

## QLD Greens – Phillip Musumeci – Answers to 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.

The Greens housing plan funds the million homes over 20 year construction through a new Federal Housing Trust, and it also provides funding for states and territories to better maintain their existing homes via a new Capital Grants Fund over 10 years.

We want "A national housing and homelessness strategy that prioritises and provides universal access to public housing". For further information, see <https://greens.org.au/sites/default/files/2022-01/Greens-2022-Policy-Platform--Services--Homes.pdf> and aim 2 in <https://greens.org.au/policies/housing-and-homelessness>.

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?

We plan to "stop the massive subsidies to big coal, oil and gas corporations". In our platform, we say this helps in the transition into clean energy but our overriding effort for a fairer taxation system will be funding our efforts in housing for all. For further information, see <https://greens.org.au/platform/climate>

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

The Greens aim to raise support to \$88/day i.e. above poverty thresholds.

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.

We propose funding for First Nations health services to increase their capacity to care for communities, and to grow the workforce to provide culturally appropriate care. More fundamentally, we want to put in place possible pathways so that the voices of First Nations people can drive the adoption of a voice to parliament (but we are doing this in a way that does not force a particular path from the top down).

5. Do panellists believe we need to de-commodify housing and decolonise land ownership in Australia?

YES.

6. What is your policy on a moratorium on construction/expansion of further prisons and divert that money into public housing?

Our 2022 platform does not specifically address a moratorium on what are typically state -un prison systems but the Justice for All initiative will "reform the criminal legal system so we can invest in communities not prisons". We also have proposals to fund programs to end violence against women and children and a standalone national plan for First Nations Womens Safety. As mentioned above, we are funding a long term housing plan over two decades. See <https://greens.org.au/platform/equality>

Please note that QLD Greens State MP Michael Berkman has called for a moratorium on youth prisons and reinvesting that money into community support services.

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?

We have the million homes plan mentioned with respect to Q1, and The Greens will provide \$371m to community-led health organisations to boost their capacity to care for First Nations people and their communities. However, I am not aware of any cross-sectoral programs that attempt to deal with say housing and health or education etc. in a coordinated, local, place-based effort so I am currently asking for additional policy advice from the Greens office.

For details on First Nations Health, see <https://greens.org.au/sites/default/files/2022-01/Greens-2022-Policy-Platform--Health--First-Nations.pdf>