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## Victorian State Election Candidate Survey Questions

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1. **Special Religious Instruction:** are you in favour of continuing Special Religious Instruction in publicly funded Primary Schools?
2. **School Chaplaincy Program:** are you in favour of the Victorian state government continuing to fund the School Chaplaincy Program using Federal Funds?
3. **Abortion Laws:** are you in favour of maintaining the law that ensures that a doctor with a consciousness objection to abortion nevertheless must refer the women to a doctor without such an objection?
4. **Voluntary Euthanasia:** would you support a bill that allowed a terminally or incurably ill person the right to choose the manner and timing of their death, under strict safeguards, by providing humane medical assistance?
5. **Taxation Law:** are you in favour of changing laws effecting Church property trusts in order to free up funds to compensate survivors of child abuse?
6. **Mandatory Reporting Laws:** are you in favour of removing religious exemptions to the mandatory reporting of child abuse?
7. **Anti-discrimination Legislation:** should religious bodies be allowed to discriminate in employment even when the religious observance or policies are not a genuine occupational qualification for that job?
8. **Marriage Equality:** would you support a bill that allows same sex couples to marry under Victorian law in a mechanism entirely separate to the Federal Marriage Act?
9. **Domestic Violence:** are you in favour of implementing the key 'asks' of the '*No More Deaths - keep women and children safe from family violence Campaign*'?

[http://www.dvrcv.org.au/sites/thelookout.sites.go1.com.au/files/NoMoreDeaths\\_Campaign\\_Key\\_Ask.pdf](http://www.dvrcv.org.au/sites/thelookout.sites.go1.com.au/files/NoMoreDeaths_Campaign_Key_Ask.pdf)

10. **Climate Change:** South Australian has a renewable energy target of 50% by 2025, and the ACT has a target of 90% by 2020. Would you support a bill for a transparent target for renewable energy in Victoria akin to targets in SA and ACT?