Animal Justice Party AGLAND Joshua  NORDS WHARF

2. Special Religious Education: Do you oppose the continuation of Special Religious Education in public schools? OTHER
Comment: On the basis that other education programs are given equal funding and promotion, in particular programs based on science and fact in regards to the ethics of eating animals as well as the effect it has on society and the environment.

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? OTHER
Comment: Not if other programs as mentioned are given the same chance as SRE.

4. Comparative Religious Education: Do you support a ban on all religious activities in NSW public schools other than Comparative Religious Education? OTHER
Comment: More discussions definitely need to be had in regards to what is being taught in such religious activities. Genuine compassion, ethics and equality for all beings should be taught.

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: In principle yes, I think education needs to promote free thought and not be propagandised in any way.
9. The Scientific Method: Do you support a ban on the teaching of creationism or intelligent design in science classes in schools? OTHER
Comment: In principle no, although the ethics of killing, exploiting and eating animals must be discussed in a way that highlights it is not justifiable in our modern society.

12. Constitutional Change: Do you support a positive affirmation of the diversity of belief systems and world views in the NSW Constitution? OTHER
Comment: I whole heartedly support constitutional change that acknowledges the original keepers of this land as well as recognising sentient beings as free and equal and not 'things' to be owned and commodified.

15. Abortion Laws: Abortion remains illegal in NSW. Do you favour repeal of sections 82, 83 and 84 of Crimes Act? OTHER
Comment: I can not condone terminating the life of an innocent being, however I do believe in the freedom of choice and not having this freedom imposed on by any religion.

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? OTHER
Comment: Ethically yes, however strict protocol and safeguards must be formalised for all circumstances.

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? OTHER
Comment: YES, more needs to be done to educate about the adverse affects of animal agriculture and human population growth on our environment.

Australian Cyclists Party VICE Pip WAVERTON

2. Special Religious Education: Do you oppose the continuation of Special Religious Education in public schools? OTHER
Comment: As long as the religious education is balanced, teaches about ALL religions in a purely informative (i.e. not persuasive) way. All good.

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? OTHER
Comment: Don’t know what the exemptions are. Don’t want to respond to this one without further info.
Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)  ARCHER John BEROWRA

3. Special Religious Education: 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? OTHER
   Comment: I’d need to see what your idea of equal treatment is.

   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? OTHER
   Comment: If the parents were there to collect them, then most likely yes.

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? OTHER
   Comment: I’d like to see what you mean by exploit

10. Vaccination Exemptions: Do you support removing the religious exemption clauses in the compulsory vaccination provisions in the Public Health Act? OTHER
   Comment: depends on which vaccinations

12. Constitutional Change: Do you support a positive affirmation of the diversity of belief systems and world views in the NSW Constitution? OTHER
   Comment: positive affirmation of any world view or belief system ??

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? OTHER
   Comment: If the individuals own church property, yes.

15. Abortion Laws: Abortion remains illegal in NSW. Do you favour repeal of sections 82, 83 and 84 of Crimes Act? OTHER
   Comment: I oppose abortion, infanticide and murder

16. Marriage Equality: Do you support marriage equality for same sex couples? OTHER
   Comment: The current federal law is sufficient. Adults can equally marry someone of the opposite sex, unless it’s a sibling or they are already married

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? YES
   Comment: adequate
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? OTHER
Comment: I support the Hippocratic oath

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? OTHER
Comment: 2020 seems too short a time frame for 50-90%.

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I am a Christian, and I find some of these questions short on detail to answer to my satisfaction.

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Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group) CAINEN Milton BIRMINGHAM GARDENS

3. Special Religious Education: 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? OTHER
Comment: I would need to see the proposed material

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? OTHER
Comment: The timing of classes at schools is the hands of the school

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? OTHER
Comment: The purpose of sre is not to promote one faith over another it is to demonstrate the way the Bible can be a good foundation for moral choices

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: I support the voucher system where each child is allocated an amount for education that can be used at their choice of education

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? OTHER
Comment: The employment in a religious or even a non religious occupation may require an ethos of life choices that may make it unwise for a person of a contrary belief structure to be employed there,
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? OTHER
Comment: I do not support anyone exploiting some thing to obtain a benefit, but this may be subject to what is meant by the author of the question.

