

Policy Statement

Foundational Statement

The Constitution of Australia begins in this way:

“Whereas the people of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, and Tasmania, humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God, have agreed to unite in one indissoluble Federal Commonwealth under the Crown of Great Britain and Ireland, and under the Constitution hereby established.” (underlining mine)

Notice above the section I have underlined, *“Humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God.”* This phrase lays a crucial foundation for everything else that is to come. Every other portion of the constitution must be read in relation to this phrase. Likewise, this phrase should influence every law and policy which the government of Australia (as well as the governments of each of Australia’s states and territories) makes. In recent times there has been a great push for people to keep religion out of politics. Of course, what is really meant by this in most cases, is that Christians should not allow their views and beliefs to influence their politics, but Atheists, Secularists and people who adhere to other religions can. However, the opening paragraph of our Constitution clearly contradicts that idea, Australia was intended to be, right from the very beginning, a Christian nation.

When I say that Australia is a Christian nation, I am saying that from a political point of view, not a religious or spiritual one. For Australia to be a Christian nation from a political point of view, it requires that the Constitution and laws of the nation, are based on Christian values and beliefs, and that the government recognises that God is sovereign over all, including the government. To say that Australia is a Christian nation, from a political point of view, is a historical fact, and one that we must maintain and guard for the sake of all Australians. Because all Australians, Christian or not, have benefited from Australia being a Christian nation, and will continue to benefit from that, for as long as Australia remains a Christian nation.

When I say that Australia is a Christian nation many people will object, saying that everyone should be free to practice their own religion. To which I wholeheartedly agree, because in a Christian nation everyone is free to practice their own religion, in fact, freedom of religion is a uniquely Christian idea.

Others will object quoting section 116 of the Constitution. However, nowhere in section 116 of the Constitution is anything said to contradict the idea that Australia was established as a Christian nation, nor is anything said that would limit the extent to which one might allow their religious views to influence their politics. The purpose of section 116 is to stop the government from interfering with the running of the church, or to favour one Christian denomination over the others; both of which are ideas I support wholeheartedly.

Practically what all this means is that my policies are based on the Bible, and if I am elected to Parliament, I will stand for laws that are in line with Biblical teachings, and the areas of legislation and reform that I will be most determined to fight for, will be those that I believe are of greatest importance to God. Also, if I am voted in, I will endeavour to conduct myself as a politician who is “humbly relying on the blessing of the Almighty God.”

Abortion

The Bible makes it clear that all people are made in the image of God & that we are fully human from the moment of conception. For this reason, I believe that human life is sacred and should be protected by law from the moment of conception until the point of natural death. There may be some exceptions to the above principle, but unless we can agree on the basic principle there is no point in discussing what exceptions may exist.

207 Babies have been born alive after a failed abortion attempt and then left die in Qld between 2018-2022.

There are over 14,000 abortions every year in Qld alone & 98% of those are for social reasons not health reasons.

The Current Qld government has committed over 40 million dollars of tax payers money into abortion in the new state budget.

If I am elected to parliament, I will be re-introducing the "Babies Born Alive Protection Bill" in order to ensure that babies that are born alive after a failed abortion attempt are given the same type of care and treatment any other baby would.

I will also be presenting legislation that requires all pharmacy and medical centres and institutions that provide the abortion pill to also provide the abortion pill reversal pill.

I will also be presenting legislation that will ban abortions where the only reason for an abortion is that the baby is the wrong gender.

Crime

The Bible describes the primary role of government as "*punishing those who do evil and rewarding those who do good.*" Therefore, crime is something that all governments should be invested in responding to in the best possible way.

The Bible also tells us that human-beings are naturally inclined toward sin, which is why criminal behaviour must be punished and not rewarded.

Repeat offenders whether juvenile or adults cannot be let off with a warning or some meaningless punishment, but they must be imprisoned or given an equivalent punishment.

Community service orders must be properly completed, without shortcuts.

Time periods between when the initial crime is committed and when the offender faces trial must be shortened (especially for juvenile offenders as they will be less likely to equate delayed punishment with the initial crime that was committed).

However, the most effective way to reduce crime rates is not through government policy, but through the preaching of the gospel. Good government policy helps, but in reality, it is only putting a band-aid on the real problem, which is the sinfulness of the heart, which can only be truly cured by one submitting their life to Jesus, and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

So, maybe, the best government policy around crime is to give Christian churches the freedom to preach the gospel.

Debt

"The borrower is the slave of the lender." (Proverbs 22:7)

The Qld government is currently 130 billion dollars in debt, and is continuing to spend money carelessly.

Debt accumulation may seem harmless now, but going into debt in order to enrich our lives now will place an excessive and unnecessary burden on our children who will have to go without our luxuries in order to pay it off.

