

# Debate Transcript

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**Debate opening:** Ms. Albina expresses her apologies in absence. Governing Commissioner McFarlane KCA explains debate rules.

**Mr. Tomson - Opening remarks (Party for National Reconstruction and Development for New South Scotland/PNRDNSS):** The Party for National Reconstruction and Development for New South Scotland is the first party created on the micronation. Being a purely right-wing party, it supports, among others; the negotiation of long-standing diplomatic relations with well-known micronations and membership in micronational organisations; the establishment of a stock-market capitalist economy, and the formation of a unique NSS culture. The party considers that every policy should be made to satisfy the New South Scottish people. Hence, it is not proper to disestablish one policy just because it has not the wanted results; a modification of it, instead is supported. The PNRDNSS believes that its main opposition is the Citizens Party, however it has no aim to create a tension between the two parties. Also, our party is proud to be in the PNRDNSS-Behemoth-CLANSS alliance, which will function as the united right-wing electoral voice of the people

**Mr. Whyatt - Opening remarks (Behemoth Party):** The Behemoth Party is proud to have formed an electoral pact this election. A vote for the alliance is a vote for Behemoth party involvement. We are looking to form a party of common goal and level headed common sense policy. What we disagree on is outweighed by what we agree on and we are making several promises to the electorate. The Behemoth party will hold firm to its ideals of creating a democratised national discourse where by the most pressing issues will be held as referenda. We also hold true to our beliefs as a Center or "thirds way party". We reject all antidemocratic and all unaccountable practices in government and indeed in larger institutions such as the GUM. We will argue against the spread of Socialism/Communism(Lenin:"end goal of socialism is communism"; as the ideology has been a demonstrable evil on the world. We believe in a mix of left and right wing ideals to create the best society. We stand by the phrase "not all cultures are equal". We will up-hold religious freedom to the extent it meets common western values. We want you to understand that macro-national debate can always be discussed and we will up-hold our macro-national views. We will be a force for cohesion within government and will push for New South Scotland to be the finest crown-dependency Austenasia has ever had. We want to push engagement and debate to its limits, we want to make this not only a micronation but a community. If I am elected to parliament I am confident that we will achieve much.

**Ms. Paysais - Opening remarks (Centrist Liberal Alliance of New South Scotland/CLANSS):** I'm Silvia Paysais and I'm here as the leader of the The Centrist Liberal Alliance of New South Scotland also known as the CLANSS, a center-right liberal party representing liberty and nationalism as well as valuing a transparent and well-balanced governance. Voting for the CLANSS means voting for more citizen's implication in a plethora of activities, politic, economic as well as artistic.

The CLANSS also seeks for realistic diplomacy while in the same time reinforcing its identity and becoming a role model of prosperity and dynamism in the micronational world. While voting for the CLANNS, you vote for establishing strong connections not only between the population and the government but also between New South Scotland and other micronations through cultural exchange and the promotion of immigration.

Finally, voting for the CLANSS also equals believing that union makes the strength through our alliance with the Behemoth and NPRDNSS parties. Indeed, we believe that working together on common projects can only be beneficial for the future of New South Scotland.

"Labels divide, values and ideas unite"

**Ms. Albina - Opening remarks retrospectively supplied in absence (Citizen's Party):** The Citizen's Party is a party of practicality and which cares deeply for only the issues which directly affect New South Scotland. We have observed that other parties have made statements which denounce socialism or promote capitalism, but we think this sort of political grandstanding rather ridiculous. How are either of these statements relevant to the political path of our nation? Does New South Scotland have means of production? One of our rival parties in their alliance even went so far as to quote Lenin. But, have they read any Lenin, do they know much of those they declare their enemies? How could "socialism" in New South Scotland come to exist if Lenin's conception of the state was that its power came primarily from "special armed bodies of men" which exercised class dictatorship over classes? How is any of this relevant to our nation, a micronation? This is our main question to the other parties, about most of their platforms and positions. Regarding ideology, we view our own ideology as Technocratic Pragmatism.

We ask the other parties, how do they seek to implement their policies, especially considering that such measures frequently fail in micronations across the world? We seek to implement policies economically that have come to succeed in the Empire of Adammia and to implement other policies socially, politically, and culturally that promote activity and prosperity in our nation. We also disagree strongly with any implementation of direct democracy until we have it proven to us that we have the citizenry which can actually support such a concept. Again, our party is not a party of quibbling about capitalism and socialism, or any other matters of politics which do not affect New South Scotland. We are a party which believes in looking practically and soberly at our nation, and to develop it step by step.

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** Let me start with our first question. I'd like to direct this to Mr. Tomson of the PNRDNSS first.

Your party is asking for a mandate to form the first democratic New South Scottish government in the Crown Dependency's history. What do you believe will be your one biggest priority if allowed to form a government? Please be specific.

