



## VISION FOR A JUST AUSTRALIA

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IS A CRISIS  
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## Our vision

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Our government makes economic decisions that put people first: decisions that are good for creation, that lift people out of poverty and fairly share our country's wealth.

The economy serves the well-being and flourishing of all people.

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## Our Key Asks

A fairer tax and superannuation system should target tax evasion and reduce financial inequality. Policies should ensure affordable housing access, phase out fossil fuel subsidies, and support a clean economy.

Jobs must be stable, safe, and well-paid, with strengthened labor standards. Investment in the care workforce should improve pay and conditions.

Support for vulnerable groups to re-enter the workforce is essential. Income support rates, including Jobseeker and Youth Allowance, must rise with living costs.

Remove tax subsidies inflating housing prices and increase social housing investment. Review and reform superannuation to ensure financial security for all workers.





## State of the Nation

Australia's tax system favours the wealthy, with policies like negative gearing, Capital Gains Tax discounts, and superannuation tax concessions widening inequality. These tax breaks drive up housing costs and limit government revenue for essential services. Gender-based tax and superannuation disparities further disadvantage women.

Growing poverty and inequality affect those on government support, renters, and First Peoples. Insecure work and low wages contribute to financial stress, with relief centres seeing more working Australians seeking aid.

Housing affordability is a crisis, with half of low-income private renters in rental stress and homelessness increasing. Cost-of-living pressures continue to rise, disproportionately affecting vulnerable groups.

Billions in fossil fuel subsidies persist despite climate concerns. Job insecurity harms workers' mental health and wage stagnation worsens financial hardship. Urgent policy reforms are needed to ensure fair taxation, stronger social protections, and economic justice for all Australians.

## Questions to ask

- How will your party direct government revenue to benefit the community?
- What measures will you take to reduce income and wealth inequality?
- What actions will you implement to address homelessness and housing affordability?
- How can we better support those facing barriers to employment in an economy that leaves some without work?

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