

# Our Plan to Deliver for Victorians

Reduce Crime ▪ Lower Costs ▪ Government That Works



## A Fresh Start for Victoria.

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# Our Contract with Victoria

## We commit that Our Plan will deliver:

Less crime in the community

Lower costs, lower taxes and lower government fees and charges

A more transparent and accountable government

More investment in health, education and local infrastructure

A 25% Fair Share Guarantee for regional Victoria

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More about Our Plan to Deliver for Victorians

# A Fresh Start.

Victoria today is not the place we know and love.

It's time for solutions, not excuses.

Our Plan will put Victoria back on top, but I need your help.

Fixing Victoria will not be easy, but we are ready to make the disciplined decisions.

**Together we can give Victoria a fresh start.**

Jess Wilson

**JESS WILSON MP**
Leader of the Opposition
Victorian Liberal Leader
Shadow Treasurer



## A Fresh Start for Victoria.



# It's time to give Victoria a Fresh Start.

# We're ready and we have a Plan to fix Victoria.

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# How we will deliver Our Plan.

Fixing Victoria will not be easy, but we will be honest with you and we will get it done.

**We are ready to make the disciplined decisions.**

A Liberal and Nationals Government will deliver Our Plan by working to reduce the debt and ending wasteful spending, including:

- **Pursuing the $15 billion funnelled to the CFMEU**, using new 'follow the money' powers and a Royal Commission into Big Build corruption
- **Stopping the $1 billion** being spent on Labor's divisive Treaty
- **Ending wasteful spending** like $13 million on machete bins, and $600 million to not host the Commonwealth Games
- **Saving $22 billion** by stopping the hiring of more and more back-office bureaucrats
- **Identifying and fixing infrastructure cost blowouts** in Labor's out of control projects

**We will focus on what matters – delivering for Victorians.**

Together, we can rebuild this state and restore the promise that Victoria is the best place to build a life and a future.

**Public Expenditure Tracker**

We will establish a Public Expenditure Tracker, so you can see how your taxpayer dollars are being spent.






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# Reduce crime.

*"We must reduce crime in our community to allow Victorian families to thrive and businesses to grow."*

Jess Wilson

# Keeping Victorians safe.

**Victorians deserve to be safe. Safe in our homes, safe on our streets.**

Under Labor crime is at record highs:

- ⊗ every 50 seconds a crime is committed
- ⊗ every 13 minutes there is a theft from a retail store
- ⊗ every 28 minutes there is a serious assault
- ⊗ every week there are 9 carjackings across Victoria
- ⊗ there are 1,500 police vacancies
- ⊗ more than 40 police stations have closed or have reduced hours

These statistics aren't just numbers on a page. Behind every crime is a victim who is left traumatised.

Victorians are rightfully worried about their safety at home, businesses face increased break-ins and theft, and parents are anxious that they could be a victim of a carjacking with their children in the back seat.

Victorians expect criminals to face real consequences.

Only by restoring community safety and breaking the cycle of crime can our community thrive once again.

## Our Plan to keep Victorians safe.

- ✓ Recruit 3,000 more police officers
- ✓ Return PSOs to train stations
- ✓ Break Bail, Face Jail
- ✓ Adult Crime, Adult Time
- ✓ Stronger police pursuit powers
- ✓ Targeted prevention and intervention programs

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# A stronger police force.

**Our police do an incredible job every day. But they need a government that will back them.**

Our Plan invests in our police force, to retain officers, recruit more police and reopen stations closed by Labor.

We will boost frontline safety by:

- Recruiting 3,000 more police
- Reopening police stations and restoring public access
- Putting police back on the frontline

## More police on the beat

Our Plan will put 3,000 more police on the beat, by recruiting to fill 1,500 vacancies, and funding an additional 1,500 officers.

We will do this by streamlining recruiting to reduce the time from job offer to appointment and expanding training to boost the pipeline of new officers. We will also recruit officers from other jurisdictions and overseas, like New Zealand.

And we will invest in improving retention of current officers.

## Reopening police stations

We will reopen more than 40 police stations that have been closed or had their hours reduced. This will provide greater access to policing services around the clock.

More police and reopened stations means more visible law enforcement in local communities and more consistent protection for Victorians, regardless of where they live.



# More PSOs.

**A Liberal and Nationals Government will restore safety across Victoria's public transport network.**

We will return Protective Services Officers (PSOs) to train stations.

Independent Crime Statistics Agency data shows crimes against people at train stations have risen by 74% between 2021 and 2025.

Despite this, the Labor government has stripped permanent PSOs from 119 stations across Melbourne.

Our Plan ensures a visible safety presence, reduces crime, and provides greater certainty and reassurance for commuters and local communities.

We will:

- Recruit 200 additional PSOs
- Return PSOs to all 119 stations where they have been removed
- Work with Victoria Police to deploy PSOs to high-risk shopping centres and precincts

## Victoria's retail crime crisis

Retail crime has exploded across Victoria, with more than 95,000 offences recorded in the past year and machete-related violence has become disturbingly common in major shopping centres.