**Mr. Tomson - PNRDNSS:** Ok, so let me reply to this interesting question: Our biggest priority, if we form a government, is to create diplomatic relations with well-known micronations, especially Austenasia. It is the easiest thing we can do, and one of the policies that will bring many good results in NSS. It will also form the basis to help us with other projects, such as Micronational organisation Membership (we will propose something to Austenasia to allow that) and the creation of a capitalist economy

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** Thank you Mr Tomson. How would you answer that same question, Ms. Paysais?

**Ms. Paysais - CLANSS:** Thanks for this interesting question. As you already know, the CLANSS is part of an alliance with the PNRDNSS and Behemoth parties and the policies described by Mr Tomson are part of the CLANSS's priority too, which explains the creation of the alliance. I would add that one particular priority of the CLANNS is the creation of strong immigration policies. Indeed, we think that looking for new citizens and promoting the New Scottish culture in the micronational world is essential to keep the micronation prosperous and active.

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** Thank you Ms. Paysais. Turning back to Mr. Tomson, with diplomacy so high up on your priority list, some may ask how this will be possible to implement given that New South Scotland is only a territory of Austenasia and therefore seemingly cannot conduct its own foreign policy. How does your party seek to address this dilemma?

**Mr. Tomson - PNRDNSS:** Really good question, here is what we'll do: As you well said, we are just an autonomous part of Austenasia. They gave us full inside control, but the foreign policy we can conduct is very limited (if any). The only way we can fix that is that we propose HM The Emperor of Austenasia a bill to broaden the foreign policy. At least, we could conduct our own foreign policy, even with prior authorisation of every action we do by Austenasia.

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** Briefly, are you suggesting that New South Scotland pushes for even more autonomy from the Austenasan Crown?

**Mr. Tomson - PNRDNSS:** Not exactly; just a small broadening of the foreign policy we can practice. I do not support secessionism inside NSS. Because secessionism will just destroy us.

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** Thank you Mr. Tomson. Ms. Paysais, as you mentioned your party is in an electoral alliance with the PNRDNSS and Behemoth. Does this alliance mean that you will form a coalition government together if elected? If so, how will you reconcile the fact that the PNRDNSS would like to focus its attention on improving relations with other countries, while your party is focussed primarily on gaining new citizens?

**Ms. Paysais - CLANSS:** This is a good question. Here is my answer...

**Mr. Tomson - PNRDNSS (interjection):** Sorry for the interruption, but i would like to mention that we are not ONLY focused in improving relations. It would be just the first priority after the election.

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** I appreciate the clarification, but I would ask party leaders to refrain from interrupting their colleagues going forward.

**Mr. Tomson - PNRDNSS:** Ok, sorry.

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** Not to worry. Please continue, Ms. Paysais.

**Ms. Paysais - CLANSS:** The alliance between the PNRDNSS and Behemoth is very new as it was created this morning only and as you can imagine, we haven't defined yet all the conditions of the alliance. What I can already say though, it's that for the moment, the alliance doesn't mean forming a coalition government so there wouldn't be any interferences. In any case, even if there was finally a coalition government, I think that both parties are pretty opened with dialogue and ready to speak up their minds which would certainly lead to an agreement.

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** Thank you Ms. Paysais. I'd now like to offer the floor to Mr. Whyatt.

Your party is asking for a mandate to form the first democratic New South Scottish government in the Crown Dependency's history. What do you believe will be your one biggest priority if allowed to form a government? Please be specific.

**Mr. Whyatt - Behemoth Party:** Thank Hugh Hugh. I think our biggest priority as a government would be consolidation of structures and how we want nss to function and with that reach out and recruit and advertise our presence. As a party our priority is to make sure the new government has a clear view of it's priorities whatever those are agreed to be and that it does not burn itself out. I hope that my experience can drive the new government forward without burning out or losing site of the big picture. Two promises we have made that my alliance members have agreed to are that; any economy must be approved by referenda and we promise a full debate and referendum on the gum. We will spearhead these to happen democratically.

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** Thank you Mr. Whyatt. I'll start the next question with you, since you haven't had the floor much yet. With your first priority out in the open, what is one thing that the first New South Scottish government must avoid doing during its first term?

**Mr. Whyatt - Behemoth Party:** That's a good one. I think first government should try all sorts of things in all arena's. But perhaps what it should avoid is not letting go of concepts or ideas and structure that are not fruitful. To not get wound it with accomplishing something that will seemingly fail. It's best as a culture to find out by doing all sorts of things to know what makes this nations NSS rather than Abelden or Mercia or Austenasia. Also we certainly should not run before we can walk on the economic issue. We must have a thorough look at all options but not be afraid to give up on the idea or indeed any endeavour we take so our efforts will be better directed.

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** Thank you Mr. Whyatt. How would you respond to that question, Mr. Tomson?

**Mr. Tomson - PNRDNSS:** I have nearly nothing to add. I would say that the government should not rush decisions (especially now, where it is new), because these will be hard to fix. The thing that mr.whyatt perfectly pointed out (But perhaps what it should avoid is not letting go of concepts or ideas and structure that are not fruitful.) is one of the things that greatly differentiate our alliance from the People's party.

