

Regional Women's Health and Wellbeing Election Scorecard

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What is the Scorecard all about?

We sent out the WHERE DO YOU STAND Survey to 43 candidates running for a seat in the 2022 Victorian State Election. All of these candidates are standing in the Goulburn Valley or north-east Victorian regions. We asked them 10 questions about gender equality and health equity policy.

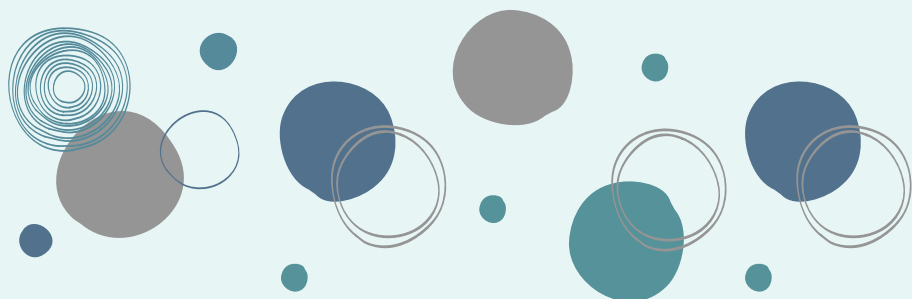
Who answered the survey?

11 candidates completed the survey. They represented the Australian Greens, the Animal Justice Party, Health Australia, Derryn Hinch's Justice Party and one Independent:

Benambra: Jacqui Hawkins (Independent); Mike Fuery (Animal Justice); Luke Brady (Green). **Eildon:** Wil Mikelsons (Green); Chloe Bond (Animal Justice). **Ovens Valley:** Zoe Cromar (Green). **Northern Victoria:** Georgie Purcell (Animal Justice); Tania Maxwell (Derryn Hinch's Justice); Cate Sinclair (Green); Marilyn Nusk (Independent). Isaac Golden (on behalf of Health Australia).

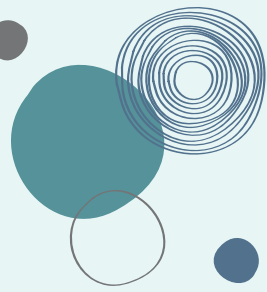
Who didn't answer?

We received no response from any candidates representing: the Australian Labor Party; the Nationals; Shooters, Fishers and Farmers; Victorian Socialists; Family First; Freedom Party; One Nation; Sustainable Australia; Australia United; or any Independents not mentioned above. We received a commitment to pass the survey to the Shadow Minister for Women from a representative of the Victorian Liberals, although the timeframe for a response has passed without further contact.



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Goulburn North East

So What Exactly Did They Say?



We asked candidates if they will support/advocate/invest in and develop the following policy or action areas around the issues of gender equality and health equity. Responses are shown by Political Party.

Gender equity workforce and gender equitable budgeting, policy and practice within the public sector

Animal Justice:	✓
Derryn Hinch's Justice:	✓
Greens:	✓
Health Australia (HA):	✓
Independents (J. Hawkins/M Nusk):	✓

The expansion of the Gender Equality Act beyond the public sector

Animal Justice:	✓
Derryn Hinch's Justice:	Uncertain
Greens:	✓
Health Australia:	Uncertain
J. Hawkins/M. Nusk:	✓

Increase resources to the Commission for Gender Equality in the Public Sector

Animal Justice:	✓
Derryn Hinch's Justice:	✓
Greens:	✓
Health Australia:	✓
J. Hawkins/M. Nusk:	✓

A specialist family violence court to serve residents in North-east Victoria

Animal Justice:	✓
Derryn Hinch's Justice:	✓
Greens:	✓
Health Australia:	✓
J. Hawkins/M. Nusk:	✓

Smaller, rural and remote public sector entities better resourced for the Gender Equality Act

Animal Justice:	✓
Derryn Hinch's Justice:	✓
Greens:	✓
Health Australia:	✓
J. Hawkins/M. Nusk:	✓

Investment in our health system to embed gender equity through an intersectional lens

Animal Justice:	✓
Derryn Hinch's Justice:	✓
Greens:	✓
Health Australia:	✓
J. Hawkins/M. Nusk:	✓

Reforms to Victoria's mental health system considering the gendered nature of mental health

Animal Justice:	✓
Derryn Hinch's Justice:	✓
Greens:	✓
Health Australia:	✓
J. Hawkins/M. Nusk:	✓

Publicly funded Hospitals to provide medical and surgical abortions and if faith-based, to provide evidence-based referrals

Animal Justice:	✓
Derryn Hinch's Justice:	✓
Greens:	✓
Health Australia:	?
J. Hawkins/M. Nusk:	✓

Funding the Victorian Sexual and Reproductive Health plan, with attention to abortion access in regional/rural areas

Animal Justice:	✓
Derryn Hinch's Justice:	✓
Greens:	✓
Health Australia:	✓
J. Hawkins/M. Nusk:	✓

Sustainable funding and expansion of women's health services by including specific prevention services for First Nations and LGBTIQ+ communities

Animal Justice:	✓
Derryn Hinch's Justice:	✓
Greens:	✓
Health Australia:	✓
J. Hawkins/M. Nusk:	✓

* Health Australia agree to this point but qualify that support only extends to late term abortions if there is a threat to health/life for mother