VMIAC State Election Policy Tracker

Why we put this together

Our government's policies have a tangible impact on our mental health, wellbeing, and our everyday lives. Decisions made by governments shape access to mental health supports, housing, income security, social inclusion, and the broader social determinants of mental health.

At VMIAC, we believe that our community deserves access to clear, accessible, and relevant information to help them make informed decisions about issues that affect their lives.

The tracker outlines key policy announcements and relevant track records of the Victorian Labor Party, the Victorian Liberal Party, The Victorian Greens, and Victorian One Nation across a range of important policy areas. It is intended to provide an overview of each party's positions, commitments and actions, helping readers consider and compare the past performance and future promises of each party.

How we put this together

We have collated major policy announcements made by each party up until the start of early voting, alongside relevant information about each party's track record in each area covered.

This is not an exhaustive list of every policy, commitment, statement, or action made by each party. It is a snapshot of key announcements and decisions made across areas we consider particularly relevant to the lives, human rights, and wellbeing of consumers and the broader community.

This tracker is intended to be an informative resource to support informed decision-making. It does not endorse or recommend any political party. We encourage our community to explore the policies and track records of each party and consider what matters most to them to make their own informed choices.

Mental Health system reform

	Liberal	Labor	Greens	One Nation
Commitments	Independently review implementation of Royal Commission recommendations and audit mental health reform and levy expenditure. Introduce a mental health workforce strategy within the first 100 days, including a $50 million targeted workforce fund. Strengthen the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission and publish a Mental Health Reform Blueprint. Invest $63.5 million in local early intervention and almost $70 million in statewide support services. [1]	Implement all 65 recommendations of the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System. [5] Deliver long-term mental health reform, supported by the Mental Health and Wellbeing Levy. Strengthen lived experience leadership, consumer rights and accountability across the mental health system. [6] A new mental health and wellbeing local for Ballarat and Ararat [107] A new 100 bed mental health inpatient facility at Casy hospital [108] 15.8 million for supported housing for people with mental health challenges [109] (see track record below for previous scrapped promise in this area) Introducing mental health nurse to patient ratios [128]	Act on outstanding Royal Commission recommendations. Expand access to free mental health care. Introduce health-led responses to mental health emergencies. Improve pay and conditions for mental health workers, including lived experience workers. Deliver $40 million in previously promised housing support for people with complex mental health and psychosocial challenges. Develop a five-year plan to expand public rehabilitation beds and addiction support. [10]	Restore on-call psychological support for police officers following traumatic incidents. Improve access to existing mental health and other support services through a digital navigation pathway, initially targeting young people. [14]

Track record	Voted against the legislation introducing the Mental Health and Wellbeing Levy in June 2021.[2] Supported the Mental Health and Wellbeing Bill 2022, and successfully amended it to explicitly include alcohol and other drug services in its service-coordination objective.[3] Moved a parliamentary motion in November 2024 seeking a Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission inquiry into Royal Commission implementation and mental health levy expenditure. The motion was defeated.[4] Statements made in parliament questioning the feasibility of phasing out restrictive practices and seclusion [124]	Established the Royal Commission and introduced the Mental Health and Wellbeing Levy. Implemented the Mental Health and Wellbeing Act 2022 and established the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission. Delayed implementation of significant Royal Commission recommendations. [7] Restructured the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission, departing from the Royal Commission's recommended model of lived experience leadership. [8] Reduced funding for the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission, raising concerns about its capacity to provide independent oversight of mental health reform. [9] Removed 40.4 million dollar commitment to build supported housing from budget [110]	Supported the mental health levy and publicly supported full implementation of Royal Commission recommendations. Opposed legislation restructuring the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission and reducing its independent oversight arrangements.[11] Proposed and supported amendments protecting lived experience representation and the Commission's oversight functions.[12] Publicly advocated for delivery of outstanding Royal Commission reforms and raised concerns about funding reductions to the Commission.[13] Pushed for stronger human rights protections in the Mental Health and Wellbeing bill (2022). [118]	Supported a parliamentary motion criticising the government's handling of the Not Before Time report and calling for greater accountability.[15] Supported the 2026 legislative changes to the Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission's governance arrangements.[16] Advocated for increased funding for older men's mental health and Men's Sheds.[17]

Youth mental health

	Liberal	Labor	Greens	One Nation
Commitments	Establish a Youth Mental Health Centre of Excellence, overseen by Orygen, to strengthen research, clinical care and suicide prevention. Invest $5 million to masterplan a new youth mental health facility at Parkville, with capacity for up to 50 specialist inpatient beds for young people aged 12–25. Reform the governance of the Parkville Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Service, integrating its management with Orygen. [18]	Implement the Royal Commission's recommendations to expand and redesign specialist youth mental health services for young people aged 12–25 (Recommendation 20). Implement the Royal Commission's recommendations to expand youth inpatient and residential mental health services, including community-based alternatives to hospitalisation (Recommendation 21). No new election commitments.	Expand access to affordable mental health care for young people, including more psychologists and psychiatrists in schools and public clinics. Increase funding for community-controlled LGBTIQA+ services, including youth mental health support. [25]	Improve young people's access to existing mental health and other services through a digital navigation pathway.[14]