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** Thank you. Do you have anything to add, Ms. Paysais?

**Ms. Paysais - CLANSS:** I perfectly agree with what both leaders of the Behemoth and PNRDNSS parties stated. I would add that it is important that before the government takes big decisions such as the creation of the economy, it is sure of the stability and good running of New South Scotland.

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** Thank you again Ms. Paysais. Your party was the most recent addition to the 'grand alliance' seeking to contest the Citizen's Party in the upcoming elections. Collectively, your three parties now include 88% of all citizens registered in a political party across the Crown Dependency. What was the rush to join such a large alliance to contest one party?

**Ms. Paysais - CLANSS:** Thank you for the question. In fact, the CLANSS was considering creating an alliance with the PNRDNSS already at the beginning of its creation as both parties shared a similar ideology and important big projects such as the introduction of a capitalist economy. Indeed, we believe that such a project would succeed only if parties are working together on it and when the Behemoth party formed the alliance with the PNRDNSS, the formation of the alliance became even more crucial.

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** Thank you. What is your response to that same question, Mr. Tomson? What was the rush in forming such a large electoral alliance to defeat one party?

**Mr. Tomson - PNRDNSS:** The response is this: All three parties in the alliance share enough ideological facts (as Ms. Paysais said before, the introduction of a capitalist economy, and a referendum on GUM). Bringing our parties together creates a coalition that has many members (I mean party members and not parties themselves), which, if handled properly, is guaranteed a good amount of seats in the parliament (if not a win). I believe that there is no electoral imbalance; Yes, the system now goes 3 versus 1, but I should acknowledge that the Citizen's party has made a huge campaign. In a few words, the alliance brings great benefits to the three parties.

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** Thank you. Before asking my last question, how would you address concerns around such a large alliance forming to challenge one party, Mr. Whyatt?

**Mr. Whyatt - Behemoth Party:** I guess I initiated this alliance by going to Mr. Tomson today. I felt it was important for the Behemoth party to have a presence in government being able to help any new government find their footing. I felt this alliance would be the most valuable due to shared policy and values. The addition of the Liberal party is a positive one. I think it is somewhat unfortunate that we are in a three on one scenario but I'm sure the Citizens party has a lot to contribute and I hope that I can use my position to include them on improving NSS.

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** Thank you Mr. Whyatt. Before concluding today's debate I'd like to ask one more question of party leaders present.

Mr. Tomson, you have noted that all three parties in the 'grand alliance' share very similar ideologies. Given that, why should New South Scottish citizens vote for the PNRDNSS specifically?

Moreover, as Ms. Paysais noted, your electoral alliance is very young and the finer details of the arrangement have not yet been decided. Would the PNRDNSS prefer to run the entire alliance under one single electoral list, or will each party submit its own list in the election?

**Mr. Tomson - PNRDNSS:** Really good question, I was not prepared for that. Here is my reply: Indeed, our alliance is very young. However, till now, it has been decided that there will be a common list for our three parties. So (for now), there is not the problem for voters to decide if they will vote PNRDNSS or Behemoth Party or CLANSS.

I believe, however, that there are still some aspects that make PNRDNSS special. So, in the elections, if finally there is no single electoral list, there will be again no problem. In this case, however, our list will include also the candidates of the rest alliance.

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** Thank you Mr. Tomson. Can you confirm that the Behemoth Party will join a single alliance list along with the PNRDNSS and Centrist Liberals Mr. Whyatt?

**Mr. Whyatt - Behemoth Party:** My had only a couple of requests that had to be met for an alliance. Other than that I am happy for the Behemoth party to take only one seat this election. Things may now change with five seats but I won't new people and talented people to make up the government. I am

happy to be on the same electoral list. But also I will be making a clear distinction as the behemoth party and what we hope to achieve ourselves.

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** And Ms. Paysais, you also mentioned a lot of key similarities between your party and the PNRDNSS and Behemoth. Are you happy for the Centrist Liberal Alliance to join the same list as the rest of the 'grand alliance'?

**Ms. Paysais - CLANSS:** This decision was made by the three party leaders after that we had a discussion about it. I was at the beginning personally more for three separate lists because I value keeping the identity of the CLANSS but the argument's of the other leaders convinced me. After reflexion, I think that it is totally possible to combine an unique least while still be a distinct party.

**Governing Commissioner McFarlane, KCA - Adjudicator:** Thank you for that. Well, there may be more to discuss, but likewise there are likely also more debates to come! Please allow me to thank our party leaders Mr. Tomson, Ms. Paysais and Mr. Whyatt for participating in today's debate. You have contributed greatly to the New South Scottish public's knowledge of your respective policies and should be commended for your commitment to this Crown Democracy's fledgling democratic system. Thank you again. That concludes today's debate.