

# VEP Candidate

## Fiona Stewart - Sth Metro



Fiona was born in 1966 and grew up in Melbourne's south eastern suburbs where she was educated at Lauriston Girls School. She later attended Monash, Melbourne and Latrobe Universities gaining a PhD in public health sociology.

Fiona has a background that spans academia, the private sector and the media where, in the early 2000s she was a regular opinion writer in The Age, The Australian and the Herald Sun newspapers.

Since this time she has worked as a digital consultant which led her to found the consumer complaints startup Notgood-enough.org in 2001 at home in South Yarra.

Since 2004 Fiona has worked alongside her husband, Philip Nitschke in his pro-choice voluntary euthanasia organization, Exit International.

She is now in the final year of her law degree at Charles Darwin University; a shift in focus which she says has provided her with valuable midlife skills to enter politics.

A former President of the Youth Affairs Council of Australia, Fiona says that her approach to voluntary euthanasia advocacy stems from the same perspective of individual autonomy, small 'l' liberalism and equality of opportunity that she brought to her previous activism.

The role of Government is not to place unreasonable constraints on and barriers before the challenge of dying peacefully and with dignity at a time of one's choosing.

Government inactivity in this important area of human rights is inexcusable says Fiona. Her candidacy in the 2014 election reflects her aim to be part of a team of thinkers and doers who will not shy away from the difficult and often confronting issues associated with the end of life choices debate.

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