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Record Mon4Kooyong door knocking campaign finds climate action and integrity to be the issues of greatest concern to Kooyong voters

For the last three months, volunteers for Independent candidate, Dr Monique Ryan, have been knocking on the doors of Kooyong residents to ask them about the issues they care about.

Their most pressing concerns? Climate change and integrity in politics. And they want their representative in Canberra to take action on them.

“Since the start of our campaign we’ve door knocked 55,000 homes, had over 22,000 conversations and recorded over 17,000 detailed responses,” Dr Ryan said.

“We’ve had more than 400 volunteer door knockers out every week, talking to the people of Kooyong, asking, ‘*What matters to you this election? Is there anything the federal government can do better?*’ It is the largest recorded single electorate door-knocking campaign in Australian history.”

Over 6,000 residents identified climate change as their major concern. Among the specific actions they wanted to see were legally binding net zero targets, significant government investment in a nationwide EV rollout, the enforcement of stronger environmental protections, and government leadership for rapid and supported transition to renewable energy.

Nearly 5,000 people raised integrity as a concern, with strong support for the establishment of a federal anti-corruption commission with retrospective investigative powers and truth in political advertising laws. Many constituents wanted to see a higher standard of moral, social, and political leadership from their government.

“You cannot ignore the voice of the people of Kooyong,” Dr Ryan said.

“The people we spoke with are not happy with Mr Frydenberg’s record on their greatest concerns – urgent climate action and integrity in government, and these concerns are also the priorities we see in repeated polling of the electorate we have undertaken over the past few months.

“Mr Frydenberg’s expensive billboards are now begging us to ‘Keep Josh’. But the people of Kooyong don’t want JoshKeeper – our door-knocking results show that they want action on their concerns and values.

“If elected, my highest priorities are the priorities of my Kooyong community.” Dr Ryan concluded.

Other priorities raised during doorknocking include: gender equity and the treatment of women; the cost of living and housing affordability; aged care; the treatment of asylum seekers and refugees; mental health care; the management of the pandemic; a strong economy; and education.

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