

The Liberal party is currently fighting fires on various fronts - from a revolt on the live sheep trade to preselection power struggles.

Western Australia Liberal Senator Dean Smith is putting up another push, as he [challenges](#) the decision not to run Liberal candidates in the two WA byelections.

In this podcast he also speaks about the need for rigorous debate on religious freedoms, diversity in the Liberal party, and his opposition to constitutional reform of section 44.

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