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# Grassroot groups to fight poll



**UNITED WE STAND:** Darian Hiles with coalition representatives David McGowan, Kirsten Alexander and Rick Neagle. **Picture: ANDREA LAUBE**

A GRASSROOTS coalition of community groups will field more than 15 candidates for the state election in March.

The Community Voice Coalition will work together to fight for parliamentary seats to better represent their causes, which it says have been ignored by the State Government.

The coalition - comprising such groups as Save St Clair Reserve Ratepayers Association, Save the RAH, Save Glenside, Dignity for the Disabled, Community Health and Open Spaces - will pool resources and share preferences in an attempt to install as many of its candidates as possible into both houses.

Save the RAH spokesman David McGowan said the group was tired of being ignored by the Government and marginalised by its spin doctors.

"We all share a particular view of what is happening in state politics right now," Mr McGowan said.

"We are sinking in a sea of spin. The politicians say that they are the ones making the hard decisions, but

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the fact is they don't. We are willing to put our money where our mouth is and say to the community, 'this is the problem'."

Save St Clair Reserve spokeswoman Kirsten Alexander said the western suburbs land swap demonstrated the Government was not listening to the community. "So the mums and dads of Charles Sturt are getting together with groups from across Adelaide and South Australia to send a clear message to the Government," she said.

Independent MP David Winderlich is working with the coalition.

"The huge barrier for smaller parties and independents is the disparity in resources," he said. "Pooling resources is the way forward."