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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?

The Greens are an explicitly anti-racist party and we stand firm against the deeply concerning rise of far right movements. We will always stand up against racism, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism and bigotry in all its forms. We have also proposed changes to the law to make hate speech illegal. You can find our plan to tackle racism and far right extremism here:

<https://greens.org.au/sites/default/files/2019-03/Greens%202019%20Policy%20Platform%20-%20Tackling%20Racism%20%26%20Far%20Right%20Extremism.pdf>

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?

We will always oppose the vilification of anyone on the basis of race, culture, religion or language. Our diversity is our strength - it's who we are. Generations of migrants and refugees have made Australia home, with every single one of us adding to the social, cultural and economic fabric of our nation. In order to protect and strengthen multiculturalism in Australia, we'll introduce a Federal Multicultural Commission to provide independent advice to government and undertake evidence-based research on multicultural issues and ongoing community engagement. The Greens have also already introduced a Federal Parliamentary Code of Conduct to establish a set of rules governing our federal politicians with regard to discrimination and hate speech. The Code would ensure that Members of Parliament represent public office in a manner that is consistent with the values of respect and inclusion. It would bind Members to recognise the value and contribution of the First Nations peoples, to recognise and value diversity and to reject discriminatory or exclusionary statements. You can find our tackling racism policies here: <https://greens.org.au/sites/default/files/2019-03/Greens%202019%20Policy%20Platform%20-%20Tackling%20Racism%20%26%20Far%20Right%20Extremism.pdf>

3. Will you end the Northern Territory Intervention?

Yes

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

The Greens have opposed the Northern Territory Intervention since it started and continue to oppose it. The Northern Territory Intervention has not delivered its intended outcomes and evaluations have shown it has failed in its objectives. It is a punitive, ineffective and wasteful measure. The Greens want to stop income management and abandon the Intervention, reinvesting this funding into wrap-around and holistic services delivered by First Nations community-controlled organisations.

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

Yes

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

The Greens believe it is vital that Australia's media and politics represent the amazing diversity of our multicultural nation. With almost half of Australians having been born outside the country or having a parent born overseas, we need to ensure that every Australian can see themselves and their community reflected in the media and in politics and that they are fully empowered to participate in these areas. The Greens would hold a referendum to change the outdated Section 44 of the Constitution and allow dual citizens to become members of parliament so people of diverse backgrounds can be better represented in Australia's federal Parliament. In addition to this, our Federal Multicultural Act will also promote full participation by Australia's diverse communities in the social, cultural, economic and political life of Australia. Finally, the Greens will commit \$130m over the next three years to phase out in-program advertising on the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS), and reduce program break advertising by 80 per cent, so SBS can continue to perform its vital role in showcasing media from non-English speaking countries and content creators.

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?

The Greens believe that equitable treatment under the law and timely, non-discriminatory access to justice for all people are fundamental to a democratic society. For that reason, we will reject attempts to introduce or strengthen laws that 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.

The Greens also opposed new laws this government has introduced – with Labor's support – to cancel visas on character grounds without any procedural fairness. These new laws have led to thousands of people, many who've lived most of their lives in Australia, having their visas cancelled, often for minor offences like drink driving, and after they've paid their debt to society. These people often have histories of psychiatric illness, disabilities or statelessness, and are then sent to countries they do not know, and where they have no family or social support networks. These are punishments – for entire families – that are unjust, do not fit the crime, and are therefore un-Australian. These laws have mostly seen islander peoples sent back to New Zealand and, inconceivably, even people with indigenous Australian heritage having their citizenship cancelled.

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?

The current system governing the ability for migrants to bring their family members to Australia is extremely expensive, slow and cumbersome with some visa categories imposing a 30 – 50 year waitlist. In some cases people are unable to bring their elderly parents over to share their final years together because they can't afford it or the waiting list is decades long. We want to push for a decrease in fees and out of pocket expenses to family reunion visa applicants so is affordable, to end the cruel separation of family members.

Last year in the Parliament, The Greens put a stop to the Liberal Government's plans to limit family reunions to those on high incomes. The amount of money you earn shouldn't determine whether or not you can reunite your family.

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?

The current system leaves overseas workers open to exploitation and should be overhauled to better protect both overseas and local workers. There should be a greater emphasis on permanent migration, with the temporary system primarily used only to fill genuine skill shortages or where international collaboration is important (such as research). The system regulating the use of guest workers should be negotiated between unions, employer organisations and the federal government.