

## 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.
5. **Vote for safer workplaces** by supporting full implementation of the Sex Discrimination Commissioner's Respect@Work recommendations to address workplace sexual harassment.
6. **Champion reforms for a safer parliament** - including full implementation of the recommendations in the Sex Discrimination Commissioner's 'Set the Standard' report.

Each part of the pledge survey asks candidates to commit to specific actions necessary to realise the pledge statement. Candidates are only displayed as having taken the pledge if they commit to all of the related actions, as well as the overall pledge statement.

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:

Name	Party/ Independent	Electorate/State
Andrew Wilkie MP	Independent	Clark

Nicolette Boele	Independent	Bradfield
Kylea Tink	Independent	North Sydney
Kim Rubenstein	Independent	ACT
Sen. Peter Whish-Wilson	Australian Greens	TAS
Alana Galli-McRostie	Australian Greens	Goldstein
Alex Breskin	Australian Greens	Isaacs
Apurva Shukla	Australian Greens	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
Celeste Liddle	Australian Greens	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 Soares	United Australia Party	Bendigo
Ethan Hrnjak	Australian Greens	Mackellar
Gilbert Wilson	Australian Labor Party	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
Jeremy Carter	Australian Greens	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
Kim Grierson	Australian Greens	Shortland
Kristyn Glanville	Australian Greens	Warringah
Liz Chase	Australian Greens	Jagajaga
Mandy Nolan	Australian Greens	Richmond
Mat Morgan	Australian Greens	Monash
Max Chandler-Mather	Australian Greens	Griffith
Max Martucci	TNL	Hawke

Melissa Stevens	Australian Greens	Lilley
Nadia David	Australian Labor Party	Indi
Natasa Sojic	Australian Greens	Fenner
Neil Cotter	Australian Greens	Rankin
Nicole Thompson	Australian Greens	Wright
Patrick Deegan	Australian Labor Party	Page
Piers Mitchem	Australian Greens	Kooyong
Rebecca Galdies	Australian Greens	Adelaide
Sarah Jefford	Australian Greens	Wills
Sarah Russell	Independent	Flinders
Scott Hardiman	United Australia Party	Kooyong
Sonya Semmens	Australian Greens	Higgins
Steph Hodgins-May	Australian Greens	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	Fusion Party	SA
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 <https://www.voteforsafety.com.au/>. A snapshot of the overall assessment captured here:

Major Parties	Summary
<b>Greens</b>	 <b>STRONG</b>
<b>Coalition</b>	 <b>POOR</b>
<b>Labor</b>	 <b>OKAY</b>

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, [here](#).**