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About the Candidate

I grew up in a working-class family in Dandenong, my dad was a factory worker, and my mum was a stay at home parent. Me and my sister were raised off my dad's wage and Centrelink. As I grew up, I went to university and became a software engineer and got a corporate job, yet to me the injustices of the world were still very clear. Trump winning in America, the far-right growing and of course the devastating genocide in Palestine, and all throughout this working-class Australians were doing it tougher with this cost of living crisis. This all led me to joining the Socialist Party and becoming a union delegate, activist and a candidate.

What will you do to support economic growth and attract investment in Greater Dandenong while ensuring residents can access jobs and training opportunities?

To create new jobs, I would fight for expanding public housing, renewable public energy supply, public health, public education, public transport and other public services and infrastructure in Greater Dandenong. My platform would reverse the job cuts made in the public sector so more people with the skills can have quality jobs. We would also significantly increase the number of nurses, midwives, doctors, allied health and mental health specialists working in the public health system and substantially increase training positions across the sector to allow for a transition to a 32-hour working week with no loss of pay. With training, we would audit the VET sector to identify and deregister low-quality and dodgy private providers and boost funding to the TAFE sector to ensure that the majority of VET providers are publicly funded and controlled.

What will you do to ease cost-of-living pressures for residents, particularly on housing affordability and supporting low-income households?

Greater Dandenong is in the heart of manufacturing and industry, yet the workers who do the work don’t see the fruits of the $89 billion in economic output. I would fight to remove all restrictions on workers rights to strike, and fight to increase the rights of unions to organise freely in workplaces. We would also remove the below-inflation public sector wage cap, so all public workers can have pay to keep up with inflation. Housing should be a human right, we would impose a 25 percent cut to all residential tenancies followed by a five-year rent freeze. With healthcare, we would introduce price controls to reduce the amount of money charged by private contractors, specialists, hospitals and insurance funds for services in Victoria. We would fight to ensure that all Victorian children have access to a state-run early learning and care

centre to access 5 days of free childcare. All of this will be funded by wealth and luxury property taxes

What do you propose to improve community safety and address crime challenges in Greater Dandenong?

I am running on a platform of increasing public funding for education, public healthcare and creating public housing, with the funding coming from taxing the billionaires. These are the measures which would be the most effective in tackling the root causes of crime. One crime which I am particularly passionate about fighting is domestic violence, domestic violence rose by 13.7% in 2025 in Greater Dandenong. We can reverse the funding increases which Victorian Police has had over the last decade, and use that funding to train up the specialist family violence workers who can operate with police units following the ALEXIS model, as well as using that money to significantly increase funding for legal and crisis support services for family violence victims, as well as increasing the supply of emergency housing

What transport projects will you prioritise for Greater Dandenong if elected?

One key policy is to invest $140 million a year on cycling infrastructure so we can transition away from being a car-centric city, we need a connected, protected cycling network across metropolitan Melbourne. This means protected bicycle paths and lanes over street parking, ensuring protected lanes continue through intersections rather than merging with traffic, and completing missing links in the existing network. We would also support increasing the frequency of buses, and constructing new bus lines in public transport dead-zones such as Aspendale. Buses should have increased frequency and weekend coverage. We should also have more highfrequency orbital buses on exclusive bus lanes, to connect people across suburbs without needing to go into the city. We also oppose privatisation of public infrastructure, and will fight to return systems to public control.

Is there anything else you would like Greater Dandenong residents to know?

One of the reasons which drove me to running for parliament was my opposition to militarism, war and genocide - in particular regarding Palestine. Victorian Socialists oppose Australian support for Israel on the grounds that it is a genocidal apartheid state; we stand in solidarity with the Palestinians in their ongoing struggle for peace, justice and liberation. Australia should withdraw from all alliances with major imperialist powers, including the AUKUS deal, and instead pursue a policy of non-alignment. We should tear up the Victorian government’s memorandum of understanding with the Israeli Ministry of Defence. I also oppose the AW Bell factory in Dandenong South, which manufactures F35 parts which Lockheed Martin sells to Israel.