To tackle this dangerous behaviour and help keep workers and shoppers safe, our team will introduce new Workplace Protection Orders to ban violent and abusive offenders from shopping precincts.

Shoppers are frightened, workers are exposed and additional security costs, like replacing broken windows, means higher prices for consumers. The retail sector needs real protection, not excuses.

## PSO strike teams

PSO strike teams will patrol high-risk shopping centres and precincts, delivering a visible safety presence. An additional 200 PSOs will be empowered to detect and remove knives and machetes before they are used.

This plan guarantees no PSOs will be removed from train stations.

The strike teams will send a clear message to offenders: weapons, intimidation and violence will not be tolerated.



# Real consequences for criminal behaviour.

**We will close loopholes, end exemptions, and introduce a one-strike rule to stop repeat offending and restore real consequences for criminal behaviour.**

Under the Liberals and Nationals' Break Bail, Face Jail plan, bail laws will be strengthened to put victims ahead of criminals. If you break bail, you will face jail.

## Break Bail, Face Jail

A Liberal and Nationals Government will end Labor's revolving door bail system by:

- Introducing a one-strike rule for the expanded list of 20 offences captured under our strengthened Adult Crime, Adult Time policy, so that repeat offending while on bail automatically results in refused bail for both youth and adult offenders
- Uplifting bail applications for these 20 offences to the County Court, aligning bail decisions with where these matters are ultimately heard
- Upgrading the breach of bail offence from Summary to Schedule 2 offences, requiring offenders to demonstrate compelling reasons to be granted bail
- Removing the youth exemption for breach of bail conditions, so that repeat youth offenders face exactly the same consequences as adults

## Adult Crime, Adult Time

We will expand adult sentencing provisions to cover a broader range of 20 serious offences including arson, home invasion, carjacking, burglary and serious assault.

We will commit to a further staged expansion, where needed, by progressively incorporating additional offences from the list of crimes currently captured under effective Queensland legislation (where relevant to Victoria).



# Prevention and intervention.

**Tackling crime also means tackling the causes of crime.**

As part of our plan to reduce crime in Victoria, a Liberal and Nationals Government will invest in early intervention and crime prevention programs.

We will:

- Invest $100 million in early intervention and rehabilitation
- Support proven programs like Youth Activating Youth, working with Victoria Police

Our "Restart" program will be a Victorian-first residential responsibility and discipline program targeting serious, repeat offenders aged 12 to 17.

This live-in initiative will provide a pathway out of crime through intensive discipline, education, counselling and community support.

Our Youthstart initiative will invest in proven community-based interventions such as Youth Justice Hubs, risk-based diversion, trauma-informed therapy, mentoring, and family-based case management.

This is a balanced plan - but it starts with a simple principle:

**Community safety comes first.**

## Prevention that works. Real consequences where needed.



# Tackling family violence.

**Victoria needs a system that stops abusive behaviour before it escalates into physical violence.**

Police-recorded family violence incidents continue to increase under Labor, reaching over 100,000 incidents in 2024-25.

Our Plan will:

- Create a standalone criminal offence of coercive control, to stop patterns of behaviour that often precede physical abuse
- Introduce Clare's Law, so women have the right to ask and the right to know if their partner has a history of domestic violence

## Coercive control

A Liberal and Nationals Government will criminalise coercive control. Coercive control is a pattern of behaviour where one person uses tactics such as isolation, monitoring, financial restriction and threats to intimidate and control a partner over time.

It often precedes physical abuse, and is a strong risk indicator for intimate partner violence and homicide.

We brought legislation into Parliament to outlaw coercive control, but Labor voted against it.

## Right to Ask, Right to Know

We believe at risk women and men have the right to ask and the right to know if their partner has a history of domestic violence.

That's why we will introduce "Right to Ask, Right to Know" laws, creating a mechanism that allows people to find out if their partner has a known history of domestic abuse.

Based on "Clare's Law" from the UK, it creates a "right to ask" police about someone they believe may pose a risk, and a "right to know" mechanism that lets police disclose information where they judge someone to be at risk.

## Overdue reforms

Labor have had 12 years to outlaw coercive control and legislate a "Right to Ask, Right to Know" framework. They have failed to act.

Only a Liberal and Nationals Government can be trusted to take these critical steps to help combat and prevent family violence across Victoria.





# Lower costs.

*"A strong economy with fewer taxes means lower costs for Victorian households, businesses and families."*

Jess Wilson

# Securing Victoria's economic future.

**Victoria is a great state. But right now, too many Victorians feel like the system is working against them.**

After a decade of Labor mismanagement, our state is carrying nearly $200 billion in debt, leaving taxpayers paying $1 million an hour in interest.

Families are paying more, businesses are struggling, and confidence is falling.

Our Ten Year Economic Plan is about restoring that confidence.

It is about fixing the budget so we can make life easier, grow our economy and bring down the cost of living.

We will be disciplined. We will be honest. And we will focus on what matters – delivering for Victorians.

