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THIRD CANDIDATE JOINS THE PANGALLO INDEPENDENTS

Former Science and Climate Change Policy Advisor to join the Pangallo Independents. Frank Pangallo said he was very pleased to welcome Dr Luciano Lombardo BSc, PhD, as a candidate in the seat of Molonglo.

Dr Lombardo was awarded a first class honours BSc degree in 1972 and PhD in Organic Chemistry in 1975. He also has a Graduate certificate in Public Administration from Griffith University.

He is currently Assistant Director working in the areas of Corporate Performance Reporting. During his long Public Service career Luciano has worked in many areas of the Commonwealth Public Service, advising ministers on matters such as, climate change, energy, native vegetation, national water initiatives and policy development.

Frank Pangallo said that Dr Lombardo has had a long involvement in the Canberra community having served as treasurer on the board of Villaggio Italiano Ltd which built and runs the retirement village for the aged in Page. He is a past chairman of the Italo-Australian Club. Luciano was part of the driving force to gain support for the Canberra Art Prize, which has now become a successful annual event.

Frank Pangallo said that Dr Lombardo was founding President of ARIA-Canberra, an initiative of the Italian Embassy, which has played an important role in promoting science and technological collaboration between Australia and Italy. Luciano continues to be part of the driving force of ARIA-Canberra which was recently successful in launching an Award to support mobility of early career researchers. Dr Lombardo was honoured for his leadership in scientific collaboration earlier this year by the Italian Government with the title of Cavaliere (Knight) of the order "Star of Italian Solidarity".

Luciano was born in Australia from an Italian background. He and his wife Clara have lived in Canberra for the past 30 years and raised three children.

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