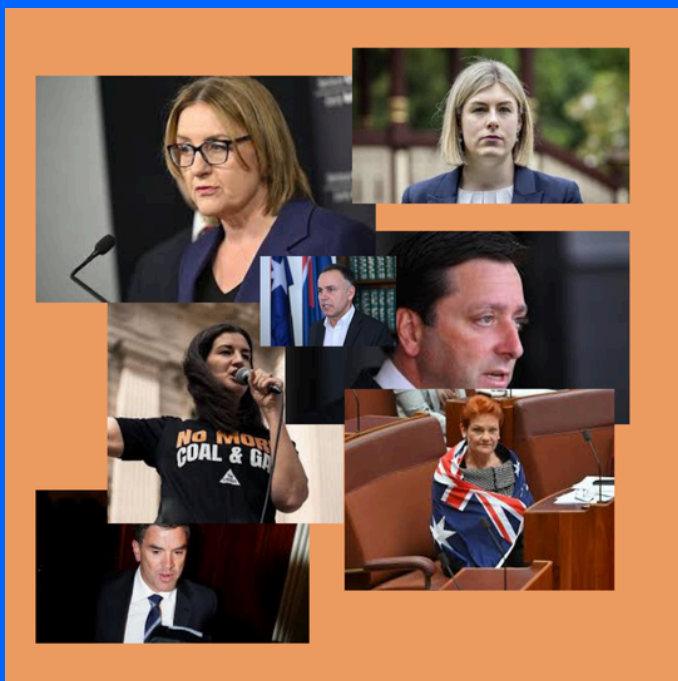


From Promises to Parliament Victoria Votes 2026 A Voter's Guide to the Major Parties' Policies



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POLICY 1

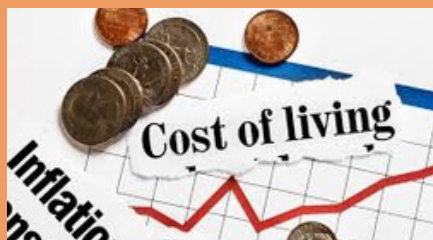
Cost of Living

ALP

Prioritizes relief in 2025–26 budget, supporting lower-income households with essentials like food, housing, utilities, and transport; sacrificed \$1bn from surplus for measures to ease pressures on families.

Liberal Party

Proposes a bipartisan fiscal commission to fix the debt crisis, aiming to improve economic conditions and reduce inflationary pressures through better management.



National Party

Aligns with the Liberal Party as a coalition partner, emphasizing fiscal responsibility to stabilize the economy and lower living costs.

One Nation

Seeks to reduce taxes, pay down debt, and encourage economic growth to alleviate pressures, though state-specific details are limited.

Greens

Focuses on reducing costs through quality job creation, affordable housing initiatives, and renewable energy to cut utility bills.

Opportunity for Improvement

Enhance targeted subsidies for vulnerable groups and integrate with federal programs; explore wage support mechanisms to address root causes.



POLICY 2

Crime

ALP

Introduces 'Adult Time for Violent Crime' laws allowing 14-year-olds to be tried as adults for serious offenses; crackdown on hate speech and antisemitism with new vilification provisions.

Liberal Party

Pushes for coercive control criminalization via Crimes Amendment Bill; \$100m Safer Communities Plan including Jack's Law for knife searches and residential offenders programs.



National Party

Supports Liberal's crime initiatives as Coalition, focusing on community safety and tougher laws against abusive behaviors.

One Nation

Emphasizes improving community safety through better management, though details lean toward federal; supports tougher sentencing for crimes.

Greens

Limited specific state policies; generally advocates for justice reforms but backs urgent gun reforms in related areas.

Opportunity for Improvement

Increase community policing and preventive programs; integrate mental health support to reduce recidivism rates.



POLICY 3

Economic Recovery

ALP

Focuses on long-term infrastructure, health, and education investments in the 2025–26 budget to drive growth; supports key commitments for well-being and economic stability.

Liberal Party

Advocates back-to-basics economic plan: reining in spending, reducing regulations, lower taxes/fees, and infrastructure delivery.



National Party

Aligns with Liberal's economic plan, emphasizing regional growth and common-sense solutions for a stronger economy.

One Nation

Aims to restore credit rating, pay down debt, reduce taxes, and encourage growth after mismanagement.

Greens

Promotes economic recovery through cost-of-living reductions and quality job creation, tied to sustainable initiatives.

Opportunity for Improvement

Strengthen public-private partnerships and invest in innovation hubs; address debt sustainably without cutting essential services



POLICY 4

Energy

ALP

Supports renewable transition with targets, investment prospectus for renewables, and transmission plan to replace coal/gas.

Liberal Party

Limited state specifics; federally opposed subsidies for renewables, but state focuses on reliable infrastructure.



National Party

Aligns with Coalition; emphasizes using natural resources for prosperity, opposing heavy subsidies for foreign renewables.

One Nation

Opposes multi-billion-dollar subsidies for solar/wind; prefers using abundant natural resources for citizens' prosperity.

Greens

Pushes for 100% renewable energy by 2030, replacing coal and gas, supporting workers in transition.

Opportunity for Improvement

Accelerate grid modernization and community-owned renewables; balance with reliability to avoid shortages.



POLICY 5

Environment

ALP

Advances Climate Change Strategy 2026–30, emissions reduction, resilience; acknowledges Aboriginal communities.

Liberal Party

Dropped the 2050 net-zero commitment; focuses on practical economic approaches over strict targets..



National Party

Aligns with Liberal Views; questions climate science, calling for continued research without drastic measures.

One Nation

Believes in continued climate research but sees insufficient evidence for catastrophes; questions science.

Greens

Strong protection focus, tied to renewable energy and biodiversity; opposes insufficient evidence-based catastrophes.

Opportunity for Improvement

Accelerate grid modernization and community-owned renewables; balance with reliability to avoid shortages.



POLICY 6

Firearms Policy

ALP

Reviewing gun laws post-incidents supports national commitments to stronger laws, crackdown on illegal firearms..

Liberal Party

Limited specifics; general crime focus, but aligns with safer communities initiatives.

National Party

Aligns with Liberal; supports responsible ownership without further restrictions

Greens

Backs urgent comprehensive gun reform to enhance community safety and stronger laws.

One Nation

Supports responsible gun ownership, preserves current laws for law-abiding citizens; calls for stricter borders and tougher sentencing for gun crimes.



Opportunity for Improvement

Harmonize state-federal registries and increase public education on safety; focus on mental health screenings. Enforce laws to remove firearms from radical persons.

