"Under a Cain Government, we'll stay nuclear free."



Three short years ago Labor sought – and won – the confidence of the people to make a new beginning for Victoria after years of waste and decline.

As a government we've worked in partnership with all Victorians to tackle the hard issues facing our State. Now there's a new spirit of confidence in Victoria – a confidence that's gathering momentum.

Over 100,000 more Victorians have found employment, Victoria's unemployment rate, particularly among our youth, is the lowest in Australia, and our shattered economy has been restored.

Now we seek the support of the Victorian people to continue to work in partnership, and get the job done.

/ John Cain, Premier

John Cain and Victoria. The partnership works.

Keep Victoria Nuclear Free.

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One of the first acts of the Cain Government was to make Victoria a Nuclear Free State.

This was done to reflect the ever-growing concern among Victorians, and all Australians, about the dangers of the nuclear industry.

Not just nuclear weapons, but nuclear power stations (like Three Mile Island) and lethal nuclear wastes, and accidents occurring with frightening regularity.

WHAT DOES NUCLEAR FREE MEAN?

The legislation brought in by the Cain Government now prohibits all nuclear activity over which the State has control.

Naturally, important medical, scientific and research activities are exempt. Medical wastes will be safely stored in a new facility.

Under this legislation, Victoria will never contribute to the world nuclear fuel cycle.

No uranium mining or exploration will take place. No nuclear power stations or enrichment plants will be built.

The Cain Government is also committed to promote disarmament between the nuclear powers in all available forums.

This has included representations to the Federal Government, and we are encouraged by their decision to pursue disarmament negotiations, the idea of a Nuclear Free Pacific, and a ban on the testing of all nuclear weapons.

THE LIBERALS SAY NUCLEAR FREE IS "ABSURD".

The Liberal Spokesman on energy, Digby Crozier, has described the nuclear free Victoria policy as a "stark absurdity". The National Party have promised to encourage uranium mining and nuclear research.

If a coalition government were elected, Victoria would be put back on the nuclear path it was on before 1982. Plans for nuclear reactors and an enrichment plant would be dusted off and support for the Commonwealth Disarmament initiative would evaporate.

LOOKING ON THE BRIGHT SIDE.

The Cain Government is also continuing a program of positive initiatives to promote a Nuclear Free Victoria.

We have doubled funding for solar energy development.

We now lead Australia in

energy conservation programs.

A strategy to secure future energy supplies and a clean environment for all Victorians is under way – a long term Energy Plan to complement the ten year economic strategy.

New health regulations will ensure patient and therapist safety in the use of equipment such as X-rays.

THE FUTURE.

We are determined to do all we can to promote nuclear disarmament by all the nuclear powers.

We will encourage, and strongly support, initiatives by the Federal Government to raise disarmament issues in the United Nations and other world forums.

Public and school education programs will continue to be developed.

And as 1985 is International Year of Youth, there will be a major youth peace conference on nuclear issues.

The Victorian Government is leading the way on this most critical of issues.

To ensure a nuclear free Victoria, vote for the Cain Government.

With your support we will keep Victoria nuclear free.