



High-profile independents and Greens lead ALP on commitment to ending gender-based violence, with Coalition barely in sight

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Fair Agenda has today released a report outlining how the candidates for the 2022 Federal Election are responding to the call for actions needed to end gender-based violence. The report reveals that in several key races this election; there is a stark difference in candidates' commitments to act for women's safety.

The report reveals that many of the high-profile independents have taken the Pledge for a Safer Future and committed to significant action to end gender-based violence; as well as a party-wide commitment from the Australian Greens. The Australian Labor Party also provided a full party-wide commitment to all but a few of the actions called for.

This stands in stark contrast to the Coalition who only had one candidate make commitments: Andrew Constance, contesting in the seat of Gilmore, who fully committed to 5 of the 6 areas of the Pledge for a Safer Future. The Coalition's party response did not provide a commitment to any of the specific actions put forward for future action; instead providing a statement focused on commitments made during the last parliament. At the start of the election, a collection of experts reviewed the Coalition's track record in the last parliament and scored these existing actions as [poor](#).

"Voters want to know where their candidates stand on women's safety, and who is going to take real, meaningful action to address the issues that impact so many of our lives." said Renee Carr, Executive Director of Fair Agenda.

She went on to say: "Fair Agenda worked with women's safety experts to outline key areas, and specific actions, that are needed to progress us toward ending gender-based violence in a generation. We asked candidates for specific commitments because we know our communities need committed leadership and expert-backed action, not just statements of sentiment".

Over 400 candidates responded to the Pledge for a Safer Future, with over 230 candidates taking the Pledge in full. This includes high-profile independents:

Monique Ryan, Zoe Daniel, Allegra Spender, Kylea Tink, Kim Rubenstein, Alex Dyson, Jo Dyer, Caz Heise, Georgia Steele, Hanabeth Luke and David Pocock.

Further information on which candidates committed to the Pledge for a Safer Future, and information on the major parties track record coming into the 2022 Federal election can be found via: voteforsafety.com.au.

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