

Where do the major parties stand on ASU Member Priorities?

Better wages and conditions at work

Our priorities	Liberal / National	Labor
<p>Annual pay rises for community and disability sector workers</p>	<p>Has refused to support wage rises that keep up with cost-of-living increases.</p>	<p>Supports workers getting a pay rise to keep up with cost of living and will protect Equal Pay won by ASU members</p>
<p>More permanent jobs and access to portable entitlements that carry with you</p>	<p>Has ruled out any portable entitlements. Has made it harder for casuals to become permanent workers.</p>	<p>Supports more permanent jobs and portable entitlements in our sectors.</p>
<p>10 days paid domestic violence leave for all workers enshrined in law</p>	<p>Is the only Government in Australia to refuse to support paid domestic violence leave</p>	<p>Will legislate for 10 days paid domestic violence leave for all workers</p>

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A better NDIS

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<p>Fully funded NDIS with participants' plans meeting their needs and aspirations</p>	<p>Has overseen cuts to NDIS plans – average 4% per plan last year (\$2700 per participant).</p>	<p>Has committed to stop unfair cuts & put people with disability back at the centre of NDIS</p>
<p>Training and career specialisations for NDIS workers</p>	<p>Does not have a plan for better accredited training in the NDIS.</p>	<p>Supports better skills, training and careers in NDIS through mechanisms like portable training</p>
<p>Better support for disability advocacy</p>	<p>Has overseen a 400% increase in appeals of NDIS decisions and spent \$28million in 6 months on lawyers to justify cuts to NDIS plans</p>	<p>Will double funding to advocacy services – helping people to navigate the NDIS and get the services they deserve</p>

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Fairer funding and respect for community services

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<p>Longer term funding of community services</p>	<p>Has created a culture of short-term funding contracts</p>	<p>Will introduce minimum 6- year funding contracts</p>
<p>Establish a price floor - protect minimum wages and standards in the sector.</p>	<p>Allows a race to the bottom in tenders, pushing down wages and conditions.</p>	<p>Will set minimum standards in funding contracts including more permanent jobs</p>
<p>Respect the right of services to advocate for their communities</p>	<p>Has gagged services and cut funding to advocacy and peak organisations</p>	<p>Will abolish gag clauses and protect the right to advocate for community services</p>

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A fairer society where no one is left behind & everyone is valued

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Fix aged care	Has refused to deliver all the recommendations of the Royal Commission into aged care. Refuses to back a pay rise for aged care workers.	Will give aged care workers a pay rise, supports more nurses in aged care, better food for residents and greater transparency in funding.
Make childcare more affordable	Childcare fees have increased by 41% since the Coalition came to power, putting strain on families.	Will significantly reduce the cost of childcare benefiting 96% of families.
Support the Uluru Statement from the Heart	Does not support constitutional recognition of First Nations Australians.	Will work with First Nations people to implement the Uluru Statement including a constitutionally enshrined voice
A plan to tackle climate change	Cannot agree on its own goal of reaching net 0 reduction in emissions by 2050	Supports net 0 reduction in emissions by 2050 and will cut emissions by 43% by 2030. Will do this by investing in renewable energy. This will slash electricity bills and create over 600,000 new jobs in the regions.
More affordable and social housing	\$2billion for additional social housing	\$10 billion Housing Australia Future Fund which will provide 20,000 social housing properties including 4,000 properties for women and children leaving violence.

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