**Together, we can rebuild this state and restore the promise that Victoria is the best place to build a life.**

## Our Ten Year Economic Plan at a glance.

- Deliver cost of living relief
- Drive investment and jobs
- Make Victoria the best place to do business
- Restore energy security and reduce costs
- Exempt first home buyers from stamp duty up to $1 million
- Unlock housing supply and reform planning
- Balance the books by 2032
- Freeze hiring of back office roles to guarantee essential services
- Reduce the debt and interest burden

Read Our Plan to secure Victoria's economic future






Lower Costs.

# Our Promise

## A Liberal and Nationals Government will guarantee no new or increased taxes.

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JESS WILSON MP
Victorian Liberal Leader



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# Lowering your costs.

**Victorians continue to face significant cost of living pressures.**

But in the middle of a cost of living crisis, **Labor has introduced 70 new or increased taxes and charges**, hitting everyday households and businesses.

We are paying more because Labor has wasted $15 billion on Big Build corruption, and the budget has been used as an ATM with no limit, while taxes, fees, charges and levies have all increased.

We have a different approach that will deliver lower costs for Victorians.

## Scrap the emergency services tax

A Liberal and Nationals Government will scrap the emergency services tax which is a tax on every single family home, business and farm in the state.

This will immediately reduce costs for Victorian families and take pressure off local businesses so they can grow.

## Stamp duty

We will exempt first home buyers from stamp duty on properties valued up to $1 million.

Scrapping stamp duty for first home buyers is about supporting young Victorians and restoring the dream of home ownership.

## Lower land tax

Since 2014, land tax has more than quadrupled and every extra dollar raised is pushing up rents, home prices and the cost of investing in new housing stock.

We will reverse Labor's land tax hikes lifting the land tax threshold from the current level of $50,000 back to the old level of $300,000 over a five year period, saving 280,000 Victorians up to $975 a year.

## Scrap the schools tax

We will scrap Labor's schools tax that undermines education choice and opportunity and costs Victorian parents.

No Victorian government or non-government school will pay payroll tax under our commitment.

## Scrap the GP tax

Our Plan will make it cheaper for Victorians to go to the GP by abolishing Labor's regressive GP tax.

This will reduce the cost of seeing a doctor and reduce pressure on our emergency departments.

These measures support Victorians and will save them money.

**Removing these taxes will ease the pressure on households and small businesses.**



# Supporting Victorian businesses.

**Supporting Victorian businesses will grow the economy and put downward pressure on prices.**

We will restore the budget and end Labor's wasteful spending to help our economy recover and make Victoria the best place to do business.

This will unlock private investment, drive jobs growth and rebuild confidence in Victoria.

Our Plan will:

- Deliver payroll tax relief for businesses
- Reduce the burden of land tax
- Reduce red tape and compliance costs
- Drive investment and jobs

This will restore economic stability, reduce regulatory burdens and boost Victoria's competitiveness.

Repairing the state budget is a priority and will ensure public funds are directed toward essential services and long term economic growth, making it easier for businesses to hire staff and grow.

## Lowering costs for businesses

We believe Victoria must be the easiest and most competitive place in Australia to start and grow a business. Because private investment, not government spending, drives long term growth.

We will reduce costs for businesses, including by delivering payroll tax relief for 23,000 Victorian businesses.

## Supporting small businesses

Our Plan will position Victoria as the easiest and fairest state in Australia to start, run and grow a small business.

We will simplify key small business regulations to make doing business easier, including consistent site management rules for tradies and simplified permits for cafés, restaurants, and bars.

And we will make Service Victoria a one-stop-shop so small businesses don't have to spend time trying to navigate multiple agencies, forms and websites, and introduce a Business Approvals Concierge.

## Growing Victoria's exports

By growing Victoria's exports, we can grow our economy to support businesses and reduce costs.

A Liberal and Nationals Government will grow Victoria's goods and services exports by identifying high-growth sectors, diversifying trade markets, strengthening export capability, and addressing skilled labour shortages.

*"If elected Premier, I will declare Victoria back open for business on 29 November."*

Jess Wilson

# Investing in roads.

**Investment in Victoria's road and transport network has been neglected under Labor.**

Road maintenance is falling behind and repairs often aren't done properly.

We will make Victoria's transport network work for you by:

- Investing $5 billion to rebuild, repair and resurface roads
- Eliminating one million potholes across our road network
- Building new and upgraded roads to reduce congestion

## Delivering the roads you deserve

Victoria's roads have deteriorated due to Labor's neglect and lack of investment.

That's why Our Plan will invest $5 billion to rebuild, repair and resurface roads across Victoria, and do it properly.

This will include preventative road maintenance to stop potholes developing, eliminating one million existing potholes, fixing dangerous hazards and reducing the road maintenance backlog.

We will establish Better Roads Victoria as a new agency, rebuilding the technical and engineering expertise lost when Labor abandoned VicRoads and axed Regional Roads Victoria.

Improving road conditions will reduce vehicle damage, saving you money, and will improve safety and travel times.

We will also build new and upgrade existing roads to reduce congestion, like the complete duplication of Donnybrook Road, saving you time in traffic and getting you where you're going faster.

