

The first political party born of the Internet has opened its virtual doors to membership. Net Effect, the brainchild of Paul Leeming, has been created to empower Australian voters who no longer believe that our current politicians represent a democratic system in the twenty-first century.

Interested Australians and others from around the world can visit **www.neteffect.org.au** and discover a party whose policies will be shaped by each and every one of its members. Believing that the best democracies are those in which everyone gets a hearing, regardless of financial status, Net Effect has provided an online forum for people to voice their opinions and for members to take an active role in voting for policy decisions which will then be taken to the 2004 Federal election later this year.

Net Effect has set itself up to be a completely open party where all the details of its operations are provided publicly on the website, so that anyone may avail themselves of the information. Net Effect believes that this is the only way to prevent decisions being corrupted by money politics.

Policies of Net Effect include free medical care for all Australians, free education based on merit and not money, the full normalisation of gay and lesbian rights to be equal to those held by heterosexuals, the immediate withdrawal of our armed forces from Iraq and an undertaking never to unilaterally commit acts of aggression against any country unless they are actively attacking our sovereign interests. Net Effect strongly opposes the Australian government's support for the current US administration's policies of preventive war and global hegemony.

You can read more and get involved yourself by visiting their website and discussing the issues in their forum, whether you agree with them or not, as they actively encourage diverse opinions as a way of gathering information from all sides to make the best judgements on policy direction.