

Andrew Johnson for Southern Metro

Your voice of Reason



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FIONA PATTEN'S
reason



Hi, I'm Andrew and I'm running for the Victorian Upper House seat of Southern Metro. If given the tremendous honour and privilege to sit in Parliament, I will strive every day to uproot the corruption and cronyism that has left so many disillusioned with our government, and stymied real progress.

I have lived in Southern Metro my whole life. I went to school and university here. My wife Callie and I are raising our young son, right here in the same community that I grew up in.

I have worked with community environmental groups in the local area, delivering on projects that support local businesses to reduce waste and foster reusable products with their customers.

I currently work as a swimming teacher and have done for over 17 years. I work in different parts of the Southern Metro area, which allows me to see and engage with slices of different communities. It's a mix of imparting a life skill, giving students confidence and a love for the water, and boosting the health and safety of the community. Several of my former students now teach alongside me.

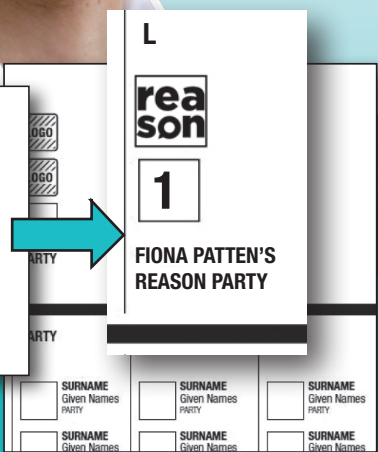
My experience working across diverse fields such as education, the arts, and agriculture has given me invaluable insights into the lives of people all across the community and a range of invaluable perspectives that help me consider the big picture.

I'm running for Parliament because I've spent all my voting life convinced that I, and the people who I share my life with, have no real representation.

Alongside my commitment to fighting corruption in parliament, I will be fighting for urgent action on climate change, a housing system that's about where people live - not just profits - and the separation of church and state.

Too many MPs are wedded to the party line - regardless of community sentiment or the evidence presented to them. To be a good representative requires you to serve everyone that you represent, not just your donors. I want to be for my community what I have never had: a representative who puts the needs of their people ahead of their own pocket.

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



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!)