**A Liberal and Nationals Government will repair and rebuild our roads properly.**



# More homes for Victorians.

**Housing supply and affordability remain major challenges in Victoria. For too long not enough has been done to increase housing availability and reduce barriers to development.**

Our Plan will:

- Fast-track home building in existing, identified growth areas
- Restore local planning control and scrap Labor's high-rise activity centres in the suburbs
- Expand the Capital City Zone into targeted parts of the inner city surrounding the CBD
- Stop cultural heritage delays
- Support regional councils to enable new regional housing developments

And we will abolish stamp duty for first home buyers on properties up to $1 million, reducing upfront costs and improving access to home ownership.



## Fast-tracking home building

Labor's focus on in-fill development in existing suburbs has left new growth areas neglected.

This has reduced access to family homes and affordable land, limited housing choice and pushed up prices by artificially restricting the supply of serviced lots.

The Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) system is defined by delay, fragmentation and excessive regulation. Precincts are currently taking up to a decade to progress, with some commencement timelines stretching into the late 2030s.

Our Plan will fast-track home building in existing, identified growth areas by setting clear end dates from commencement for all PSPs and introducing industry-led PSPs to speed up land release and increase housing supply.

And we will ensure Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution (GAIC) revenue is spent on infrastructure in the communities from which it is collected and allow it to be directed to earlier delivery of roads, schools, utilities and community facilities.

## Restore local planning control

A Liberal and Nationals Government will restore local planning control and return decision-making to local communities.

And we will scrap Labor's high-rise activity centres that sideline local residents from planning decisions and that force

one-size-fits-all housing options on communities across Melbourne.

### Expand the Capital City Zone

Demand for inner-urban living from young professionals, downsizers, students and small households remains strong.

But supply has not kept pace. Only 1,400 new apartments were completed in the inner city in 2024.

Our Plan will expand the Capital City Zone into targeted parts of the inner city surrounding the CBD to enable additional, well-connected housing growth.

The Capital City Zone expansion will build on the principles of certainty, streamlined approvals and mixed-use flexibility and enable residential growth in inner-city areas already serviced by public transport and strong connectivity.

### Stop cultural heritage delays

Uncertainty of time frames and costs through Victoria's cultural heritage process, as well as delays within government authorities, are stalling development and ultimately seeing fewer new homes built.

To get more homes built sooner and give every Victorian the best opportunity to own their own home, we will establish clear timelines and costs for cultural heritage processes, with a Schedule of Fees to be released annually.

Our Plan will also mandate approval timeframes for cultural heritage decisions where undefined timeframes exist and commit to an annual, published audit of cultural heritage approvals linked to housing development.

And we will establish clear timelines and costs, and institute annual performance audits for Melbourne Water in its approval authority role.

### Build new homes in our regional centres

A Liberal and Nationals Government will support housing growth across regional Victoria by working directly with each regional council to identify local opportunities, infrastructure requirements and delivery pathways.

Growth must be locally supported, community-led and genuinely achievable, delivered at a rate that is sustainable and meets the needs of regional communities and the regional centres of Geelong, Bendigo and Ballarat.

Across regional Victoria, there are outstanding and unprogrammed PSPs with the potential to unlock up to 50,000 new homes. We will work with each council to ensure the right settings are in place to unlock housing supply, particularly where there is existing planning work ready to proceed.

**Our Plan will offer more housing options to give every Victorian the best opportunity to own their own home.**

# Affordable and reliable energy.

**Affordable and reliable energy is fundamental to Victoria's future. From business to households, Victorians need and deserve an energy system that works.**

As our energy system continues towards renewable sources we must ensure we maintain reliability for households and businesses.

Our Plan will manage the transition responsibly.

A Liberal and Nationals Government will:

- Strengthen the energy network
- Establish an Energy Security Requirement for Victoria
- Improve grid reliability
- Deliver Victorian gas for Victorians

## An Energy Security Requirement for Victoria

We will establish an Energy Security Requirement for Victoria to address the forecast energy shortfall and ensure reliable and affordable power.

The Requirement will identify commercial proposals for projects that can deliver energy security, without preferencing or excluding particular sources of energy – it will be technology agnostic.

We will support the most efficient, affordable and reliable energy sources to meet our Energy Security Requirement, focusing on delivering low cost outcomes for Victorian households and businesses, especially through more firming capacity for our energy grid.



*"We will throw open the door for gas exploration, ensuring reliable gas supply for Victoria."*

### Energy choice for Victorians

We will ease cost of living pressure and restore energy choice by scrapping Labor's ban on gas appliances in new homes, addressing concerns about consumer choice and system capacity.

Because Victorians should be the ones who choose which appliances best meet their needs in their homes, not government.

### Victorian gas for Victorians

Natural gas has been demonised by Labor for a decade.

Only the Liberals and Nationals will back Victorian gas for Victorians.

Our Plan will throw open the door for gas exploration, ensuring reliable gas supply for Victoria.

And it will support manufacturing, while helping our gas industry to create more local jobs and grow our economy.

### Urban Solar Parks

The Liberals and Nationals will establish new Urban Solar Parks to encourage solar and battery installations on commercial and industrial rooftops in urban areas, to generate renewable power closer to where it is needed.

