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ANGUS TAYLOR REVS UP LOCAL YOUNG LIBS

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Angus Taylor, the Liberal Candidate for Hume and his wife Louise joined a group of about a dozen young Liberals at Ban Thai in Goulburn on Friday evening – the night before Mr Taylor's campaign office opening in Goulburn.

Mr Taylor said the casual get together was simply trying to bring some young likeminded people together.

Mr Taylor said he would like to see more young people in Goulburn being engaged in politics, no matter what their political affiliation.

"I think that it is very important that if you care about the future of your country and are remotely politically minded that you get involved.

"Joining a political party is a great thing to do, because you learn a little more about grass roots political process, and what's more you will make new friendships, and have a lot of fun getting involved – particularly at election time."

Mr Taylor said that there were many interesting topics that surfaced during the night.

"On top of the usual banter you might get around a large table of twenty something's we talked about quite big range political issues. The issue we all agreed on was that political parties, including the Liberal Party, need more democratisation. In principle, I am a supporter of plebiscites - and even better, primaries - in choosing candidates for public office. Most people - and especially young people - see this as the way in which political parties now need to evolve. My personal view is that these kind of processes need to be carefully considered as part of a medium to long term overhaul toward enhanced democratisation."

"Apart from having popular appeal, the added benefit of gradually introducing plebiscites and/or primaries is that we would get a broader range of people

being elected to parliament. Currently the factions in major political parties have disproportionate influence in pre-selection processes. This often results in political 'insiders' (people who have been political staffers, or worked in lobbying groups or unions) being preselected. That's ultimately not very healthy for democracy."

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