



SYDNEY ALLIANCE

Federal pre-election Assembly Asks

Housing

The cost of living is a key issue this election. To address the cost of living, we have to act seriously on the housing crisis. For a representative of the Housing Minister, Clare O'Neil



- 1 Will the Minister commit to expanding Federal funding for new **public, community and affordable housing** to at least \$2 billion per year?
- 2 To help renters who are in crisis now, will Minister increase the maximum threshold of Commonwealth **Rent Assistance** by 60% in the immediate short term?
 - Will the Minister **review** financial support for renters this year to stop people being pushed into homelessness?
- 3 Will the Minister commit to **working to reform** the tax system to support more long term stable housing for everyone?
 - Will the Minister attend a civil society-led summit this year on the tax system and its impact on housing, and invite the Treasurer?
- 4 Will the Minister provide **\$670 million in additional annual Federal funding to homelessness services** nationally, so that any person experiencing homelessness in NSW can get help when they need it?
- 5 Will you **report back what you have heard tonight to the Housing Minister**, and tell her that Western Sydney wants your Government to act on these solutions?

Climate Resilience



We want our communities in Western Sydney to prepare for climate disasters including heatwaves. We need to properly resource our community facing organisations to do this.

- 1 **Funding** to support community organisations help communities be more resilient in a worsening climate.
- 2 Fund **disaster risk reduction** for people with disabilities so that no one is left behind in an emergency
- 3 Extend community sector federal **contracts** to 5 years so that organisations can meet the ongoing needs of communities affected by climate disasters.
- 4 Classify **heatwaves** as a **natural disaster** so people can access income support payments and take care of their safety.



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March 13th, 2025 - Westmead

About our Asks

The following Asks are the result of a Community Organising process over many years. We *listened* to our communities across Sydney through local teams and partner organisations. We heard stories about housing, energy and climate. We took what we have heard and bring it to *policy experts in campaign teams*. Our community leaders work together with experts to come up with solutions that are **politically and technically possible**. Tonight, together we are *taking action!*

Crossbench



For the major parties who are seeking to form government (Coalition or Labor) we ask a series of questions on our specific policy asks.

For the **minor parties** (Greens) and **independents**, who form the Crossbench, we will ask them:

1 If re-elected, how will you **prioritise our solutions** to the energy, climate and housing crises in your work on the crossbench?

2 When there is an opportunity to progress these issues in the next term of government, will you **commit to meeting with the Alliance** to listen to the experiences of our people and the insight of our partners?

Energy



For the Energy Minister Chris Bowen, we want every type of household and multicultural communities to access the multiple benefits of the energy transition and energy upgrades.

1 In your next term of government will you expand funding to the Social Housing Energy Performance Initiative to ensure 75% of **social housing properties** can be upgraded by 2030 in NSW?

2 Will you commit to provide home energy upgrade funding to States and Territories in exchange for States setting minimum energy performance standards for **rental homes** that benefit and protect people who rent?

3 Will you provide subsidies and no-interest loans for **homeowners**, including those on low-incomes, to access renewable energy and batteries?

4 Will you commit to 3 million dollars for three years to fund a Mobile Community energy hub that is community-run and engages **multicultural communities** in the energy system in Western Sydney and Southwest Sydney in your next term of government?

5 If elected, will you meet with us in an assembly next year?

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Ground rules for participating

1. Respect time- we start and end on time. We keep ourselves AND politicians to time.
2. Do not BOO, heckle, or call out from the crowd
3. No interruptions or additions from the floor. Our agenda has been endorsed by our 40+ partner organisations.
4. Show loud (cheering) and visible (waving papers) support for our community leaders on stage
5. Show respect for all forms of diversity

5:40

ASSEMBLY PRE-BRIEFING
music from Auburn Uniting Church Choir

5:55

Procession begins with Senior Community Leaders and Politicians
accompanied by Sydney Tamil Mandram drummers

ASSEMBLY BEGINS

If you're recording or taking photos, please tag @sydneyalliance_ on Instagram or Sydney Alliance on LinkedIn and Facebook when you post.

6:00

Welcome to Country with Uncle Greg Simms OAM

6:08

Setting the scene, opening the Assembly

6:15

Roll Call- demonstrating our power

Stand, if you are able, wave and cheer LOUD when you hear your organisation

6:23

Testimonies of lived experience
Please do NOT film or photograph our story tellers.

6:30

Making the case for our asks- reiterating our Ground Rules

NEGOTIATIONS

6:36

Remarks from and pinning with politicians

(Follow the Asks in the colour printed handout)

- Andrew Charlton, Member for Parramatta ALP- Representing Minister for Housing Clare O'Niel
- Member of the Crossbench- NSW Senator Mehreen Faruqi- Representing The Greens
- Minister Chris Bowen ALP- Minister for Energy and Climate Change

7:17

Muslim community invited to proceed to prayer room

7:18

Continued remarks from and pinning with politicians

- Member of the Crossbench- Zali Stegall Member for Warringah- Independent

7:22

- Case for Emergency Management and Climate Resilience
- Interpretation from the negotiation

7:33

Call to action and finale- closing the meeting