

**For a better
Canberra**

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Together, we can create change in 2024 for a better Canberra

Canberra is a great place to live.

But after over 20 years of Labor and the Greens, we know Canberra can be so much better.

The Canberra of tomorrow under a government I lead is a city where every Canberran has the opportunity to reach their full potential. A city that is befitting of the nation's capital with a world-class health system, a nation-leading education system, where Canberrans feel safe in their streets and in their own backyards; a city where young Canberrans have genuine opportunities to own their own home one day.

When Canberrans are empowered, they can achieve extraordinary things and a Canberra Liberals government will always put our people first. We will support those in our community who have been left behind by Labor and the Greens and we will govern for all Canberrans.

Canberrans deserve a government that is transparent and accountable for its actions. A Canberra Liberals government will bring integrity back to government.

The start of the Canberra of tomorrow is less than one year away. Together, we can create change in 2024 for a better Canberra.

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Our plan for a better Canberra

Investing in our people

Our people make our city. When Canberrans are empowered they can achieve extraordinary things.

We will unashamedly support our nurses, teachers, police, paramedics and firefighters. We will put these frontline Canberrans first because they have always put us first.

We will boost apprenticeships and vocational training so small businesses have the skills they need for the future.



Creating a world class health system

We will support our GPs because they are the bedrock of our health system. We will abolish Andrew Barr's GP tax that will make it more expensive for Canberrans to see their doctor.

We will fix the toxic culture in our hospitals that is driving away our frontline health professionals and we will not divert promised funding for critical health infrastructure to politically motivated projects.

Developing a nation-leading education system

We will set up our children for success by supporting our teachers in delivering evidence-led approaches to improving literacy and numeracy.

We will recruit more teachers and lift the burden of unnecessary paperwork so they can do what they do best - teach.

We will make sure that our classrooms are fit for purpose and free from hazardous materials because our children deserve the best spaces to learn.



Providing genuine opportunities for home ownership

We will create genuine opportunities for our young Canberrans to own their own home if that is their wish.

While a local government cannot fix housing affordability alone, we need to engage the policy levers that are within our control to give our future generations hope that home ownership is within their reach.

Land release, planning laws, investment in the right skills and tax reform are all levers we can use to give our future generations the best chance to own home.



Making our city safer

Every Canberran deserves to feel safe on the streets and in their own home.

In addition to boosting our police force, we will repeal the drug decriminalisation laws that Labor and the Greens brought in by stealth. These are the laws that many parents, police, health professionals and small business owners have raised significant concerns about and we will reverse them.



Supporting small business, innovation & investment

For too long, Labor and the Greens have taken small businesses for granted.

Canberrans are smart and ambitious and want government to get out of the way so they can contribute to making our economy and community thrive. We will reduce the regulatory burden on small business and respect what they bring to our city. We will back Canberrans who want to grow their businesses and stay local.



Bringing the world's best events to our capital

Canberra is our nation's capital and Canberrans deserve to see the world's best artists, athletes and leaders right here in our home city.

We will work with our region's tourism leaders to maximise investment in major events that will draw people from across Canberra, across Australia and across the globe.



Moving our city forward

A city like Canberra deserves a public transport system that will get people where they want to go when they want to get there.

We won't be spending billions of dollars on a tram that will serve only a fraction of Canberrans and which will be slower than the current bus. Our public transport policy will be based on the transport needs of our people, not based on a political marriage of convenience.



Looking after our green spaces and wildlife

Canberrans love our bush capital and we care deeply about our environment.

We will value our green spaces, woodlands and waterways and we will look after our wildlife. These are the unique elements of our bush capital that make our city the beautiful, natural home that it is and we will cherish it.



Getting the basics right

For too long, Canberra's suburbs have been neglected.

We will get the basics right because we know we must get our own backyard in order before we can take on the world. Each Canberra suburb is unique and we will make sure the community has a say in what we see in our suburbs.

We will reinvest your rates back into your neighbourhood.



35 commitments we have already made

We will:

1. abolish Andrew Barr's GP tax
2. hold a Royal Commission into our health system
3. establish a gynaecology oncology unit
4. engage contractors to reduce colonoscopy and endoscopy wait lists
5. explore retention measures for frontline health workers
6. bring in defibrillators in schools and government buildings
7. develop a men's health plan
8. not proceed with Stage 2B of the tram
9. improve bus priority and upgrades between Belconnen and the city
10. reinstate funding for road upgrades that were diverted to the tram
11. not ban internal combustion engine cars
12. repeal the drug decriminalisation laws
13. amend bail laws to protect frontline workers
14. undertake a review into bail and sentencing laws
15. open a police station in Molonglo
16. release Cabinet documents within 30 days of decision
17. give more resources to the Integrity Commission, including telephone intercept powers
18. review and audit government procurement processes
19. undertake an independent audit of the ACT's budget
20. create a Minister for Housing Affordability and Choice
21. release more land for detached housing
22. undertake a feasibility study into land at West Tuggeranong for housing
23. work with the federal government to access CSIRO land for housing
24. ease the tax and regulatory burden on rental properties
25. overhaul the planning system to include more transparency and community consultations
26. allow separately titled dual occupancies on RZ1 blocks
27. support our teachers to use evidence-based methods to improve literacy and numeracy
28. ban mobile phones in schools
29. establish a town centre in Molonglo
30. keep Stromlo Forest Park free and accessible
31. invest more funding into improving our suburbs
32. explore new ways to improve water quality in our lakes and waterways
33. not ban gas
34. not ban woodfire heaters
35. explore options for a city stadium and convention centre



For a better Canberra

Thanks for taking the time to read our
plan to put Canberrans first.

I'd love to hear your thoughts.
Together, we can take the first step
toward a better Canberra.

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