Energy experts say this could supply as much as 25% of demand and reduce the need for transmission lines on our productive farmland.

## Our Plan is for a balanced, reliable and affordable energy system.






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# Government that works.

*"Victorians deserve a government that works for them day in, day out. And that is my commitment to you."*

Jess Wilson

# Delivering better government.

**Victorians deserve a government that respects their money.**

We will be open and transparent and manage your money responsibly, strengthening oversight and ensuring government operations are open and accountable.

Our Plan will deliver:

- **A legislated Charter of Budget Honesty** requiring governments to deliver clear, accurate financial reports to restore trust in government
- **A public expenditure tracker** to allow Victorians to see how taxpayer money is being spent, improving transparency and enabling the public to monitor major projects and departmental budgets
- **A Royal Commission into CFMEU misconduct**, investigating allegations of corruption and unlawful behaviour within the construction sector
- **A Victorian-first Intergenerational Report** to provide a long-term view of our economic health

These measures will reinforce integrity and accountability in government and help restore the community's trust.

## We will always work for Victorians, not against them.



# Getting the basics right.

**Good government gets the basics right - service delivery, maintenance of public infrastructure and essential public functions.**

But Labor in Victoria has failed to deliver even the basics. Overgrown roadsides and graffiti in our streets make it hard to be proud of where we live.

Our Plan will improve reliability of everyday services, public spaces and systems.

Under a Liberal and Nationals Government, we will:

- Keep our cities and towns clean
- Ensure routine maintenance gets done, like mowing roadsides
- Clean graffiti from buildings, train stations and schools
- Boost roadside maintenance such as grass slashing, graffiti removal and drain clearance

*"We will be a government that gets the basics right, to restore pride in our great state."*

Ensuring these tasks are carried out consistently improves the quality of public environments and ensures government works for Victorians.

## A Liberal and Nationals Government will deliver the basics for practical improvements that make life easier.



# Listening to regional communities.

**For too long Labor has run roughshod over regional Victorians to pursue its own agenda regardless of the consequences.**

They turned to harsh legislative changes, such as fines for farmers refusing access to their own land, and compulsory acquisition of land even before planning and environmental studies have been undertaken.

### Repeal Labor's compulsory land acquisition laws

We will repeal Labor's new laws that allow farmland to be compulsorily acquired for transmission line projects before environmental and planning approvals, including Environmental Effects Statements (EES), are complete.

This will protect farmers' rights, restore fairness, and ensure regional Victorians have a proper voice in decisions affecting their land and livelihoods.

### A transmission review

The Policy Institute of Australia estimates that VNI West and other proposed transmission lines could add $600 per year to Victorian's power bills. VNI West was originally supposed to cost $2 billion, has grown to at least $7.6 billion and could blow out as high as $11 billion or more.

Under Our Plan, VNI West and Western Renewables Link will be halted while a transmission review is undertaken and alternative options, such as the Victorian Energy Policy Centre's "Plan B" option, are properly considered.

The review will also consider Renewable Energy Zones and will ensure sharp cost benefit analysis to guarantee bill payers' money is not wasted.

### Reinstate VCAT appeals

We will restore the right of affected landholders to appeal major planning and infrastructure decisions to VCAT. Labor's laws have stripped landholders of this right, and we will overturn that decision.

This will ensure landholders and regional communities are not shut out of decisions that directly impact their land and livelihoods, restoring a fair, independent avenue of review – an effective "third umpire" – when major projects are imposed on them.

### Bring back 2km buffer zones for wind turbines

Sensible 2km buffer zones will be brought back so wind turbines cannot be built close to people's homes.

This will ensure regional communities are properly protected from the negative impacts of large-scale renewable infrastructure, while providing clearer and fairer planning rules for landholders and developers.

**We will stand with regional communities against unfair government farm access laws.**

Government that works.

# A Fair Share Guarantee for regional Victorians.

Our Fair Share Guarantee means the 25% of Victorians who live in regional Victoria will get a minimum of 25% of infrastructure spending allocated to them. It's what's right, and it's what they deserve.

Our Plan delivers regional Victorians their fair share.

