



THE VICTORIAN STATE ELECTION

WILL BE HELD – SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2018

Defend and Extend Public Housing was launched in December 2016. We promote the idea that **PUBLIC HOUSING** should be **publicly owned** and **publicly managed**. In Victoria, the Andrews led Labor government has embarked on a strategy of transferring the responsibility of providing public housing to the social, community and affordable housing sector – privately owned and run organisations.

STRATEGY FOR CHANGE

Our strategy in Victoria is based on putting direct political pressure on the Labor government and the Liberal / National Opposition to radically change their housing policies in order to increase both the number and quality of public housing.

PROPOSAL

Defend and Extend Public Housing propose the **SIX BILLION DOLLARS** collected from stamp duty in Victoria (a tax paid to the State government by buyers of real estate) is used solely to build, buy and manage public housing. This would ensure at least 25,000 new homes / units are added to the public housing list every year. This would mean almost a million Victorians would be housed in public housing within a decade. Public housing should be available to everyone who cannot afford to enter the private housing market, not just those people in desperate circumstances.

MAXIMUM PRESSURE

The Victorian Greens are the only political party that currently supports the protection and the extension of the public housing sector. Since December 2016 we have pursued a strategy of promoting the idea that a hung Victorian Parliament, where the Victorian Greens hold the balance of power in the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, is the best way to both protect and extend public housing in Victoria.

The Co-Convenor of Defend and Extend Public Housing, Dr. Joseph Toscano, stood as a candidate at the Northcote by-election to assist Lydia Thorpe, the Greens candidate, to win the electorate from the Labor Party. We will continue to pursue this strategy until the Labor Party radically changes its public housing policies.

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DURING 2018

We will be holding monthly rallies on the steps of the Victorian Parliament until the Victorian state election – to be held on 24th November. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION** in these rallies to ensure public housing becomes a pivotal issue in the next state election.

2018 RALLY DATES

All rallies will be held on a Wednesday from midday to 1:30pm on the steps of Victoria's Parliament House, Spring St Melbourne (hail, rain or shine)

- **Wednesday 7th February**
Parliament sitting day
- **Wednesday 9th May**
Parliament sitting day
- **Wednesday 22nd August**
Parliament sitting day
- **Wednesday 21st November**
- **Wednesday 7th March**
Parliament sitting day
- **Wednesday 20th June**
Parliament sitting day
- **Wednesday 19th September**
Parliament sitting day
- **Wednesday 11th April**
- **Wednesday 25th July**
Parliament sitting day
- **Wednesday 24th October**

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