Track record	Called for an urgent inquiry into child and youth mental health services, following reports of youth suicide clusters and concerns about service safety.[19] Criticised the government's rejection of Kids Helpline funding requests, highlighting increasing demand for crisis support among young Victorians.[20] Criticised delays in accessing youth alcohol and other drug treatment and called for increased service capacity.[21]	Invested $141 million in new and upgraded Youth Prevention and Recovery Care services.[22] Expanded school-based mental health support, including completing the $200 million Mental Health in Primary Schools rollout.[23] Committed $26.7 million to expanding the Community Forensic Youth Mental Health Service, targeting early intervention for young people with complex mental health and forensic needs.[24]	Raised concerns with the Victorian Government about understaffing, overcrowding and safety at the Royal Children's Hospital's Banksia adolescent mental health ward. Called for an investigation into safety and quality of care at youth inpatient mental health services, following reported incidents at the Parkville Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing Service.[26]	Raised questions in Parliament about government funding for Kids Helpline amid increasing demand for youth counselling services.[27]

Cost of living and housing

	Liberal	Labor	Greens	One Nation
Commitments	Reduce property taxes, including land tax, and exempt first-home buyers from stamp duty on properties up to $1 million. Cap eligible toll costs at $50 per week for two years. Abolish the short-stay accommodation levy and Emergency Services Tax. Fast-track housing development through planning reforms.[28]	Establish 20 free public dental clinics and expand weekend emergency dental care.[33][34] Cap public transport fares at $30 per week for two years and toll costs at $30 per week in 2027.[35] Progressively increase the land tax-free threshold to $300,000.[36] Deliver 25,600 market-priced homes initially reserved for first-home buyers.[37]	Make public transport permanently free across Victoria and improve service frequency.[43] Expand free public dental care through a $3 billion investment over 10 years, including 20 new public dental clinics.[44] Freeze rents for two years and cap subsequent increases at wage growth or inflation, whichever is lower, while strengthening renters' rights and establishing an independent rental regulator.[45] Build 88,000 new public homes and invest in maintaining and upgrading existing public housing.[46] Reduce stamp duty for homebuyers, funded through increased taxes on banks and high-value property investors.[46] Reintroduce five days of paid sick and carer's leave annually for casual workers.[47]	Reduce land tax on investment properties and lower taxes on businesses. Abolish stamp duty on home, contents and car insurance. Reduce development costs and planning delays, release government land and incentivise low-cost housing. Ease restrictions on renting granny flats and spare rooms. Increase taxes on foreign residential property purchasers. Provide school sport vouchers and maternity care subsidies.[53]

Track record	Opposed the proposed Social and Affordable Housing Contribution, a levy on new developments intended to fund additional social housing.[29] Opposed removing no-fault evictions at the end of fixed-term leases.[30] Opposed the short-stay accommodation levy and rent freezes, citing concerns about increased costs and reduced housing investment.[31][32]	Provided cost-of-living relief, including temporary free and half-price public transport, a 20% car registration discount and energy assistance measures.[38] Re-established the State Electricity Commission.[39] Invested $6.3 billion in the Big Housing Build, with more than 12,000 social and affordable homes completed or underway as of April 2026.[40] Strengthened renters' rights, including banning no-fault evictions and rental bidding.[41] Opposed broad rent freezes and caps while introducing targeted affordable housing rent reductions.[42]	Supported reforms strengthening renters' rights, including bans on rental bidding and no-grounds evictions.[48] Secured a parliamentary inquiry into the proposed demolition and redevelopment of Victoria's 44 public housing towers.[49] Introduced legislation to protect public housing and other public assets from privatisation.[50] Secured a parliamentary referral to the Victorian Ombudsman concerning the treatment of public housing tower residents.[51] Advocated for temporary free public transport during the 2026 fuel price crisis.[52] Introduced a bill to make housing a human right within the Victorian human rights charter [119]	Advocated for lower land taxes for residential property investors.[54] Secured parliamentary support for expanded drought assistance to farming communities.[55]