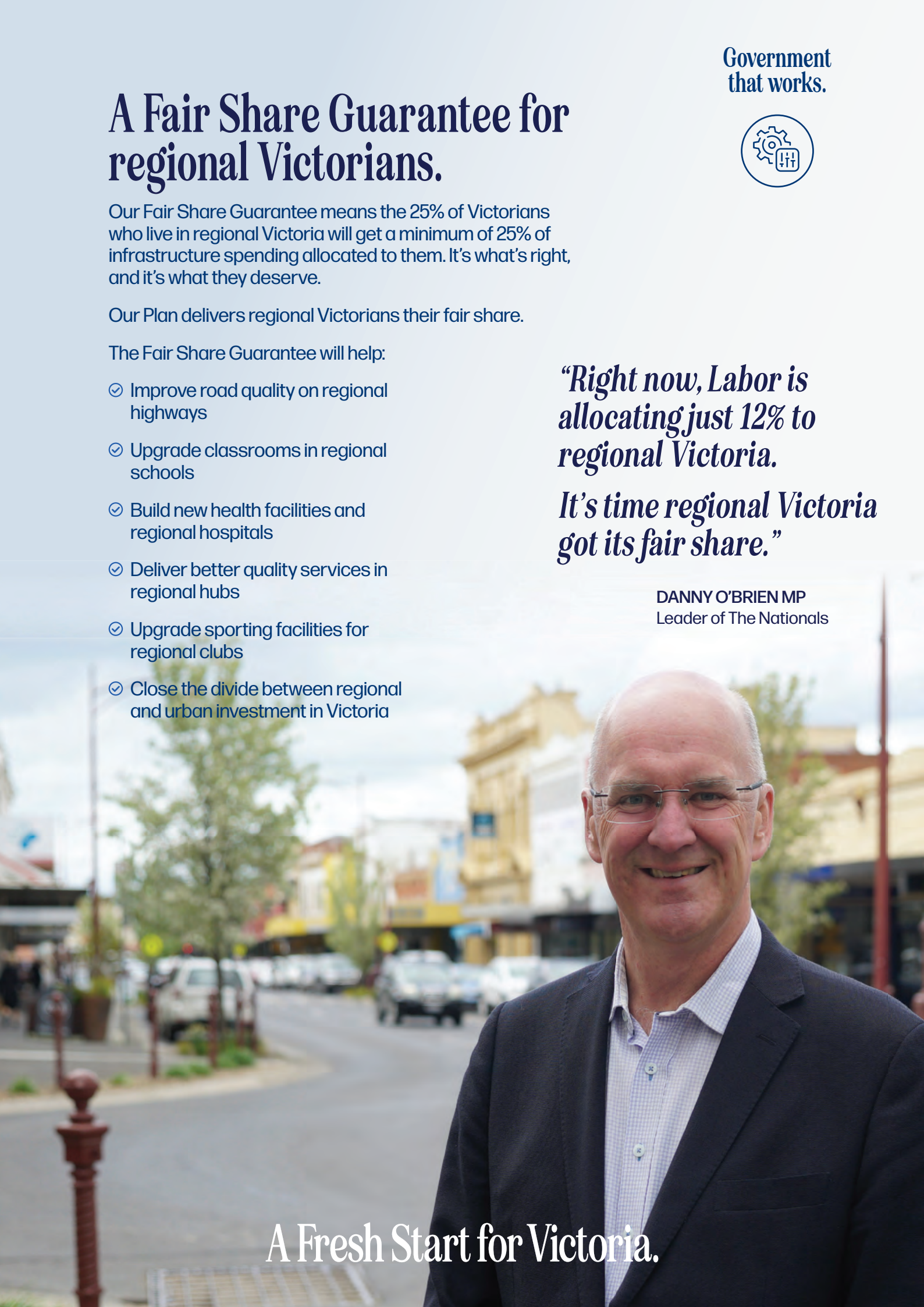
The Fair Share Guarantee will help:

- Improve road quality on regional highways
- Upgrade classrooms in regional schools
- Build new health facilities and regional hospitals
- Deliver better quality services in regional hubs
- Upgrade sporting facilities for regional clubs
- Close the divide between regional and urban investment in Victoria

*"Right now, Labor is allocating just 12% to regional Victoria.*

*It's time regional Victoria got its fair share."*

**DANNY O'BRIEN MP**
Leader of The Nationals



A Fresh Start for Victoria.

# Investing in the regions.

**Under 12 years of Labor, our regions have been neglected. It's time for that to change.**

Only a Liberal and Nationals Government will stand up for our regional communities and ensure they get their fair share.

## Agriculture

Our farmers need less red tape, stronger protection, and better access to markets to keep Victoria competitive.

We will:

- Cut red tape to reduce the regulatory burden on farmers and producers
- Protect biosecurity with stronger safeguards against pests and disease
- Grow regional exports by boosting trade, logistics, and value adding industries

The Liberals and Nationals will conduct audits of Victoria's agricultural land to identify and protect the state's best farming country.

This will ensure prime dairy, cropping and grazing land is not unnecessarily lost, fragmented or compromised by poorly planned development, including transmission line projects and other large-scale infrastructure.

The aim is to safeguard productive farmland for future generations and strengthen long-term food security.




## Investing in regional healthcare

Regional communities deserve hospitals and health facilities that are fit for purpose and that provide access to world class healthcare.

For too long, regional hospitals have been neglected. The Liberals and Nationals believe access to quality healthcare should not depend on your postcode.



As part of our Fair Share Guarantee, we will upgrade hospitals across Victoria's regions, including:

- **Mildura Base Public Hospital Expansion** – including more emergency department beds, a Medical Assessment and Planning Unit, and a new 30-bed acute ward
- **New West Gippsland Hospital** – delivery of a new hospital, including a 33-bed emergency department, modern training facilities, and residential care beds
- **Wonthaggi Hospital Stage 2 and 3 Redevelopment** – including additional beds, expanded maternity services, new outpatient facilities and completion of the radiology precinct
- **Hamilton Base Hospital Upgrade** – delivering a new emergency department and refurbished intensive care unit

## We will deliver regional Victoria its fair share.



# Cleaning up corruption.

**For more than a decade, Labor's corruption has made government worksites a playground for organised crime.**

Their dodgy deals have made bikies rich, pushed up the cost of construction, and made it more expensive to build new homes.

