

**NAME : Fiona Patten's Reason Party Victoria**

**Question 1**

Will you work with the City of Melbourne to secure new public open space in central Melbourne? Projects we seek your views on include:

- a) the linking of parks along the Flinders St to Southern Cross stations viaduct;
- b) securing significant new public open space, and establishing a meaningful open space contributions regime, in the Arden precinct ahead of development;
- c) securing a permanent park on Franklin Street between Swanston and Victoria Streets as a legacy of the Metro Rail project; and
- d) vesting the triangular site on the Victoria and Exhibition Streets with Council.

Yes. Urban green space is an important focus of the Reason Party. Fiona's platform includes an Urban green roofs and spaces policy – to create more leisure environments, cool our city, reduce storm water drainage, reduce energy usage and insulate buildings all year round.

**Question 2**

What are your targets and funding commitments for the 2018-22 term for climate adaptation and mitigation in greater Melbourne, including large scale renewable energy investment and stronger Environmentally Sustainable Design requirements in the Victoria Planning Provisions?

Fiona Patten's Reason Party policy includes the following:

A pragmatic plan to achieve energy emission targets while sustaining energy affordability

- Extend Victoria's Renewable Energy Action Plan beyond 2040
- Plan transition from existing coal-fired plants, in the context of agreed energy targets
- Invest in the feasibility of Victoria's potential sites for pumped hydro-power
- Increase clean energy and environmental incentives for local businesses
- Reduce regulations which inhibit the uptake of clean energy by small businesses and residents

A pragmatic plan to protect our environment while sustaining our economy

- Audit potential impacts of rising sea levels and extreme weather events
- Facilitate and support efficient recycling and a state-wide war on waste
- Promote and facilitate policies and opportunities for green roofs and spaces
- Foster new industries focused on plastic and waste repurposing

Fiona embraces ideas around sustainable design and improved planning.

**Question 3**

Will you assist the urban renewal of Fishermans Bend and inner city environmental management by transferring Committee of Management status for Westgate Park to the City of Melbourne?

Fiona will embrace any plan that assists in the renewal of Fishermans Bend and would be happy to receive a briefing on this issue from the City of Melbourne.

**Question 4**

Will you commit to planning and building new local solutions to the recycling crisis, including the mass diversion of recyclables to waste, and waste to landfill, working with local governments?

Yes. Reason Policy includes facilitating and supporting efficient recycling and a state-wide war on waste; and fostering new industries focused on plastic and waste repurposing.

**Question 5**

Will you commit to a canopy cover target on all State Government managed land in greater Melbourne to contribute to help create a metropolitan Urban Forest?

Yes. See Urban green space policy above, which will incorporate a canopy cover target.

**Question 6**

What are your plans to tackle homelessness including with housing-first models where real social and health support is wrapped around stable medium-term housing solutions?

Reason promotes workable and rational approaches to dramatically reduce homelessness that include:

- Focus on early interventions to identify and support those at risk of homelessness
- Coordinated, multi-agency, well-funded responses to homelessness
- Appoint a Victorian Commissioner for the Homeless
- Tackle social isolation for 16 – 25 year olds

Fiona Patten is an advocate of the housing-first model.

**Question 7**

Where will you fund and build safe bicycle commuter routes of state significance into the central city, and will you complete a bike share policy including the regulation of dockless shared bikes trading on public space, noting that Local Government lacks legal authority to regulate?

Reason's improved, interconnected and safer walking and cycling paths strategy includes:

- A fully funded state-based cycling strategy, including strategic cycling corridors
- Invest in safe, direct and continuous bike routes, separated from other forms of traffic
- A plan to revitalise and expand existing cycling trails

Fiona Patten has already called for a state government based bike share policy.

**Question 8**

Will you seek a clear mandate to commence Metro Rail 2 on an identified route, and complete designs, planning and tenders by 2022?

Fiona Patten's Reason Party embraces this concept. Fiona's current policy platform includes "Prioritised construction of Melbourne Metro Tunnel Stage 2."

**Question 9**

By when will you complete and publish an integrated transport strategy for Victoria as required under the *Transport Integration Act 2010*?

We would expect a government to deliver this as soon as possible and within the first 6 months of the 59<sup>th</sup> Parliament.

**Question 10**

Will you commit to a new Memorandum of Understanding to coordinate State, Local and community strategic planning- and governance-framework setting, to ensure the efficient planning of declared urban renewal areas in the municipality?

Yes.

**Question 11**

Will you review Part 3 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* ('amendment of planning schemes') to improve the efficiency and coordination of amendments and reduce the increasingly litigious nature of panels, working with the City of Melbourne and stakeholders?

We are happy to receive a briefing from the City of Melbourne to assist us in formulating policy on this issue.

**Question 12**

What are your concrete plans to progress State housing affordability policy, particularly with regards to using underutilised State Government land for new public housing, and in rolling out inclusionary zoning on a large scale?

Reason Policy seeks workable and rational approaches to dramatically increase housing affordability.

- Permit reasonable increases to density in inner and middle suburbs
- Remove tax barriers to build-to-rent and rent-to-buy schemes
- Adopt more ambitious targets for the Public/Community Housing Renewal Plan
- Reduce Stamp Duty on investment in social housing
- Greater security for long-term renters.

Fiona Patten has raised the repurposing of underutilisation government land for public housing in Parliament.

**Question 13**

Will you remove the 25,000 sqm gross floor area threshold where the Minister for Planning becomes the Responsible Authority for planning applications, returning responsible authority status to the City of Melbourne, in the interests of removal of duplication between State and Local Government? Or at least increase the threshold to 50,000 sqm?

Reason will embrace responsible planning guidelines that provide adequate natural light, fresh air, storage and space. If there is duplication, we would be happy to explore solutions that will resolve this.

**Question 14**

Will you comprehensively and urgently review (with genuine City of Melbourne and public input) planning, building and owners corporation laws with a view to significantly clarifying categories of accommodation and tenancy types and ensure a fairer system for all high density residents?

State government legislation that passed last year, appeared insufficient to address the concerns of many residents in this sector. Reason would be happy to revisit these issues as we adjust to new sharing economies.

**Question 15**

Will you announce your plans for the future use of the Melbourne Youth Justice Centre and precinct in Parkville, and will you work with the City of Melbourne to ensure a clear plan for Parkville Gardens generally, so as to reduce the incidence of ad hoc planning rule changes site by site?

This question appears to be directed at Parties capable of forming government, however we can confirm that we would embrace any strategy that reduces ad hoc planning changes by site.

**Question 16**

Will you set out a funding and delivery timeline for delivery of the Harbour Esplanade masterplan, fully integrated with the Stadium precinct and a renewed whole-of-Docklands Community and Place Plan?

This question appears to be directed at Parties capable of forming government, however we can confirm that we have a strong party focus on long term planning and would be very supportive of a plan of this type.

**Question 17**

Will you work with the City of Melbourne and other affected Councils to introduce new student accommodation design standards, similar to the Better Apartment Design Standards?

Yes. This is sensible policy that Reason would embrace.