## **Vote for Safety: Media Backgrounder**

## **About The Pledge for a Safer Future**

#### The pledge reads

As a candidate for federal parliament, I pledge to:

- 1. Do what it takes to end all forms of gender-based violence within a generation
- 2. Champion strong action to prevent all forms of gender-based violence by addressing its drivers and enablers, including gender inequality.
- 3. **Push for proper funding of specialist sexual, domestic and family violence services** to ensure everyone affected can access the support they need, and that perpetrators' abusive behaviours are reduced.
- 4. **Vote for better legal and institutional responses for victim-survivors** to ensure people seeking support are helped, not hurt, by systems that should support them.
- Vote for safer workplaces by supporting full implementation of the Sex
  Discrimination Commissioner's Respect@Work recommendations to address
  workplace sexual harassment.
- Champion reforms for a safer parliament including full implementation of the recommendations in the Sex Discrimination Commissioner's 'Set the Standard' report.

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The pledge has been endorsed by: Australian Women Against Violence Alliance, National Association of Services against Sexual Violence, Women With Disabilities Australia, Change The Record, Domestic Violence NSW, Safe and Equal, Ending Violence Against Women Queensland, The National Family Violence Prevention and Legal Services Forum, WESNET, No To Violence, Australian Women's Health Network, Australian Democracy Network, Centre for Women's Safety and Wellbeing, Women's Health and Equality Queensland, Rosie Batty AO.

Candidates who have taken the full Pledge for a Safer Future so far 65 candidates have taken the pledge in full:

NameParty/ IndependentElectorate/StateAndrew Wilkie MPIndependentClark

Nicolette Boele Bradfield Independent Kvlea Tink Independent North Sydney Independent Kim Rubenstein ACT Sen. Peter Whish-Wilson Australian Greens TAS Alana Galli-McRostie Australian Greens Goldstein Alex Breskin Australian Greens Isaacs Australian Greens Apurva Shukla Werriwa Asher Cookson Australian Greens Aston Bill Pheasant Australian Greens Menzies Brendan Clarke Fusion Party Berowra Catherine Robertson Victorian Socialists Fraser Cecily Rosol Australian Greens Bass Australian Greens Celeste Liddle Cooper Chetan Sahai Australian Greens Sydney Colleen Bolger Victorian Socialists Melbourne Danielle Mutton Australian Greens Blair David Deex Australian Greens Spence Dominic WY Kanak Australian Greens Wentworth Elijah Suares **United Australia Party** Bendigo Ethan Hrnjak Australian Greens Mackellar Australian Labor Party Gilbert Wilson Wannon Greg Elliot Australian Greens Mayo Jack Boddeke Australian Greens Lalor Jade Darko Australian Greens Franklin James Haggerty Fusion Party Grayndler Janet Murray Australian Greens Hunter Janine Rees **Australian Progressives** Ryan Jennifer Cox Australian Greens Kennedy Australian Greens Jeremy Carter Boothby Jerome Small Victorian Socialists Calwell John Photakis Australian Greens Kingston Kathryn Savery Australian Greens Bean Katie McCusker Australian Greens Sturt Kelly Guenoun United Australia Party Petrie

Mat MorganAustralian GreensMonashMax Chandler-MatherAustralian GreensGriffithMax MartucciTNLHawke

Australian Greens

Australian Greens

Australian Greens

Australian Greens

Shortland

Warringah

Jagajaga

Richmond

Kim Grierson

Mandy Nolan

Liz Chase

Kristyn Glanville

Melissa Stevens Australian Greens Lilley Nadia David Australian Labor Party Indi Natasa Sojic Australian Greens Fenner Australian Greens Neil Cotter Rankin Nicole Thompson Australian Greens Wright Patrick Deegan Australian Labor Party Page Australian Greens Piers Mitchem Kooyong Rebecca Galdies Australian Greens Adelaide Sarah Jefford Wills Australian Greens Sarah Russell Independent Flinders Scott Hardiman **United Australia Party** Kooyong Sonya Semmens Australian Greens Higgins Australian Greens Steph Hodgins-May Macnamara Stephen Bates Australian Greens Brisbane Suzette Rodoreda Australian Greens Gellibrand Tim Hollo Australian Greens Canberra Victor Kline TNL North Sydney Andrea Leong **Fusion Party** NSW Brandon Selic **Fusion Party** QLD David Kennedy **Fusion Party** SA Drew Wolfendale SA Fusion Party Felix Dance Socialist Alliance VIC Tim Viljoen **Fusion Party** WA

# Key candidates and MPs who have partially taken the Pledge for a Safer Future

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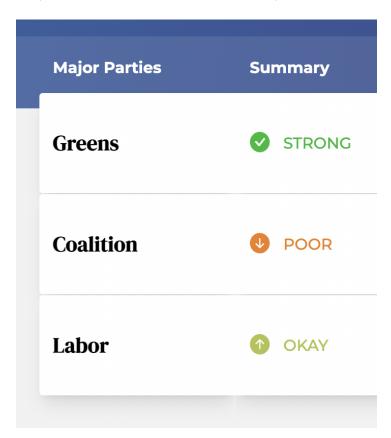
168 candidates for the next parliament have taken parts of the Pledge for a Safer Future:

- Zali Steggel, sitting MP and Independent candidate for Warringah, has fully committed to the pledge actions in 5 of the 6 parts of the Pledge for a Safer Future, and partially committed to the other.
- Andrew Constance, Liberal candidate for Gilmore, has fully committed to the pledge actions in 5 of the 6 parts of the Pledge for a Safer Future, and partially committed to the other.
- The Labor Party has indicated the party are fully committed to the pledge actions in 3 of the 6 parts of the Pledge for a Safer Future, and partially committed in the other 3 areas.

• Dr Helen Haines has fully committed to the pledge actions in 2 of the 6 parts of the Pledge for a Safer Future, and partially committed to the other four.

### Parties' track records

The parties' track records are captured on the website <a href="https://www.voteforsafety.com.au/">https://www.voteforsafety.com.au/</a>. A snapshot of the overall assessment captured here:



The website analysis notes the alarming record of the Coalition on systems reform - highlighting the Morrison Government's abolition of the Family Court, decision to proceed with a parliamentary inquiry into family law opposed by safety advocates; and decision to shelve a taskforce to address sexual violence at universities.

The Coalition also scored a 'poor' on prevention, with the scoring groups noting that while the recent major funding commitment to Our Watch was very positive; the Government has also launched actively harmful relationships and consent resources for students via its Good Society website and its infamous milkshake consent content. And, with gender equality identified as a key driver of gender-based violence - Australia has dropped in the Global Gender Gap Index.

You can view detailed analysis of the Coalition, Labor and Greens track records from the last parliament ahead of the website's launch, <u>here</u>.