This must stop. But without new laws and a change of Government, Victorians will keep getting ripped off every single day.

That's why, with your help, we will clean up crime and corruption in Victoria.

Our Plan will:

- **Enforce the law** – corruption has consequences. We will ban bikies from worksites and put corrupt union officials behind bars
- **Find the money** – we will shine a spotlight on the deals and open the books to find where your money is really going
- **Stop the rorts** – we will return construction to what's in the public interest, not what's in the CFMEU's interest

## Enforce the law

Under Our Plan, anyone with known links to organised crime will be banned from gaining employment on Victorian major construction projects.

We will require mandatory criminal history background checks on government projects with better information sharing provisions with Victoria Police.

And we will establish Construction Enforcement Victoria, an independent watchdog with real teeth to get tough on the rorts and prosecute crimes, with a Victorian Code of Practice for the Building and Construction Industry to set clear standards for behaviour on all taxpayer-funded construction sites.



## Find the money

We will immediately set up a special taskforce within Victoria Police, working in collaboration with the Australian Federal Police and the ATO, to seize assets relating to the criminality and fraud identified in the Watson Report on the CFMEU.

Our Plan will use new follow the money powers to target organised crime by enabling the confiscation of assets suspected to be derived from crime, even without a conviction.

And we will strengthen the definition of corruption - because unlike Labor, we take the advice of our integrity agencies seriously. We will shine a spotlight on the deals and open the books.

## Stop the rorts

At least $15 billion in taxpayer money has been wasted or ripped off. That's more than $5,000 per household, money that should have gone into roads, hospitals and jobs – not to criminals and bikie gangs.

That's why we will hold a Royal Commission into serious misconduct linked to the CFMEU.

The Royal Commission will expose how deep the rorts go, where the money ended up, and who knew what and when inside the Labor government.



It will also look at how to stop this kind of dodgy behaviour from happening again.

Only a Liberal and Nationals Government will clean up the mess. A Royal Commission and a tough new construction watchdog are needed to stop the rorts, protect workers, and make sure taxpayer money is spent the right way.

**We will return construction to what's in the public interest, not what's in the CFMEU's interest.**

Read Our Plan to Clean up Crime and Corruption



# A health system you can rely on.

**Our state's health system faces challenges including workforce shortages, long wait times, and increasing demand for emergency and specialist services.**

Victorians deserve a health system they can rely on, so they know they can get the help they need when they need it most.

Our Plan will:

- Invest to retain our doctors and nurses
- Deliver new and upgraded hospitals
- Fix ambulance response times
- Reduce emergency department waiting lists
- Fast track elective surgeries
- Improve hospital safety

## Fix ambulance response times

Our Plan includes putting experienced paramedics into the Triple Zero call-taking process to improve dispatch decisions and ensure a focus on priority responses.



We will also build new ambulance stations, including at Armstrong Creek, Mansfield and Donnybrook.

## Supporting our doctors and nurses

Retaining doctors and nurses is a major priority – that's why we will work to reduce burnout in our health workforce so that we aren't losing our skilled professionals.

We will support our health workers, by reducing wait times to take the pressure off hospitals and emergency departments. And we will provide targeted attraction and retention incentives for regional doctors, nurses and health workers.

## Safer hospitals

Doctors, nurses and patients should not be confronted with violence every day in our hospitals.

Under Our Plan we will improve safety at hospitals to reduce assaults on our health workers by recruiting additional Protective Services Officers.

These additional officers will provide around-the-clock security at major hospitals as part of Our Plan.

## Reducing wait times

Our Plan includes improving emergency department wait times, funding additional inpatient beds, and publishing real time ED waiting and capacity information to support a focus on critical and life threatening conditions.

And we will fast track elective surgeries that have blown out under Labor, by

partnering with private hospitals to deliver elective surgeries to reduce wait times.

To meet population growth, new and upgraded hospitals will expand capacity, and by fixing ambulance wait times and surgery backlogs we will ensure timely treatment for patients.

### Mental health

Victoria deserves a mental health system that delivers timely care, strong local services and the support people need before they reach crisis point.

The Liberals and Nationals will get mental health reform back on track. By restoring accountability, auditing mental health levy expenditure, strengthening early intervention and ensuring services are focused on consumers we will rebuild Victoria's mental health system.

Our Plan will invest $132 million in a Mental Health Early Access Plan to strengthen community-led early intervention and prevention.

This includes $63.5 million invested directly into local communities to expand early intervention, build community capability and reduce pressure on acute services.

We will also invest almost $70 million in proven statewide support services, strengthening crisis support, suicide prevention, youth mental health, counselling for children and families, parent support, and community-based mental health education to ensure more Victorians receive help earlier, closer to home.