If I am elected to Parliament, I will be proposing a freeze on the wages of all Parliamentarians until the debt is paid off; this will provide an incentive for them to pay the debt off quicker and stop wasting tax-payers money.

Education

The education of one's children is the domain of the parents, not the government.

An increasing number of families are choosing to home-school their children.

An increasing number of families are choosing to put their children in private schools.

There is great benefit in the government providing free-education for all children, however, the government does not have the right to dictate to parents how they should educate their children.

If I am elected to Parliament, I will be introducing legislation that will insure, that parents are given the freedom to educate their children in accordance with their own values and beliefs without unnecessary interference from the government. This will include freedom for home-schooling families and private schools, to use the curriculum of their choice.

I would also like to see an increasing number of Independent Public Schools, and that those schools give more influence to the local P&C, such as the P&C having the final say on the hiring or firing of the Principal.

Energy

The Bible instructs us to subdue the earth and have dominion over it. This means that the earth and its resources are provided by God has resources for humans to use; not in a way that exploits them but rather to utilise them wisely for the benefit of all. God has given us an abundant of resources than can be used to produce power.

Reliable power is important not only for the sake of addressing cost of living concerns, but also for the smooth running of households, the efficient running of businesses, the future of manufacturing in Australia, and for the purpose of national security.

When all costings are taken into consideration coal is by far the cheapest form of power, and wind and solar are the most expensive. Coal currently costs 5c per kilowatt hour and there are ways of making it even more efficient, which means cheaper, but power companies are reluctant to invest money into making coal power more efficient because of fear the government may close them down. It is not yet clear how much nuclear will cost, but worse-case estimates place it at around 6 times as much as coal. Estimates for wind and solar are around 20-30 times as much as coal.

Nuclear is by far the most efficient use of power (efficient means what percentage of time it is producing its optimal level of power). Nuclear as a 92% efficiency rating, gas is 56%, hydro is 41%, coal is 40%, wind is 35%, and solar is 24%. Wind and solar are highly unreliable, in that you do not know how much power they will produce ahead of time and you can do very little to change it when they are not producing power. All other forms of power are quite predictable with how much power they will produce and when.

Wind and solar will be the most damaging to the environment. When compared to nuclear, solar requires 450 times as much land, wind requires 400 times as much land; solar requires 2.5 times as much concrete, and wind requires 7 times as much, and both solar and wind

require roughly 17 times as much steel; and solar panels produce 300 times as much waste as nuclear.

Regarding wind and solar it must be noted that they have a much shorter life expectancy than all the other forms of power (coal, gas, nuclear & hydro). It is also important to note that wind turbines and solar panels are being built by using power generated from coal-fired power stations.

I am tentatively supportive of using nuclear; however, I do believe there are some important questions that need to be answered around costing, waste disposal, and safety if/when something goes wrong (such as a nuclear meltdown or terrorist attack).

I believe the best way to go forward with power is to use coal as our primary form of power; and compliment it with other forms of power by creatively finding safe and efficient ways to utilise gas, nuclear, wind, solar and hydro.

Euthanasia & VAD

Euthanasia is not the same as turning off the life-support; euthanasia is the intentional killing of a human being either by lethal injection or failure to provide basic care such as food and water. Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) is helping someone take their own life, usually via lethal injection.

In Australia we have the medical technology needed to ensure that no-one is left suffering from unbearable pain, or forced to live a life of no dignity.

Suicide is a tragedy, that is true whether it is a teenager or an elderly person. If someone is feeling the need to end their own life, instead of encouraging them to do it, we should be offering them reassurance and hope.

Palliative Care in Qld currently receives about 10% of the funding needed to provide adequate Palliative Care for all Qlders.

245 people died from Euthanasia in Qld within the first 6 months of it being legalised.

If I am elected to parliament, I will be looking to repeal the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2021.

I will also be putting pressure on the government to drastically increase the amount of funding they are currently giving to Palliative Care.

Farming & Agriculture

The primary need of farmers is water.

The Bradfield Scheme has the potential to produce a significant increase in water supply throughout most of Qld, NSW & Victoria.

Underwater basins provide a rich source of water for farmers and must be protected.

If I am elected to Parliament, I will be putting pressure on the government to have a thorough and honest look at the Bradfield Scheme and the possibility of finally making it a reality.

Firearms

The current gun control system is expensive and burdensome, both for individuals as well as for the government.

Streamlining this system will make life easier for those who use firearms for their job, such as farmers, and would also greatly reduce the bureaucracy currently needed to maintain this system, which would save the tax payer some money.

One easy way to streamline it would be to make firearms legal for all persons over the age of 18 unless they have been blacklisted.

Gender

God created us male and female; this means there are only two genders and we are all either one or the other.

