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**Will you commit to yourself and candidates from your party not associating with extreme racist groups such as Antipodean Resistance, True Blue Crew, Reclaim Australia, or United Patriots Front?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

Extremists of any political persuasion are socially destructive. While we must tolerate them in a democracy we should not tolerate violence or the threat of violence from anyone.

**2. Will you commit to yourself and members of your party not singling out or vilifying communities on the basis of race, culture, religion, or language?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

That is a fundamental principle of the DLP. ALL human beings are equal and deserving of the same rights and protections.

**3. Will you end the Northern Territory Intervention?**

Uncommitted

**4. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

To date the 'intervention' does not appear to have had a positive effect but this could be because it was a flawed response to the initial 'Little children are scared' report.

An independent inquiry needs to be held (yes, another one) into the effects of the 'intervention' and whether it should be scrapped or augmented with additional recommendations from the original report.

**5. Will you implement programs that will ensure fair representation of people from non-English speaking backgrounds in parliament, government, and the media?**

Uncommitted

**6. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

That is far too vague a question to simply answer with a yes or no.

We need representation of men and women from all backgrounds, ethnicity, cultures etc... in our parliaments, local governments and public service departments but how this is achieved is difficult to say. Quotas are not genuinely representative and don't guarantee the best people are doing the representing.

It should be done through education within the community encouraging more people to become active as Australians from a diverse background.

**7. Will you reject attempts to introduce or strengthen rules in the Migration Act which will see one punishment applied to those who were born in Australia, and tougher punishments applied to both kids and adults born outside of Australia who have made this country their home?**

Yes

**8. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

Australian citizens are supposedly all 'equal under the law'. If we start reducing the rights of some citizens then we open ourselves up to a future of continuous loss of rights for all.

**9. Will you ensure that family reunion is possible for everyone and not just for the very wealthy?**

Yes

**10. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

This country is a blend of the indigenous people and 230 years of migration of one sort or another.

Generations of migrants from every corner of the world have bright their families here and made this country their home. They have proved again and again that this is the best way to build a happy and harmonious society. Family migration should be the bedrock of all migration plans now and in the future.

**11. Will you work to end the exploitative temporary migration program that leaves migrants bouncing from visa to visa, highly vulnerable to unscrupulous employers, underpaid, and unable to reunite with their families - and instead re-introduce the permanent migration program on which Australia's national reputation was built?**

Yes

**12. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

No immigrant can feel happy or secure if they never know whether they are going to get permanent residence or citizenship.

Those migrants who came to Australia in the knowledge that they were making this their permanent home are among the best workers and most grateful citizens we have ever had.

Almost of us (indigenous excluded) have ancestors who came here, made this their home and built a life for themselves and their descendants. Today's migrants deserve the same chance.