

PARRAMATTA

Gary cut for politics

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WITH politics swaying from high drama to crazy plots, Bollywood film producer Gary Loke is well-equipped to enter the political stage.

Of course the Australian public in the lead-up to the September 7 federal election would find it hard to compare the colour and spectacle of a Bollywood film to the drabness of modern politics.

And that is why Mr Loke feels he and his party have a chance of grabbing a few seats away from the major parties.

Running as the Palmer United Party candidate in Parramatta, Mr Loke is an IT consultant as well as Bollywood film producer who feels the time is right for a strong alternative party.

"People want an alternative, they want real change," Mr Loke said.

A former member of the ALP, Mr Loke became dissatisfied with the major parties and knows other people are as well.

He was drawn to Clive Palmer, the founder of the party, and joined soon after it formed in April.

Businessman Palmer



Gary Loke, United Palmer party candidate for Parramatta.

formed the party along the same lines of the United Australia Party – forerunner of the modern Liberal Party – which disbanded in 1945.

Father of two Mr Loke, originally from India, feels that Parramatta is set for a break from the major parties.

"Both Labor and Liberal parties have failed Parramatta, in state and federal," Mr Loke said.

Parramatta Greens candidate Phil Bradley, who got almost eight per cent of the vote in 2010, also feels there will be a shift from major parties as they had both swung right.