Liveable Victoria Election Questionnaire - ALP Response

Too many young Victorians, renters and families are being priced out of the suburbs and towns they grew up in. The answer is to build more homes in the right places, close to trains, trams, jobs, schools and services. That is what our planning reforms are about.

Plan for Victoria sets out how we will deliver 2.24 million homes by 2051. It will build more homes in established areas that already have public transport and services, alongside a 10-year Greenfields Plan for 180,000 homes with backyards in well-planned new communities. It also protects what Victorians value including our green wedges, farmland and the distinctive landscapes across the state.

These reforms were built on community input. Plan for Victoria came out of the most extensive community-led consultation ever undertaken for a strategic plan in Victoria, reaching more than 110,000 people across metropolitan and regional Victoria and gathering more than 15,000 pieces of feedback from residents, community groups, councils and industry.

Action 2 in the Plan for Victoria is the Train and Tram Zone Activity Centres Program. With every greater community engagement, each centre went through two rounds of public consultation, with Community Reference Groups bringing local residents, businesses and community organisations into the process. More than 30,000 survey responses, submissions and conversations contributed, and that feedback directly shaped the final plans for each centre.

The One Nation Liberal Coalition has a very different plan. They want to push families further out with extra homes into already stretched growth areas and tearing up the urban growth boundary that protects our green wedges and farmland. They have no plan for the roads, schools, public transport and health services those new communities need. That means longer commutes, more pressure on families and the loss of our green wedges.

Labor respects that Liveable Victoria's and its member organisations care deeply about their neighbourhoods. Good planning means more homes for the next generation and great places to live, and Labor will keep working with councils and communities to deliver both.

A re-elected Carroll Labor Government will keep getting on with building the homes Victorians need, in the places that make sense, informed by the communities who live there.