

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE 2022

Name: Dominic Wy Kanak (Greens)

Note: Please answer every question with YES or NO. If it is necessary to modify or clarify that answer, please add further information.

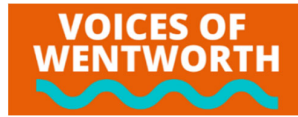
Long form question that was asked of the candidate	Y/N	Optional: any clarification
Climate & Energy		
Will you push for ending public funding for polluting coal, gas and oil industries, including tax concessions?	Yes	
Will you support cutting emissions by at least 50% by 2030?	Yes	The Greens support net-zero by 2035 or earlier.
Will you support Australia factoring emissions from fossil fuel exports into our new zero calculations, and to require relevant agencies to consider fossil fuel exports when making decisions about fossil fuel projects?	Yes	
Will you support the creation of an independent Climate Commissioner to oversee research, planning, monitoring, reporting and policy advice in relation to climate risk reduction, mitigation, adaptation and climate disaster response?	Yes	
Will you support a prohibition on approving new coal fired power stations?	Yes	Also a phase-out of mining and export of thermal coal by 2030.
Will you push for government and businesses to measure their environmental, social and cultural impact through transparent, detailed reporting frameworks?	Yes	
Integrity & corruption		
Will you support an appropriately funded federal ICAC with broad powers to investigate public servants and politicians for corruption and the misuse of public money, including the power to hold public hearings?	Yes	The Greens first introduced an ICAC Bill in 2008. A Greens ICAC bill passed in the Senate in 2019.
Will you support the real-time disclosure of political donations over \$2,500?	Yes	The Greens already disclose donations when cumulative amount exceeds \$1,500 in a year. Donation and expenditure caps are also required.

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Will you support a code of conduct for all politicians, not just Ministers?	Yes	The Greens also support a code of conduct for senior staff of MPs and ministers.
Will you support Ministers being required to publish their diaries, and all professional lobbyists (whether external or in-house) to disclose who they've met with and the topic of discussion on a public register?	Yes	Also a ban of 5 years against employment in areas close to ministerial or government responsibilities.
Will you support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - government grant decisions being made according to clear and transparent criteria; and - public disclosure of the extent to which the decision meets the criteria, in order to lower the risk that public funds will be used by the relevant Minister to influence elections in marginal seats?	Yes	
Cost of living & Wealth Inequality		
Will you advocate for at least a 25% increase in social and affordable housing?	Yes	The Greens intend to build public and social housing to clear the waiting lists.
Will you advocate for a national funding scheme for affordable rental housing?	Yes	
Will you work towards mandating adequate public transport access for all new development projects?	Yes	
Will you support the rate of JobSeeker and Youth Allowance being raised to at least \$69 a day, as recommended by the Australian Council of Social Service?	Yes	The Greens want to raise pensions, JobSeeker, the youth allowance and other income support payments to \$88 a day.
Environment & Water		
Will you support an Environmental Assurance Commissioner with strong investigative powers and new National Environmental Standards being put in place <u>before</u> the introduction of a single-touch approval process, as recommended by Graeme Samuel in his review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999?	Yes	
Will you support effective measures to cut pollution from farms and properties in order to protect the Great Barrier Reef, to	Yes	Also need to stop mining in the Galilee basin and phase out mining in the Bowen basin and coal mining generally.