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? OTHER
Comment: This is a matter I need more information about but suffice to say each person must make restitution for any damage caused to others.

15. Abortion Laws: Abortion remains illegal in NSW. Do you favour repeal of sections 82, 83 and 84 of Crimes Act? OTHER
Comment: I am not familiar with the acts refereed to.

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God Bless you all.

Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group) HANNA Meena WOODCROFT

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? OTHER
Comment: All individuals and institutions should be entitled to discriminate - this is the traditional approach to freedom of association, which has been fundamentally undermined by anti-discrimination provisions. The odds are that in this current social environment, discrimination would be an uncommon occurrence, as business owners and individuals are seeking out the best people on merit. However, the notion of free association is thoroughly lost and has been abrogated by anti-discrimination laws which force people who are not otherwise compatible to work together - facilitating government intervention in the private affairs of individuals.

10. Vaccination Exemptions: Do you support removing the religious exemption clauses in the compulsory vaccination provisions in the Public Health Act? OTHER
Comment: We should reform the current exemptions away from 'religious exemption' and 'conscientious exemption' to be a single exemption of 'informed consent'. The fundamental basis for allowing personal exemptions to vaccines arises out of the Nuremberg Trials and the emphasis on individual liberty. We seem to have forgotten this and have taken away the emphasis from 'informed consent' and the individual to a literal collectivist 'herd'. That is anti-Western in every sense of our culture.
16. Marriage Equality: Do you support marriage equality for same sex couples? OTHER
Comment: The High Court has recently confirmed that no state or territory will be able to legislate on same-sex marriage given the current definition of marriage under the Commonwealth Marriage Act as it would inherently be inconsistent.

17. Domestic Violence: Are you in favour of providing increased funding to programs that are effective at preventing domestic violence and protecting survivors? OTHER
Comment: Cultural reform must take a paramount importance to government intervention. There is no benefit to be had in simply funding programs where a culture does not address the root issue, nor where a lot of women would not be in a position to reach out. Therefore, any sort of funding intervention must coincide with policies which address the issue from a cultural perspective.

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? OTHER
Comment: You cannot force the provision of secular services. Currently, most charitable organisations in Australia have a Christian ethos and/or constitution. When Christian organisations reach out to the homeless - they do not do so on a discriminatory basis. They do not say "you must be Christian to be fed or clothed here." So I think this is really much ado about nothing and a way to thrust secularism when the market itself should play this out. I have never heard of any non-Christians refusing charitable services on the basis that their service provider was not secular.

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Whilst I acknowledge and appreciate that this survey is being facilitated by the Progressive Atheists Inc. I have a significant concern regarding the proposed government interventions. The proposed suggestions in this survey entirely undermine Western principles such as the emphasis on the individual, free market enterprise, limited government, Judeo-Christian legal frameworks, due process and other such features of Western civilization. This is in essence, a push for big government socialism, which inherently fosters injustices, corruption (as demonstrated by ICAC) and a collectivist approach over the emphasis on the individual and his/her liberty.

Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group) MODARELLI Don GREEN VALLEY

12. Constitutional Change: Do you support a positive affirmation of the diversity of belief systems and world views in the NSW Constitution? OTHER
Comment: I believe that Christians should not be the only worldview that is legally discriminated against.
13. Mandatory Reporting Laws: Are you in favour of removing religious exemptions to the mandatory reporting of child abuse? **OTHER**
Comment: There are no religious exemptions for 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? **OTHER**
Comment: Why should churches be fined for child abuse cases? They have insurance just like everyone else.

15. Abortion Laws: Abortion remains illegal in NSW. Do you favour repeal of sections 82, 83 and 84 of Crimes Act? **OTHER**
Comment: Abortion should be banned in all but life-threatening cases.

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? **OTHER**
Comment: We recycle already. I am in favor of "solar freaking roadways" and other radical, entrepreneurial ways of finding clean energy without taxing and wasting tax payers' money.

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.

I believe that Creation through Intelligent Design should be mandatory in all years K-12.

