From: **Tim Randall** tim.randall@vic.greens.org.au
Subject: Re: BCG: Questions for Candidates in State Election 2026
Date: 20 October 2026 at 1:55 pm
To: BCG borocogroup@gmail.com
Cc: jackie.carter@vic.greens.org.au, kylie.rocha@vic.greens.org.au,

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Hi Jane,

Thanks again for your patience, please see responses below on behalf of Kylie, Jackie & I:

1. To repeal the Activity Centre Program including Amendment VC257?

Maybe - depending on the results of a comprehensive review: The Greens would like to re-write the planning laws, to allow increased housing while returning say to the local community, and believe this requires a comprehensive independent review of the planning system, rather than patchwork adoption or revocation of individual planning schemes, or piecemeal changes to planning laws. We believe that more density around existing infrastructure, including transport hubs, is good policy, however it has to be done well to ensure there is a focus on affordable and public housing, proper infrastructure support, climate resilience, environmental sustainability, and liveability.

2. To repeal the three (3) fast-track Development Facilitation Programs, which bypass councils & communities.
Maybe - depending on the results of a comprehensive review: The Greens believe that councils and communities are an important voice in the planning process and do not support them being bypassed. We are concerned that the use of the DFP has expanded far beyond its original intent, and this needs to be part of a comprehensive review of the planning system.

3. To repeal the Town House & Low Rise (VC267) and Mid-Rise (VC300) codes and reinstate ResCode, pending a review of applicable building standards.
Maybe - depending on the results of a comprehensive review: The Greens would like to see a comprehensive review of the planning system, including the role of codification. While we believe that it has a role in simplifying the system and making it more predictable, especially for low-complexity planning issues, we have had many concerns about its current application in the town house and mid rise codes, particularly with respect to environmentally sustainable design standards, vegetation and tree canopy.

4. To restore democratic planning with the right to seek independent review of planning applications at VCAT.
Yes - We support much more community say, as it is important for building trust in the planning system. This includes the right to seek independent review at VCAT on appropriate planning ground. We believe third party notification and appeals rights in planning in Victoria are currently a messy patchwork, and this needs to be part of a comprehensive review of the planning system.

5. To restart with Council-led planning for the provision of housing growth and diversity.
Yes - The Greens support councils leading the planning for housing growth and note the important work Boroondara has already done on this. We also believe there needs to be strengthened genuine collaboration between state and local planning authorities.



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On Mon, 19 Oct 2026 at 20:17, Tim Randall <tim.randall@vic.greens.org.au> wrote:

> Hi Jane,
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> We are just finalising our response and expect to have it to you no later COB tomorrow.
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> Thanks so much for your patience,
> Tim

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On Thu, 15 Oct 2026 at 13:02, Tim Randall <tim.randall@vic.greens.org.au> wrote:

> Thanks Jane, will keep you posted.
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> On Wed, 14 Oct 2026 at 17:30, BCG <borocogroup@gmail.com> wrote:
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> > Hi Tim
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> > Thank you for advising that you have sent the questions to the party's planning spokesperson.
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> > In my capacity as President Liveable Victoria I and two others met with Sarah Mansfield a fortnight ago. Sarah, assuming she is who you have forwarded the questions to, was expecting questions along the lines of those BCG sent to you. Liveable Victoria has also sent a longer set of questions which go to some broader planning / housing matters.
> >
> > If you let me know on Monday how you are progressing with obtaining answers that would help BCG move forward.
> >
> > Kind regards,
> > Jane
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> > *Catchments & Towers won't deliver affordable housing*
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> > > On 14 Oct 2026, at 3:09 pm, Tim Randall <tim.randall@vic.greens.org.au> wrote:
> > >
> > > Hi Jane,
> > >
> > > Thank you for inviting us to respond to BCG's candidate questions. I appreciate the work you're doing to help residents compare candidates' positions on planning and housing.
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> > > Because these are policy questions, I've passed them to our party's planning spokesperson so that our answers match the Greens' record and our commitments after the election. This takes a little longer than a direct reply, and with the election approaching we're getting a lot of requests like this.
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> > > I'll endeavour to get back to you prior to midday Monday, but this might be a challenge. What does your publishing timetable look like? Would an extension be possible?
> > >
> > > Kind regards,
> > > Tim

On Thu, 8 Oct 2026 at 19:25, BCG <borocogroup@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Jackie, Tim and Kylie

As you are aware, Boroondara Community Group (BCG) has been at the forefront of community engagement and advocacy in Boroondara concerning the planning and housing reforms introduced by the Victorian Government over the past three years.

Ahead of the November 2026 Victorian State Election, BCG would like to inform the community about the planning and housing policy positions of candidates contesting the Legislative Assembly seats of Kew, Hawthorn and Ashwood.

To this end, we are inviting all candidates in these three electorates to respond to the attached questions.

BCG intends to use the responses to prepare a candidate scorecard to help residents understand and compare candidates' positions.

We ask that you provide your responses **by 12 noon on Monday 19 October 2026**, by email to **borocogroup@gmail.com**.

BCG is a non-partisan community organisation. Our objective is to provide residents with clear information about where candidates stand on planning and housing issues that will shape the future of Boroondara.

We appreciate your participation and look forward to receiving your responses.

Kind regards,
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