



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF VICTORIA AND WAGGA WAGGA

# VICTORIAN STATE ELECTION 2022 VOTER GUIDE

## SANCTITY OF LIFE

- a) Abortions are allowed on request up to 24 weeks' pregnancy and after that time, up until the child's birth. In Victoria, between 2009 and 2020, there were 1891 gestationally-viable babies who had their lives ended through late-term abortion yet both the mother and baby were physically healthy - the abortion was for a "psychosocial reason".  
**Offer women support and counselling.**
- b) **Protect women – recognise & affirm biological sex.** Reverse legislation which allows male prisoners into Victorian women's prisons.  
*Demand the removal of men from women's prisons in Victoria ([womensforaustralia.org](http://womensforaustralia.org))*
- c) **Add female-specific ovarian, uterine and cervical cancers to Victoria's schedule of firefighter presumptive rights.** Currently they are covered for 12 specified cancers including male reproductive cancers.

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

- d) **Support the long established tradition of opening parliament with *The Lord's Prayer*.** Parliamentarians aren't forced to recite it. It's a reminder of the Judeo-Christian foundation of western civilisation. For Christians, it's hope of a spiritual protection for our nation.
- e) Allow religious schools the freedom to employ staff and teachers who share their ethos.
- f) **Allow conscientious objection** – there is a push to remove rights from Catholic hospitals allowing hospitals and healthcare workers who don't want to participate in abortion and euthanasia.

## ECONOMIC JUSTICE, POVERTY AND WELFARE

- g) **Re-vamp the 2022 Mickleham Covid-19 Quarantine Centre for emergency public housing.** The facility's capacity is 1,000 beds. Each village has 60 cabin-style units to house both solo travellers and families.
- h) **Retain a dual cash/digital economy.** Not everyone can afford a computer, smartphone or the internet. Some regional areas don't even have NBN. Natural disasters have immediate impacts on access. There must always remain an option for non-digital transactions but cash is being penalised with closure of bank branches and ATMs. Small business owners are travelling further to deposit their takings. Not everyone wants a Digital Identity. Also, governments and organisations can misuse data, as was revealed earlier in 2022 surrounding the Victorian Government's Centre for Data Insights  
*Insights Victoria: Daniel Andrews' secret data system revealed in FOI ([news.com.au](http://news.com.au))*

## HEALTHCARE

- i) Increase funding/support harm prevention abstinence programs for drug and alcohol.
- j) **Help prostitutes leave the industry** – enact the Nordic/Equality model of prostitution legislation recognising prostitution and trafficking as a form of male violence against vulnerable women and children.  
*Getting the price for women and girls right: Victoria's prostitution law ([The Catholic Weekly](http://TheCatholicWeekly))*
- k) Amend the Change or Suppression (Conversion) Practices Prohibition Act to allow those who had sex change therapy/surgery to de-transition with support.

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