The observed laws of science should not be set aside in order to teach a materialistic origin of life and the universe in order to suit the ""beliefs"" of pushy, narrow-minded, bigoted atheists.

If evolution wasn't so predominant in spite of its unscientific nature, I would even suggest allowing families to opt-in to evolutionary theory.

Since it is so prevalent, kids should be taught both theories so that they may be able to refute evolution when they are confronted with it.

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Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)  ORDISH Carol

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? **OTHER**
Comment: The curriculum must be accepted by the Christian churches of NSW

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? **OTHER**
Comment: Because they are religious it forms part of every position they have. You can't separate Christianity from any work in a Christian School or it would be a secular school.

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? OTHER
Comment: Access not exploit is possibly the meaning here. Then yes!

10. Vaccination Exemptions: Do you support removing the religious exemption clauses in the compulsory vaccination provisions in the Public Health Act? OTHER
Comment: As religious exemption is being used as a way of avoiding vaccination it is not an appropriate reason to not vaccinate

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? OTHER
Comment: Churches assist many people so it would not be fair or just to take away support from others when it is a person who is the perpetrator of a crime. You don't sue all the teachers in a school because one teacher committed a crime.

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? OTHER
Comment: We must be sure the choices that are made will be able to support what is needed.

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.
God bless you.

Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)  STRETTON Richard  WATTLE PONDS

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? OTHER
Comment: Yes in principal but the details of such a policy would be important and must be applied to all institutions and businesses.

Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)  THEW Leighton  CHERRYBROOK

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? OTHER
Comment: I support disseminating Christian curriculum material, but not material of other religions that in conflict with our Western culture and Christian values.

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: NO to Christian faith schools, but oppose funding to schools that teach values that are in conflict with our Western culture and Christian values.

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? OTHER
Comment: What do you mean by "exploit"? This could mean (1) use legally for the intended purpose for the betterment of the community, or (2) use to extend a hidden agenda which is in conflict with our cultural values. I would support (1) but oppose (2).

11. Prayers in Parliament: Do you support an end to prayers in parliament? NO
Comment: Surely you are able to cope with a few minutes of prayer to commit parliamentary deliberations to Almighty God. Where's your level of "tolerance" in this tolerant country?

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? OTHER
Comment: The 2 are separate issues. If the churches did not provide their social services to the community, the government would ultimately have to pick-up the costs or the community suffer. Unfortunately the perpetrators of child abuse can come from all walks of life, and the church is not exempt from a few bad individuals in its ranks too. Compensation to victims is a civil matter.

16. Marriage Equality: Do you support marriage equality for same sex couples? OTHER
Comment: Contrary to the rhetoric that is constantly pushed at us, there is already full equality in marriage for ALL Australians. However, the participants must QUALIFY. Each must be 'of age', not a close relative, single, of the opposite sex, etc. Homosexuals are free to marry if they qualify. Clearly, this noisy lobby group wants to change the qualifications to suite their own agenda. This means they want inequality, others will be discriminated against, and the door will be opened to further changes to the Marriage Act e.g. polygamy, child brides, incest, etc. The time-proven social institution has been foundational in ALL societies throughout history, and the only satisfactory way that children can be raised by a mum and a dad. Who has the right to go tampering with it for their own purposes? For the evolutionists amongst us, if SSM was really a viable alternative, then the evolutionary process would have established it by now.

Country Labor        KEEGAN David        PAMPOOLAH

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: The sudden withdrawal of funds from Catholic schools, for instance, would cause chaos, because of the large number of pupils involved. I agree with limits on funding of non-government schools.

13. Mandatory Reporting Laws: Are you in favour of removing religious exemptions to the mandatory reporting of child abuse? YES
Comment: Unequivocally yes!

Country Labor O'BRIEN Debra ARMIDALE

2. Special Religious Education: Do you oppose the continuation of Special Religious Education in public schools? OTHER
Comment: They should not be mandatory. I would welcome the choice of ethics classes or even critical thinking classes.

Country Labor STEPHENS Ursula BAW BAW

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? OTHER
Comment: There are situations where cultural or religious understanding are an important part of the service - ie Moslem death rites.

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? OTHER
Comment: There are a range of schools that have a religious base that do not 'exploit' exemptions.