Justice and community safety

	Liberal	Labor	Greens	One Nation
Commitments	Tighten bail rules for repeat serious offending and remove youth exemptions for breaching bail conditions.[56] Expand adult sentencing for young people to 25 offences, including car theft and attempted carjacking.[57] Recruit 3,000 police, including filling vacancies, and 200 additional protective services officers. Invest $100 million in early intervention and rehabilitation, including community-based diversion and a residential discipline program for young repeat offenders. [58] Restore broader police move-on powers and exclusion orders for repeat offenders.[59] Introduce "Jack's Law", giving police and protective services officers powers to scan for weapons in public places.[60] Abolish Emergency Management Days, removing sentence reductions associated with prison lockdowns and other disruptions.[61] Strengthen legal protections for police during pursuits and increase	Recruit 1,500 additional police and establish a permanent police academy in Wyndham. [66] Introduce statewide "Jack's Law" weapons-scanning powers by early 2027, without requiring designated search areas, and provide 1,200 additional handheld metal detectors. [67] Invest $10 million in BlueHub mental health support for police. [66] Increase maximum penalties for serious sexual offences, including a maximum sentence of life imprisonment for rape. [68] Introduce a new offence addressing cases where sustained partner abuse drives a victim-survivor to suicide. [68] Using prisoner labor to fill potholes [125]	Invest $1 billion in community safety, including a new Office of Community Safety and Crime Prevention. [77] Establish statewide, 24/7 health-led crisis outreach teams to de-escalate situations and connect people with support. [77] Increase funding for community-led prevention and diversion, alongside frontline mental health, homelessness, alcohol and other drug and family violence services. [77] Raise the age of criminal responsibility to 14 and repeal Labor's 2025 bail changes and provisions allowing life sentences for children. [78] End for-profit prison healthcare and provide healthcare for First Nations prisoners through Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations. [78] Decriminalise personal use and possession of small quantities of drugs. [79]	Tighten bail eligibility for repeat offending and require electronic monitoring, curfews and supervision for people bailed on specified serious offences. [83] Introduce tougher sentencing for repeat and violent offending, including mandatory prison terms for assaults on police and emergency workers. [83] Introduce intensive correction orders involving compulsory treatment and electronic monitoring, with imprisonment for breaches. [83] Expand post-sentence supervision and detention provisions to additional serious and violent offences. [83] Strengthen police pursuit protections and expand powers to charge people at the scene of an offence. [83] Increase magistrate numbers, establish a 24-hour bail court and build three new Magistrates' Courts in Melbourne's outer suburbs. [84]

	penalties for drivers who initiate pursuits and cause harm.[62] Introduce 'bootcamp' for young people aged 14-17 who offend [111] Expanding workplace protection orders [112]			Publish sentencing decisions and establish a Community Sentencing Review Board to recommend legislative changes. [83] Trial regulated access to pepper spray for personal protection. [83]
Track record	Did not oppose the 2023 bail reforms but advocated for tighter restrictions and opposed proposed changes to children's bail arrangements.[63] Opposed the Youth Justice Bill 2024, including raising the age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 12.[64] Called for faster implementation of tighter bail laws in 2025 and sought additional police and corrections resources.[65] Sought to introduce legislation expanding police weapons-search powers in September 2026. Sponsored a 2024 parliamentary petition seeking to restrict access to Emergency Management Days for violent and high-risk prisoners.	Tightened bail laws, including removing the principle that remand should be a last resort for children. [69] Introduced adult courts and sentencing for children aged 14 and over charged with specified serious violent offences. [70] Expanded police weapons-search powers, allowing designated search areas to operate for up to six months. [71] Raised the age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 12, but abandoned the commitment to raise it to 14. [72] Established the Violence Reduction Unit to coordinate youth violence prevention and early intervention, including community-based programs and mentoring. [73] Allocated $229 million to expand corrections and youth justice capacity, and $43 million for prison programs to reduce reoffending in the 2026–27 Budget. [74] Funded 200 additional protective services officers and 400 police reservists, and extended Operation Pulse shopping-centre patrols through 2027. [75][76]	Opposed tighter bail laws in 2025 and called for greater investment in community-based prevention and diversion. [65] Opposed legislation introducing adult courts and sentencing for children charged with specified serious violent offences. [80] Secured amendments establishing a 14-day limit on detention in police gaols, except in extraordinary emergencies, and preventing transfers between police gaols from restarting that limit. [81][82] Opposed the Corrections Amendment Bill 2026, which weakened prisoners' rights to daily access to open air. [82]	Supported opposition amendments in March 2025 seeking stricter bail tests for bail offences. The amendments were defeated. [85] Presented a 2025 petition calling for mandatory sentencing for violent crimes, tighter bail laws and increased policing in high-risk areas. [86] Supported the second reading of the Corrections Amendment Bill 2026, which weakened prisoners' rights to daily access to open air. [87]