I understand that for some people there can be genuine confusion around this for various reasons such as, gender dysphoria, intersex, chromosomal disorders, etc. but at the end of the day men have a Y chromosome and women do not.

Transition regret is becoming a major phenomenon.

I do not intend to introduce any laws that would prohibit adults from transitioning, but I am concerned about children being encouraged or coerced to transition, especially when this is done without the knowledge or consent of the parents.

If I am elected to Parliament, I will be introducing laws that would ban transgender treatment for minors unless they have written permission from both parents.

Health

Free or subsidised healthcare is a massive blessing that we enjoy in this country, and I believe it is important that we maintain that.

We must be proactive in ensuring that we are constantly training up more medical staff, so that we can continue to maintain a high level of healthcare in this state.

Housing

Brisbane property prices increased by 65% from 2020-2024 & rent has increased by 45%; homelessness in Qld has increased by 22% in the last 5 years, today around 300,000 Qlders are homeless and this is increasing every day.

We must make more land available to build new homes on.

The government should also give full Stamp Duty exemption for first time home-owners.

There must be an investigation done to find out why there are so many empty residences throughout Qld during this housing crisis.

The government should also be looking to utilise other empty facilities that could provide accommodation, such as the Covid Quarantine Centres, old schools, universities, hospitals, etc. that are sitting empty.

Although there are some short-term options to relieve the pressure of the current housing crisis, this ultimately will take a long-term approach to fix properly.

If I am elected to Parliament, I will be putting pressure on the government to urgently create a short-term (1-2 year) plan, as well as a long-term (10-20 year) plan, that details how they will address this issue.

Immigration

Ultimately this is a federal issue, but I have included it, because it is a big issue, and one that many people are passionate about.

In the Bible God gives the Israelites an immigration policy; in short, the policy says, welcome foreigners in, and then expect them to adapt to your culture and way of life.

Any immigration policy that is implemented in Australia should follow these two basic premises, to date I am yet to see one that does.

The word culture can create some confusion, as I see it there are two broad categories of things that pertain to culture, there are more superficial issues such as food and clothing, and value-based issues such as the way people treat each other and the laws that govern them; it is regarding the latter that immigrants to Australia should be expected to adapt to Australian culture.

One initiative that I would encourage people to get onboard with is the Welcome Home Project, which gives the opportunity for individual families, to mentor a family in their community, who have recently arrived in Australia.

Prostitution

“Any Government that allows the decriminalisation of pimping and sex-buying sends a message to its citizens that women are vessels for male sexual consumption.” (Wendy Francis)

In 2023 the Qld government fully legalised prostitution. The legalisation of prostitution promotes behaviour that is harmful to the family and detrimental to women. When western countries fully legalise prostitution, it results in an increase in sex-slaves being brought into that country.

If I am elected to Parliament, I will be pushing for the Qld government to adopt the Nordic Model Prostitution Legislation. The Nordic Model Prostitution legalises the act of Prostitution which makes it easier for people who are trying to leave prostitution and find a different lifestyle or job. The Nordic Model Prostitution makes buying and selling prostitution illegal, which discourages people from paying for a prostitute and discourages people from selling, or advertising the sale of prostitution.

Race Relations

Australia is a diverse nation made up of people of various different ethnicities.

If we focussed less on race and instead treated all people equally many of the race related problems we are currently experiencing would go away.

The majority of Qlders voted against the “Voice to Parliament” because they saw it as divisive; I agree with that assessment and will fight to ensure that the Qld government doesn’t underhandedly sneak it in, against the wishes of the people of Qld.

State of Emergency Powers

State of Emergency Powers in Qld give put too much power in the hands of too few.

State of Emergency Powers in Qld are too broad and do not take into consideration the vastness and diversity of the state of Qld.

If I am elected to Parliament, I will be introducing amendments to State of Emergency Powers that would allow local governments to opt-out of any State of Emergency mandates that they do not believe are relevant to their local government area; this would mean that those mandates would not be enforced in those local government areas.

Taxation

Most taxes go to the Federal government, while a small amount go to the State and Local governments.

I believe there should be a major overhaul of the tax system that distributes the funding more evenly between the three levels of government, but that would need to be done at a federal level not at the state level.

If I am elected to parliament I will not be proposing any changes to the taxes at the state level in my first term.

Welfare

The government spends around 200 billion dollars of tax-payers money on welfare every year in Australia, this amounts to roughly 35% of total government expenditure.

Most welfare payments come from the Federal government rather than the State government making this primarily a federal issue.

Welfare dependency has become a major problem in Australia, particularly now that we are dealing with people who have grown-up with multi-generational welfare dependency, it is very debilitating, and is hard to get out of.

I believe that there must be a well-planned, long-term approach to reducing welfare dependency in Australia, if I am elected to parliament, I will support measures by the State Government to do that, and put pressure on the Federal Government to make that happen.