

Pat O'Shane – Socialist Alliance – Audience Questions

1. Do panellists agree that a National Housing Strategy is needed to redefine the roles and responsibilities of ALL levels of government to address the current housing needs of all Australians.

Absolutely. Our governments have always met the housing needs of several cohorts. That they REFUSE to provide housing for others, such as Indigenous communities, Aged Persons, Pensioners and others on low incomes is ugly, discriminatory, and racist.

2. With \$11.6 billion in subsidies for mining industry, mining that occurs on Traditional Lands, what are your respective parties policies/stance on these subsidies being reduced and/or redirected to Indigenous Housing?

I don't want these subsidies to be **reduced!** I want to see them **abolished.** I believe in Equity and Justice for all. It follows then, that the monies being paid to the rich and greedy must be directed to those in need. We pride ourselves on being a fair and democratic society. We are neither fair, nor democratic. In fact, under Governments across the country Australia as a society is disintegrating.

3. Does Labor have any commitment to increasing Jobseeker and other income support payments?

I am not a Labor member

The below questions were not responded to in the document received by Change the Record, we have written to the candidate and requested an updated document. We will update it here when we receive it!

4. They got rid of ASIC we need our own body to manage control and monitor for our peoples needs. How would we as a people continue to stand together and make this happen instead of the consistent government consultations from up to down methods our leaders need to be up there in major care and management control in consultation with the community.
5. Do panellists believe we need to de-commodify housing and decolonise land ownership in Australia?
6. What is your policy on a moratorium on construction/expansion of further prisons and divert that money into public housing?
7. What are your respective party's policy/stance on supporting place-based initiative funding arrangements in providing local solutions to the cross-sectoral issue of the indigenous housing crisis?