

# FAIR AGENDA

## Federal Election 2022 - Pledge for a Safer Future: the candidates committed to ending gender-based violence

### Who's in?

Over **400 candidates** have positively responded to the Pledge, making commitments to act for a safer future.

Over **230 candidates** have committed fully to take the action needed to end gender-based violence in a generation.

This includes **high-profile independent** candidates: Monique Ryan, Zoe Daniels, Allegra Spender, Kylea Tink, Kim Rubenstein, Alex Dyson, Jo Dyer, Georgia Steele, Caz Heise, Hanabeth Luke and David Pocock.

The **Australian Greens** provided a party response, with a full commitment to all areas of the pledge.

The **Australian Labor Party** provided a party response to the pledge questions, with a full commitment to three areas, and a partial commitment to the other three.

Andrew Constance was the only candidate from the **Liberal Party** who responded to the Pledge, fully committing to 5 of 6 areas for action.

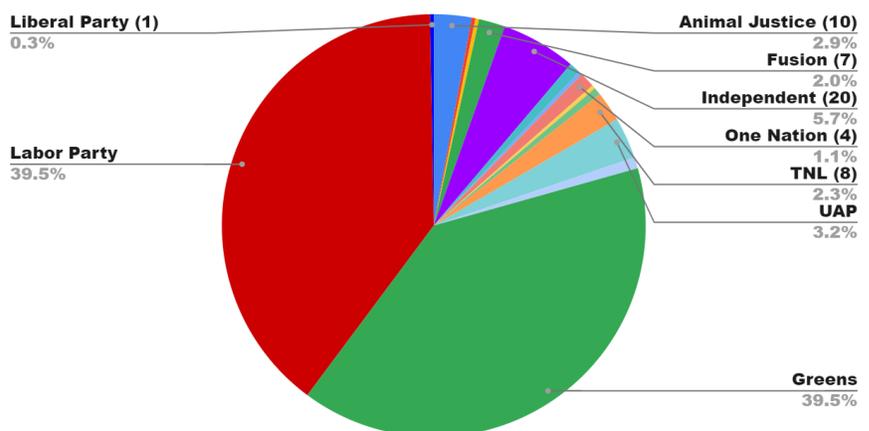
Several representatives from minor parties also took the full Pledge, including candidates from: Animal Justice, Fusion Party, United Australia Party, IMO, Victoria Socialists, Socialist Alliance, Australian Democrats. Reason Party representatives, including Jane Caro, and representatives from TNL, including leader Victor Kline, also took the Pledge.

### Who's missing?

The **Liberal and National parties** provided a written party response to the Pledge survey, but they did not provide commitments to any of the specific pledge actions requested. Only one candidate provided an individual response.

### What is the Pledge for a Safer Future?

Candidate commitments to the Pledge - House of Representatives



The Pledge outlines six areas of action that are needed to end gender-based violence in a generation, which were developed in consultation with experts. Each of the six pledge areas had 3-4 specific actions associated with it. Candidates were only registered as having committed to an area of the pledge if they committed to all of the specific actions within that area. Commitment to all actions, under every area, means a candidate has fully committed.

The six components of the Pledge for a Safer Future were: 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.

Fair Agenda endeavored to contact every candidate for the upcoming election with the pledge questions, but it is possible some candidates were not reached.

## Where did parties stand ahead of the 2022 Federal Election?

Experts have also scored the track records of the major parties in the last Parliament - on a range of policies relating to their actions to end gender-based violence.:

Scoring the major parties' track records						
Major Parties	Summary	Prevention	Service Funding	Systems Reform	Safer Workplaces	Allegations
<b>Greens</b>	✔ STRONG	✔ STRONG	✔ STRONG	✔ STRONG	✔ STRONG	NO REPORTS →
<b>Coalition</b> (Liberals & Nationals)	✘ POOR	✘ POOR	✘ POOR	⚠ ALARMING	✘ POOR	SEE REPORTS →
<b>Labor</b>	ⓘ OKAY	ⓘ OKAY	ⓘ OKAY	✔ STRONG	✔ STRONG	SEE REPORTS →

## Want more information?

You can read more about Pledge responses and party track records at [voteforsafety.com.au](https://voteforsafety.com.au)