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Dear Treasurer

Submission from the Australian Greens Victoria for the 2018-2019 Victorian Budget

The Australian Greens Victoria submit the following policy proposals for inclusion in the 2018-19 State Budget.

Along with increasing investment in Victoria's schools and health system, we want to work with you on implementing the following policies to create a fair, job-rich and more sustainable Victoria:

- The creation of the Great Forest National Park and Emerald Link
- Cancel the West Gate Tunnel project and North East link and redirect the funds into a real solution to the problem of trucks in the inner West along with the North East, inner South and Beach Road; new train lines to the Airport, Doncaster, and Rowville; and duplication of the Hurstbridge line from Greensborough to Eltham.
- Stop the sell-off of public housing estates to private developers and refurbish or redevelop the Public Housing Renewal Program sites as 100% public housing. Set a minimum of 30% affordable housing in all new large apartment developments on private land.
- Implement and resource a comprehensive truth-telling and Clan-based Treaty process.
- Introduce \$1 bets for all poker machines in Victoria and a 15% point of consumption tax for digital betting.
- Develop a funded plan to transition to 100% renewable energy in the next 10 years including phasing out coal-fired power stations, investing in large-scale batteries and assisting affected communities to transition to new economic opportunities and jobs.
- Reinstate core public funding to TAFE and restore the TAFE system as the preeminent provider of vocational education and training in the State.

- Develop and fund a comprehensive plan for energy efficiency, including large-scale retrofits of public housing and grants for rental landlords to retrofit energy efficiency to their homes.
- Ban duck shooting, jumps racing, greyhound racing, battery hen cages and sow stalls in Victoria.
- Ban political donations from developers and the gambling and alcohol industries and introduce strict limits on other political donations and real-time disclosure in time for the 2018 election.

In addition we submit the following range of specific proposals for budget consideration:

- Expansion of the Government's 'Community Revitalisation Program' in Flemington to other housing estates with high rates of unemployment including those in North Melbourne, Carlton, Richmond, Fitzroy, Northcote and Brunswick: \$2.5 million (\$500,000 per estate).
- Introduce pill testing in Victoria for major events.
- Provide \$25m a year over the forward estimates to top up the Safer Cyclists and Pedestrians Fund towards completion of the Principal Bicycle Network, prioritising outer metropolitan areas and that have a dearth of cycling infrastructure and separated bike paths on Flemington Road (\$1.85 million) and Sydney Road, Brunswick.
- Feasibility study for possible sites for pumped hydro storage in Victoria: \$400 000.
- Grants for Community Legal Centres for migration, refugee and asylum seeker support: \$1m per year for 2 years.
- Upgrade South Kensington station to allow for disability access better shelter, toilets, lighting, a safer exit, and more bike parking: \$3million.
- A trial program with the Darebin City Council and Darebin Climate Emergency Foundation for solar energy and energy efficiency upgrades to not-for-profit community organisations and schools: \$1 million.
- Upgrade South Yarra station.
- Install pigeon prevention measures at public housing estates in South Yarra, Windsor and St Kilda: \$500,000 - \$1 million.
- Fixing pedestrian crossings at South Yarra Primary and other locations in Prahran: \$2 million.
- Funding to re-open Prahran Mission drop in centre on Chapel St Prahran: \$500,000 - \$1 million.
- Provide \$10 million towards upgrading and extending facilities at Casey Fields in Cranbourne to facilitate the quickly growing Women's AFL professional competition.
- Local treatment on Rosanna Road, Heidelberg to reduce the number of trucks and their impact on local residents and businesses, including but not limited to traffic quietening, resurfacing of the road surface, provision of turning bays, improved pedestrian infrastructure and more rigorous enforcement of truck bans.
- Funding support for councils for urban renewal and heat island effect mitigation.
- \$20 million for anaerobic digestion projects under the existing Waste to Energy Infrastructure Programme to reduce landfill and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Boost core funding for Parks Victoria for staff, conservation programs, pest and weed eradication, and science: \$15m a year for 4 years.

Please contact my office should you, or your Ministers, require any further information.

We look forward to discussing these matters further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "S. Ratnam". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'S' being large and prominent.

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