**We will strengthen Victoria's health system and improve access to high quality care.**



# Backing our students.

**Our kids deserve the very best start in life – and a government that backs them to achieve their best.**

Under Labor, one in four kids are failing to meet NAPLAN proficiency benchmarks in reading, writing and maths.

Our Plan will support teachers, improve school infrastructure, and strengthen vocational pathways.

We will:

- Establish a Literacy and Numeracy Guarantee with a long term goal of 90% proficiency under NAPLAN
- Support our teachers in their vital work
- Tackle classroom behaviour so students and teachers can focus on learning
- Review and improve our school curriculum



## Our Literacy and Numeracy Guarantee

Reading, writing and numeracy are the foundations of a great education and a great life. But too many students are falling behind in these key areas.

Our Plan starts by backing every Victorian student to reach their full potential by modernising learning, decluttering the curriculum and backing teachers with professional learning.

Our Literacy and Numeracy Guarantee includes an interim target of a 15% increase in the number of kids deemed proficient in literacy and numeracy under NAPLAN, a goal that goes above and beyond existing targets.

Because our kids deserve a government that strives for excellence, not one that settles for the minimum.

## Supporting our students and teachers

To support our teachers to deliver better outcomes for students and achieve our Literacy and Numeracy Guarantee, we will expand professional learning opportunities for teachers.

And we will review Victoria's curriculum to better prepare students for life while reducing workloads on teachers.

We will also work to identify neuro-diversity in students that impacts their learning and classroom behaviour, so we can get the best outcome for those students and their classmates while supporting their teachers.

## Tackling classroom behaviour

We know that classroom behaviour management is crucial, because all students should have the opportunity to focus and learn.

We also know it has flow-on effects for teacher retention and wellbeing.

That's why we will introduce reforms to address classroom behaviour and not leave it in the too-hard basket like Labor.

## Safe from the Start

The failure to prevent abuse in early childhood settings has devastated families and shaken public confidence.

A Liberal and Nationals Government will act with clarity, urgency and integrity. Our Safe from the Start plan will protect children, support families, and fix the structures that have let our children down for too long.



*"As a parent, I want my son, Patrick, and every child in Victoria, to get the best start in life."*

# Conserving our environment.

**A Liberal and Nationals Government will protect Victoria's environment through practical solutions.**

Under Our Plan we will:

- Make our parks accessible and enjoyable
- Bolster recycling
- Protect our public land

## Making our parks accessible and enjoyable

A Liberal and Nationals Government will restore public confidence in public land management by prioritising the core maintenance functions of Parks Victoria.

We will ensure public walking tracks are open and safe, upgrade campsite amenities, and improve accessibility for all Victorians.

By empowering local management teams, we will rebuild community confidence that our public lands are being managed responsibly and transparently.

## Bolstering recycling without costing Victorians more

A Liberal and Nationals Government will target landfill reduction by boosting recycling through upgrades to high-capacity regional sorting facilities and strengthening existing recycling markets.

We will scrap the controversial mandatory fourth bin, which local councils argue adds millions in unnecessary administrative and ratepayer costs for no environmental benefit.

## Protecting and preserving our environment

We will safeguard our public lands from degradation and preserve their beauty for the next generation.

Under Our Plan a Liberal and Nationals Government will implement proactive, science-backed land management practices that meet fire mitigation targets and control feral pests while protecting native flora and fauna.

A Liberal and Nationals Government will invest $15 million to establish the Nursery & Garden Industry Victoria Horticulture Centre of Excellence, building workforce capability, strengthening food production, and developing solutions to restore Victoria's urban tree canopy.



# Put Victoria back on top.

**While Victoria has long defined itself as Australia's cultural capital and the home of Australian live music, that reputation is under genuine threat.**

Under Our Plan we will:

- Create a Victoria First strategy
- Support local artists
- Retain and attract major events
- Abolish the Holiday and Tourism Tax

## Tourism and major events

Victoria should once again lead the nation in events, culture, and tourism that drive jobs and pride in our state.

We will put Victoria back on top and make Victoria the events and tourism capital of Australia again, through a Victoria First tourism strategy.

Our Plan will support major events with free public transport for events, activation spaces for promoters and an events concierge to create a single point of contact for event organisers to make it easier to run events in Victoria.

We will work to support home-grown Victorian tourism and event programs and to secure events in Victoria and win events from interstate and overseas.

Regional Victoria will be placed at the centre of our Victoria First strategy, instead of being an afterthought, and supported by our Fair Share guarantee for regional Victoria.

And we will abolish Labor's Holiday and Tourism Tax that hurts our tourism industry and costs Victorian holiday-makers more.

## Supporting our nightlife, live music and festivals

Weekly gig presenters have fallen from 813 in 2019 to 655 in 2024 and the number of venues hosting at least one gig per week has fallen by approximately 20% over the same period.

We will create a Victorian Nightime Economy Strategy to coordinate activities and regulation reforms across government agencies to simplify the rules and processes for venues, promoters and festival organisers.

And we will work to retain, support and attract more live music events across the state and rebuild Victoria's festival calendar.



# A Fresh Start for Victoria.

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