

'Libs' put up

aboriginal

for Senate

BRISBANE (AUP) — The Queensland Liberal Party last night made what is believed to be political history by selecting an aboriginal to contest the Senate elections expected to be held later this year.

He is Mr Neville Thomas Bonner, 52, of Ipswich, a widower with five sons and two foster daughters.

Top Liberal sources said they understood this was the first time an aboriginal had been chosen to run for Federal Parliament.

Five years

Mr Bonner has been a member of the Liberal Party for five years and an executive member for one year.

He said after his selection: "I am very surprised, shocked you might say, but very proud.

"I regard it as a breakthrough for the people of my race."

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