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prevent it being placed on the World Heritage "in danger" list?		
Health & Aged Care		
Will you support a legislated right for people in aged care facilities to have visitors?	Yes	The right to visit would need to be conditional on health and safety of residents and staff.
Will you support funding the outcomes of the work value case for aged care workers that is being determined by the Fair Work Commission, including the request for a 25% wage increase?	Yes	
Will you support improved funding for mental health that includes funding and training of more community-based mental health practitioners?	Yes	The Greens policy is to extend Medicare to include mental health services and dental care.
Will you support the building and maintenance of quarantine facilities to respond quickly to new pandemic outbreaks?	Yes	
Indigenous peoples' rights		
Will you commit to holding a referendum on a First Nations Voice to Parliament protected by the Constitution?	Yes	Australia is the only Commonwealth country without a Treaty with its First People. We need a formal truth telling process as the first step to treaty making and constitutional amendment.
Will you support changing the date of Australia Day from 26 January?	Yes	The 26th January would remain a significant day of mourning and survival for First Nations people.
Will you commit to take action on the recommendations in the Australian Law Reform Commission's "Pathways to Justice – Inquiry into the Incarceration Rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Report"?	Yes	The age of legal responsibility must also be raised to 14 years.
Media		
Will you maintain funding to the ABC at levels that existed prior to the \$83.7m reduction in the 2018 budget, with annual funding increases at least as high as an objective measure such as CPI or GDP?	Yes	

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Will you ensure that the ABC remains independent of political influence, commercial sponsorship and advertising?	Yes	The Greens want to depoliticise the appointment of ABC board members.
Will you support the creation of a single, genuinely independent media regulator to harmonise news media standards and oversee an effective process for remedying complaints?	Yes	
Will you support the establishment of an independent and permanent trust to assist emerging news ventures, especially in regional areas, as recommended by the Dec 2021 Senate Committee Report on Media Diversity?	Yes	
Education & Research		
Will you advocate for greater funding of education (all levels) in the next federal budget, particularly to bring public primary and secondary education funding grants to the States back in line with private education?	Yes	The main issue must be addressing the inequality of funding between independent and public schools. Also post-school education should be free.
Will you support increasing funding for research activities at universities?	Yes	
Will you advocate for the principle of independent expert peer review in research funding decisions and remove Ministerial veto over approval of individual grants?	Yes	
Will you support a second public high school in the Eastern suburbs?	Yes	Note that this is primarily a state issue.
Democracy & decision-making		
Will you commit to organising at least two public forums, open to all residents of Wentworth, each year to report on federal matters, and seek local views?	Yes	
Will you support a limit on the amount that candidates and political parties can spend on advertising for elections?	Yes	The Greens were instrumental in capping election expenditure in NSW.
Will you support a ban on misleading and deceptive conduct in political advertising?	Yes	

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Refugees		
Will you legislate to support a permanent end to offshore processing?	Yes	
Will you commit to ending Australia's practice of indefinite and arbitrary detention of asylum seekers?	Yes	The Greens have always opposed mandatory detention of asylum seekers.
Will you push for a larger and more responsive Refugee and Humanitarian Program?	Yes	
Women & Gender Inequality		
Will you support the implementation of the remaining recommendations in the Respect at Work report?	Yes	
Will you commit to a standalone First Nations-led National Safety Plan for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children?	Yes	
Will you support making childcare for working parents free?	Yes	The Greens support universal and free early childhood education.
Economy & Jobs		
Will you support reducing the budget deficit over the term of the next parliament?	It depends	Deficit spending can be required to manage economic outcomes. A budget surplus is not an end in itself.
Will you support a parliamentary inquiry into tax reform?	Yes	
Will you support federal government funding for renewable energy precincts to transition workers in fossil fuel industries in regional areas to sustainable jobs?	Yes	
Will you support government funding for renewables export infrastructure?	Yes	Energy infrastructure should be publicly owned.



Background:

Voices of Wentworth is a non-partisan community group established by local volunteers to listen to people in the Wentworth electorate and communicate their concerns to our political representatives. Through our engagement we provide fact-based information and advocate for the issues that local people support.

Voices of Wentworth would like to provide you with an opportunity to let voters know where you stand on a range of policy positions. The themes in the Questionnaire reflect the priorities and questions of Wentworth voters identified through our engagement.

Please complete each question in the Candidate Questionnaire with either a "YES" or a "NO" and return the Questionnaire to info@voicesofwentworth.org by close of business **30 March 2022**.

Your answers, together with those of other Wentworth candidates, will be shared on the Voices of Wentworth website. Your answers will be published in full, without editing or commentary. The Yes/No responses will be collated into a table so that voters can easily see where each candidate stands on an issue.