

NAME : ALP 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.

A re-elected Labor Government will invest \$35 million to buy or repurpose 25 small pockets of land in built-up suburbs to create new parks where there is a lack of public open space.

Labor will work with local councils to find vacant lots and small, unused pieces of land for new “pocket parks” to be created across Melbourne.

Labor will also invest \$10 million for councils to upgrade and landscape underutilised suburban space and local parks.

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?

The Andrews Labor Government is taking action and has legislated for net zero emissions by 2050. A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will also increase Victoria’s Renewable Energy Target (VRET) to 50 per cent by 2030, creating thousands of jobs, putting more energy into the grid, increasing investment and driving down energy prices.

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?

The Andrews Labor Government has spent considerable time engaging with the local community, developers and other stakeholder groups to establish a robust and comprehensive plan as a guideline for future development in Fishermans Bend.

The Fishermans Bend Development Board has been established to guide the planning and development of this landmark project for Melbourne. The Board will guide engagement with the community, advising on precinct plans and major decisions for Fishermans Bend, supporting the growth of healthy, thriving neighbourhoods while creating new jobs.

The board will be led by Ms Meredith Sussex AM as Chair. Ms Sussex is joined by a team of five experts in planning, industry, finance and transport: Ms Cheryl Batagol PSM, Ms Janet Bolitho, Mr Gary Liddle, Mr Martyn Myer AO and Ms Susan Oliver.

The Board will ensure the vision for Fishermans Bend is realised through accountability and good decision-making.

In addition, a Mayors' Forum has been established with the City of Melbourne and the City of Port Phillip, continuing the strong partnerships and collaboration integral to the success of the area.

Decisions related to Westgate Park will be considered through these processes.

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?

The Andrews Labor Government has invested over \$100 million in waste and resource recovery over the last four years.

Under the \$37 million Recycling Industry Strategic Plan, announced by Minister D'Ambrosio in July this year, a further \$8.3 million was invested in recycling infrastructure, bringing the total investment by Government to over \$21 million.

Through the Plan, we are also working closely with local government through MAV and the regional Waste and Resource Recovery Groups to deliver outcomes for local communities.

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?

The Andrews Labor Government supports sensitive and appropriate use of State Government managed land in greater Melbourne and decisions concerning each site will be made in accordance with relevant policies after consultation with all stakeholders.

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?

Homes for Victorians encompassed a diverse range of relevant initiatives including:

- \$152 million Family Violence Housing Blitz
- \$109 million homelessness investment package incorporating the \$10 million Towards Home rough sleeping package
- Increasing and renewing social housing stock

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?

The Andrews Labor Government has been making our roads safer by removing dangerous and congested level crossings, upgrading roads and building new bike lanes and pedestrian crossings with the \$100 million Safer Cyclists and Pedestrians Fund. This includes the recent announcement to invest \$27 million to make St Kilda Road safer for all users with new cycle lanes that physically separate drivers and cyclists.

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?

The Andrews Government is spending more than any previous Government has to transform Victoria's transport infrastructure. Key projects include:

- The West Gate Tunnel Project
- The Metro Tunnel
- the Airport Rail Link
- the Regional Rail Revival program
- Level Crossing Removal program
- North East Link
- Suburban Rail Loop

Question 9

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

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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?

The Andrews Labor Government restored the City of Melbourne as a referral authority for planning applications in 2015. The Council has been closely engaged with the work on Fishermans Bend, where a Mayors Panel has been established to ensure full engagement with local government.

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?

There is no current commitment relating to this.

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?

Over the last four years we have taken action to support Victorians' housing needs through Homes for Victorians which outlines a comprehensive set of policies addressing both supply and demand across all sectors of the market – ownership, rental, affordable housing, public housing and homelessness. This has included trialling inclusionary zoning on government land releases, with a view to expanding this to other development sites.

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?

There is no current commitment relating to this. It is relevant to note that the Andrews Labor Government restored the City of Melbourne as a referral authority for planning applications in 2015.

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?

A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will release an exposure draft of a modernised Owners Corporations Act by the 30th of June 2019. This will provide all interested parties with the ability to provide input following the consultation undertaken over the past few years as part of the Consumer Property Law Review.

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?

Relevant stakeholders will be consulted when considering the next steps for the Parkville Precinct.

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?

A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will continue to work with relevant stakeholders on this project.

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?

The Andrews Labor Government has already created new design standards for developers that is seeing an end to dog-box sized apartments without storage or proper ventilation and if re-elected we will undertake further reforms including:

- Increasing apartment setbacks from neighbouring properties to improve privacy, natural light, airflow and to stop streets being turned into cold, dark wind tunnels
- Introducing minimum green space standards
- Ensuring apartment exteriors are made from natural, durable and safe materials, such as brick, timber, concrete, metal, stone or non-combustible cladding
- Putting in place mandatory construction management plans to put an end to residents being disturbed by noise from construction workers or rubbish removalists outside reasonable hours

The City of Melbourne and its residents will be consulted along with other interested parties on these reforms.

