



## TEN DAYS IN NOVEMBER

### WE ARE THE PEOPLE WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR

The 2018 Victorian State Election that will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018 will be dominated by a **Law and Order and Infrastructure** debate. Unfortunately, housing is not on the agenda of both the Victorian Labor Party Government and the Liberal/National Party Opposition, although over 30% of voters believe it's a major issue. In order to ensure **PUBLIC HOUSING** is a significant issue at the Victorian State election, *Public Interests Before Corporate Interests (PIBCI)* has launched the **Public Housing – Everybody's Business** campaign.

The campaign is designed to make public housing a major election issue. *Public Housing – Everybody's Business* will be holding a 10 day rally/vigil from 12:00pm Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November to 12:00am Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November on the steps of the Victorian Parliament.

The slogan that will be used during the rally/vigil will be:

***Use Victorian stamp duty revenue (6 billion dollars plus per year)  
for public housing – House one million Victorians in public housing by 2029.***

The campaign is focused on bringing the issue of public housing to the community's attention. We will be supporting candidates for the Victorian Legislative Assembly/Legislative Council who support the extension of public housing in Victoria. Increased public housing stocks will force down private rents and housing prices at the lower end of the market.

We need your practical support to make this campaign a success. If you can spend the whole 10 days or even a few hours from 12:00pm Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November to 12:00am Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November with us on the steps of the Victorian Parliament, we can be instrumental in making changes that will improve the lives of tens of thousands of Victorians.

See you on the steps of the Victorian Parliament in November.

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## THE VICTORIAN STATE ELECTION WILL BE HELD – SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> 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.

### DURING 2018

We will be holding monthly rallies on the steps of the Victorian Parliament until the Victorian state election – to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> September**  
*Parliament sitting day*
- **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

**Defend and Extend Public Housing is a Public Interests Before Corporate Interests initiative. We are a social movement and political party that always puts the interests of the public before corporate interests.**

**JOIN US** – Download the Application form from [www.pibci.net/membership.html](http://www.pibci.net/membership.html)

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