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New South Wales State Election Candidate Survey

Survey Questions

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1. School Chaplaincy Program:

Do you oppose the NSW state government continuing to fund the School Chaplaincy Program using Federal Funds?

2. Special Religious Education:

Do you oppose the continuation of Special Religious Education in public schools?

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If Special Religious Education is to continue to be offered at NSW public schools -

- i. Would you endorse equal treatment of Special Education in Ethics in all information sent to parents?
- ii. Would you endorse changing Special Religious Education from opt-out to opt-in?
- iii. Would you endorse conducting SRE at the end of the school day whilst giving parents the option to allow their children to leave the school before SRE classes begin?

4. Comparative Religious Education:

Do you support a ban on all religious activities in NSW public schools other than Comparative Religious Education?

5. Religious Proselytising:

Do you support a ban on religious organisations disseminating curriculum material to NSW public schools that is any way biased or seeking to promulgate a religious ideology?

6. Private Schools:

Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools?

7. Anti-discrimination Legislation:

Should religious bodies (inc. publicly funded schools and hospitals) be allowed to discriminate in employment even when the religious observance or policies are not a genuine occupational qualification for that job?

8. Conditional Funding:

If state funding of religious schools were to continue, do you support the continued funding of schools that exploit the exemptions for religious institutions and schools in anti-discrimination legislation?

9. Scientific Method:

Do you support a ban on the teaching of creationism or intelligent design in science classes in schools?

10. Vaccination Exemptions:

Do you support removing the religious exemption clauses in the compulsory vaccination provisions in the Public Health Act?

11. Prayers in Parliament:

Do you support an end to prayers in parliament?

12. Constitutional Change:

Do you support a positive affirmation of the diversity of belief systems and world views in the NSW Constitution?

13. Mandatory Reporting Laws:

Are you in favour of removing religious exemptions to the mandatory reporting of child abuse?

14. Taxation Law:

Are you in favour of changing laws affecting Church property trusts in order to free up funds to compensate survivors of child abuse?

15.Abortion Laws:

Abortion remains illegal in NSW. Do you favour repeal of sections 82, 83 and 84 of Crimes Act?

16.Marriage Equality:

Do you support marriage equality for same sex couples?

17.Domestic Violence:

Are you in favour of providing increased funding to programs that are effective at preventing domestic violence and protecting survivors?

18.Social Services:

Are you in favour of ensuring that there are adequate secular social service providers (such as aged care, health care and safety net service providers) to cater for the worldview diversity of service recipients?

19.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?

20.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 New South Wales akin to targets in SA and ACT?

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