First Nations justice

	Liberal	Labor	Greens	One Nation
Commitments	Introduce legislation to repeal Treaty within the first 100 days of government. [88] Replace the elected Treaty body, Gellung Warl, with a government department called First Nations Victoria, publishing quarterly updates and annual reports on Closing the Gap outcomes. [89][90] Invest $52 million over four years to continue and expand Urgent Care Pathways through Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, supporting preventative care, extended GP hours and chronic disease management. [91] Introducing a permit system for protests [122] Banning use of pro-Palestine phrases such as 'globalise the intifada' [129]	Maintain Victoria's Statewide Treaty. [94] Deliver an Aboriginal-led Healing Centre bringing together social and emotional wellbeing support, cultural healing and clinical care. [95]	Defend Treaty and support further local and statewide Treaty negotiations. [102] Implement all Yoorrook Justice Commission recommendations, starting with $50 million. [102] Support Traditional Owner management of national and state parks and stronger recognition of Traditional Owner water rights. [102] Provide healthcare for First Nations prisoners through Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations. [102] Opposes permit systems for protests [122] Improved access to gender affirming care [126] Stricter regulation of social media to prevent spread of hateful content [126] Funding initiatives to prevent radicalization [126]	Repeal Victoria's Statewide Treaty and abolish the elected First Peoples' body, Gellung Warl. [105] Banning burquas and niqabs in schools [113] (Federal policy – but supported at state level) Reducing refugee intake by 90% and stopping parent visas [114] Amend the Equal Opportunity Act to 'prioritize biological sex over gender identity in law, policy and practice' [117] Opposes permit systems for protests [122] Opposes 'identity politics and race-based legislation' [127]

			Supporting community controlled organizations that support the LGBTIQA+ community [126] Anti racism education in schools[126] Better enforcement of workers rights for migrants [126]	
Track record	Supported legislation establishing the Treaty Authority in 2022. [92] Subsequently opposed and voted against the Statewide Treaty Bill 2025. [93] Supported Labor legislation to restrict the right to protest [121]	Negotiated and legislated Victoria's Statewide Treaty with the First Peoples' Assembly, establishing Gellung Warl. [96] Established the Yoorrook Justice Commission in partnership with the First Peoples' Assembly in 2021. [97] Established the Stolen Generations Reparations Package, including $100,000 payments for eligible survivors and access to healing supports. [98] Allocated $6 million over two years to coordinate and begin implementing recommendations from Yoorrook's Yoorrook for Transformation report. [99] Allocated $13.2 million over four years to establish The Nest, an Aboriginal-led service supporting children's and families' social and emotional wellbeing. [100] Faced criticism from the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service that the 2026–27 Budget provided no new investment	Supported and voted for the Statewide Treaty Bill 2025. [103] Advocated for the 2018 Treaty legislation to explicitly recognise the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including free, prior and informed consent. These references were added to the legislation's preamble. [104] Moved amendments to strengthen hate speech protections [123]	Opposed and voted against the Statewide Treaty Bill 2025. [103] Sponsored a parliamentary petition calling for repeal of the Statewide Treaty Act 2025. [106] Opposed anti vilification legislation [115] Supported voluntary assisted dying laws [116]

		in Aboriginal Legal Services while increasing policing and community safety funding. [101] Introduced and passed legislation restricting the right to protest [120] Introduced anti vilification laws [123] Introduced laws decriminalizing sex work [		

Human rights (note: areas in First Nations justice are also relevant to human rights)

	Liberal	Labor	Greens	One Nation
Commitments	Introducing a permit system for protests [122] Banning use of pro-Palestine phrases such as 'globalise the intifada' [129]	Improved access to abortion care [131]	Opposes permit systems for protests [122] Improved access to gender affirming care [126] Stricter regulation of social media to prevent spread of hateful content [126] Funding initiatives to prevent radicalization [126] Supporting community controlled organizations that support the LGBTIQA+ community [126] Anti racism education in schools[126] Better enforcement of workers rights for migrants [126] Improved access to abortion and reproductive healthcare [131]	Banning burquas and niqabs in schools [113] (Federal policy – but supported at state level) Reducing refugee intake by 90% and stopping parent visas [114] Amend the Equal Opportunity Act to 'prioritize biological sex over gender identity in law, policy and practice' [117] Opposes permit systems for protests [122] Opposes 'identity politics and race-based legislation' [127]
Track record	Supported Labor legislation to restrict the right to protest [121] Some Liberal MPs voted against laws banning conversion therapy for LGBTIQA+ people [133]	Introduced and passed legislation restricting the right to protest [120] Introduced anti vilification laws [123] Introduced laws decriminalizing sex work [130]	Advocated for the 2018 Treaty legislation to explicitly recognise the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including free, prior and informed consent. These	Opposed anti vilification legislation [115] Supported voluntary assisted dying laws [116]

	Voted against anti-vilification legislation [134]	Introduced laws banning conversion therapy for LGBTIQA+ people [133]	references were added to the legislation's preamble. [104] Moved amendments to strengthen hate speech protections [123] Consistent advocacy for reproductive rights and gender equality [132]	

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