

# Nina Springle for North-Eastern Metro

*Your voice of Reason*



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## FIONA PATTEN'S reason

Dear Voter,

In recent years there has been a dramatic shift in attitude to having more women in parliament - and that is a positive development.

But the truth is, what's needed is more progressive women in parliament.

Women who hold values - progressive values like equality, gender equity, integrity and transparency in politics, and a strong commitment to social, economic, and environmental justice.

Women who are prepared to be vocal on the issues that matter and not shy away from hard decisions.

Women who are pragmatic, sensible and have a commitment to working for systemic change that benefits us all, not just a select few.

In 2008, Victoria rightfully legislated to hand back to women their rights over their own bodies. But even our hard fought-for, legally enshrined rights are not exempt from the rise of the religious and conservative-right groups across Australia. Women's reproductive rights are under threat.

We live in an era of increasing urgency for action on issues that directly impact the way we live; skyrocketing energy and food prices, housing inequality, the ongoing fall out from COVID on our healthcare system, economy, and collective mental health.

And of course, the existential threat of climate change which has demonstrably led to an increase in extreme weather conditions and natural disasters.

Sadly, we have now crossed a threshold where further delay on the climate action is no longer an option. Governments - including state governments, must turn their immediate attention to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and this starts with a hard end to logging Victoria's native forests.

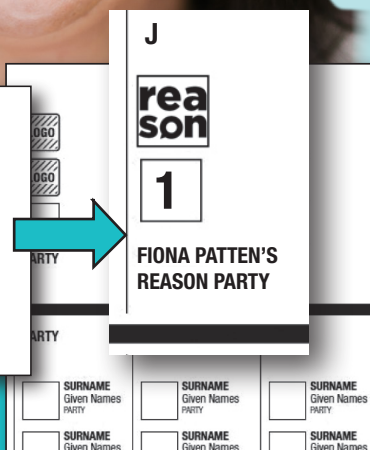
As a former member of the Victorian Legislative Council, I have always believed in protecting women's rights, housing affordability, genuine action on climate change, and being a voice to those who need it most.

In remaining true to my values and the issues I have long campaigned on, I cannot sit by idly.

Fiona Patten and I have long championed similar issues and have often worked together to achieve outcomes on some of the most important social policy this state has seen in recent years.

Today I am making a commitment to continue that work. That is why I have decided to run alongside Fiona Patten as the Reason Party candidate in the North-East Metropolitan region.

**On the large ballot paper just place Number 1 in box above the line for Fiona Patten's Reason Party - column J.**



### BEING ELECTED 2014 FIONA HAS SUCCESSFULLY DELIVERED

- ✓ Legislation for voluntary assisted dying
- ✓ Harassment free zones around abortion clinics
- ✓ Medically supervised injecting and treatment centre
- ✓ Regulated Uber
- ✓ Anti hate-speech reforms, due in next term

- ✓ A ministerial portfolio for loneliness
- ✓ Decriminalised sex work
- ✓ Old convictions for minor crimes to be wiped from the records
- ✓ Chaired landmark inquiries into homelessness, cannabis and the Criminal justice system

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Fiona Patten's Reason Party has proven there is a better and more productive way of doing politics. We base our policies on two rules - proven evidence and compassion.

## IF ELECTED, WE WILL BE YOUR VOICE FOR:

### Reproductive Health

- ✓ Protect women's rights to contraception and abortion across the Victorian public health system
- ✓ Ensure government funded hospitals provide abortions and contraception
- ✓ Introduce reproductive health and wellbeing leave in workplaces
- ✓ Investment in endometriosis care for women and gender-diverse people

### Better Health and Mental Health

- ✓ A new hospital for the north
- ✓ Upgrade Victoria's healthcare: more funding, services, support for staff
- ✓ Slash mental health wait times and make access easier
- ✓ Prioritised early intervention for young people

### More Affordable Housing

- ✓ Build more homes for families, not investors
- ✓ More social housing now, to smash wait lists and take pressure off rental markets
- ✓ Early intervention strategies to stop homelessness before it happens
- ✓ More purpose-built crisis accommodation, with onsite supports
- ✓ Inclusionary zoning that makes developers part of the solution

### Drug Law Reform

- ✓ Decriminalisation of drug use and possession, treating it as a health issue not a criminal one
- ✓ Legalise and regulate personal use of cannabis
- ✓ Legalise drug checking to save young lives
- ✓ Let medicinal cannabis patients drive when not impaired

### Climate Emergency

- ✓ Victoria to declare a climate emergency and adopt best practice global targets
- ✓ Transition to 100% renewable energy by 2030
- ✓ End logging of native forests
- ✓ Invest in industrial hemp as a sustainable alternative to timber and carbon sink

### Force politicians to be ethical and accountable

- ✓ Ministerial diaries published in real-time - no more secret meetings
- ✓ A code of conduct for MP's enforceable in law by IBAC
- ✓ Cap political party election spending
- ✓ Independent oversight of infrastructure projects to prevent pork barreling

### Tackling Religious Privilege

- ✓ Freedom of and freedom from religion, without discrimination
- ✓ Religious businesses (not charities) should pay their fair share of tax
- ✓ Ensure the daily recital of the lord's prayer in Parliament is replaced (yes it still happens!)