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SARAH RUSSELL

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Victoria

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reason
IN VICTORIA

ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE BEING ELECTED IN 2014

- Voluntary Assisted Dying laws
- Protest-free zones around fertility clinics
- Medically supervised injecting centre
- Major drug law reform inquiry
- Cap on election campaign spending
- Legalised Uber

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Everyone Deserves a Home

- ✓ Increase stock of public and social housing
- ✓ Modify negative-gearing benefits to lead to more affordable housing stock
- ✓ Ensure Australian residents are not priced out of the housing market by foreign investors
- ✓ Remove tax barriers to build-to-rent and rent-to-buy schemes



Major Investment in Health

- ✓ Focus on mental health to cut waiting times for services and strengthen early interventions
- ✓ Increase in funding to reduce rates of diabetes, heart disease and osteoporosis
- ✓ Enhance access to local GPs and invest in access for remote communities
- ✓ Invest in a national public-health campaign on HIV and sexual-health prevention, testing and treatment



Climate Emergency

- ✓ Oppose development of new coal mines including Adani
- ✓ Phase out government subsidies to coal, gas and petroleum industries
- ✓ Reduce emissions in line with the Paris agreement
- ✓ Invest in Australian research into renewable energy technologies



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

- ✓ Support the Uluru Statement from The Heart including the Makarrata Commission
- ✓ Take an integrated approach, and pooled funding from different agencies, to contribute to common goals and outcomes
- ✓ Foster opportunities for every child to achieve their full potential
- ✓ Support further investment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes



A Level Playing Field for Religions

- ✓ Tax religious businesses but not their charities
- ✓ Stop religious organisations from discriminating on sexuality, gender and age
- ✓ Remove religious oaths from parliamentary proceedings
- ✓ Extend mandatory reporting laws to religious institutions and end exemptions for admissions disclosed in confessions



Respecting Older People

- ✓ Implement strategies to combat ageism
- ✓ Re-write the Aged Care Act 1997 from a human rights perspective
- ✓ Transparency about how aged care providers spend government subsidies
- ✓ Mandatory reporting of elder abuse



Sensible Drug Law Reform

- ✓ Treat drug use as a health issue, not a criminal issue
- ✓ Legalise, regulate and tax cannabis
- ✓ Legalise electronic vaporisers and liquid nicotine
- ✓ Provide Federal support for the States to implement pill testing and safe injecting facilities



Gender Pay Equity

- ✓ Six months paid parental leave at 80% of regular salary (capped)
- ✓ A means-tested government co-contribution to superannuation for low-paid women
- ✓ A minimum of 35% of either sex on all boards of companies earning more than \$15M



Refugees & Asylum Seekers

- ✓ Close all offshore detention centres
- ✓ Immediate evacuation of asylum seekers from Manus and Nauru
- ✓ Strictly enforced time for security screening
- ✓ Asylum seekers to be settled in regional towns and cities while their claims are assessed within a predetermined timeframe



Bold Business and Innovation

- ✓ Decrease regulatory burdens and taxes on small business
- ✓ Cut red tape via a dedicated parliamentary committee
- ✓ Lower barriers to entrepreneurship and start-up investment
- ✓ Establish an Australian Innovation Fund

VOTE reason

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