Independent ARMS Luke CARDIFF

1. School Chaplaincy Program: Do you oppose the NSW state government continuing to fund the School Chaplaincy Program using Federal Funds? OTHER
Comment: Despite well-documented problems with particular chaplains in a small number of schools, I believe the School Chaplaincy Program has represented excellent "bang for buck" in terms of delivering a significant boost to the level of pastoral care available to students in our schools. I would hate to see this funding removed, but I would support schools having a choice between spending it on faith-based chaplains and secular professionals. I would also support more stringent requirements on chaplain qualifications and the removal of "'Chaplaincy'" from the name of the program.
2. Special Religious Education: Do you oppose the continuation of Special Religious Education in public schools? OTHER
Comment: I don’t think “secular” should be confused with “atheistic”. I’m all for secular public schools, but in my view this doesn’t exclude a “spiritual” contribution to school life—whether this is ethics classes, Christian scripture or another option. School communities should be free to choose the options offered and parents should be free to choose what their children participate in. There should no favour given to any particular offering in terms of government funding—classes should be offered by self-funded groups and volunteers, and proselytising should continue to be forbidden.

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? OTHER
Comment: I would want to consult with school communities on this before forming a policy. My concern would be creating unnecessary division between students.

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? OTHER
Comment: As one example, a Christian school that is forced to employ non-Christians ceases to function as a Christian school. Most Christian school operators would shut down before accepting non-Christian employees. Removing anti-discrimination exemptions for these organisations will result in a huge number of private sector closures. It’s not economically viable for the public sector to absorb all of these students/patients/etc., so I don’t support this move. I do support removing anti-discrimination exemptions for end-users, however—Christian schools and hospitals should be required to accept non-Christian students and patients, for example.

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? OTHER
Comment: I’m not aware of what you mean by “exploitation” of these exemptions.

9. The Scientific Method: Do you support a ban on the teaching of creationism or intelligent design in science classes in schools? OTHER
Comment: I’m happy for it to be taught in religious education classes, but it shouldn’t receive significant airtime in science classes.

10. Vaccination Exemptions: Do you support removing the religious exemption clauses in the compulsory vaccination provisions in the Public Health Act? OTHER
Comment: Eligibility for religious exemption should be tightened and it should be attached to substantial punitive measures (e.g. ineligibility for welfare) but I don’t think it should go further than that.

11. Prayers in Parliament: Do you support an end to prayers in parliament? OTHER
Comment: Don’t care enough either way to have an opinion.

12. Constitutional Change: Do you support a positive affirmation of the diversity of belief systems and world views in the NSW Constitution? OTHER
Comment: I haven’t seen evidence that this represents a meaningful or necessary reform.

Independent  BAANSTRA Stuart    REDFERN

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: They must not discriminate

12. Constitutional Change: Do you support a positive affirmation of the diversity of belief systems and world views in the NSW Constitution? OTHER
Comment: Not sure what question means

16. Marriage Equality: Do you support marriage equality for same sex couples? OTHER
Comment: The term ‘equality’ is deceptive. Gay marriage is not equality as long as religious groups may be exempt from marrying gay people. There’s no such exemption for heterosexual couples.

Independent  BENNETT Tony    COFFS HARBOUR

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? OTHER
Comment: Not sure of the ramifications of this approach. I would need to consider it further.

9. The Scientific Method: Do you support a ban on the teaching of creationism or intelligent design in science classes in schools? OTHER
Comment: I am not aware of this teaching

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? OTHER
Comment: I am unaware as to what laws are relating to churches property trusts
3. Special Religious Education: 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? OTHER
Comment: Should Ethics be taught in Public Schools I would like to see the Ethics classes actually conducted by trained educators and not volunteers.

ii. Would you endorse changing Special Religious Education from opt-out to opt-in? OTHER
Comment: Opt-In should be the preferred method of canvassing interest. It is after all a very personal choice.

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? OTHER
Comment: SRE or Ethics are neither part of the school curriculum. Options for both or none should be offered.

4. Comparative Religious Education: Do you support a ban on all religious activities in NSW public schools other than Comparative Religious Education? OTHER
Comment: The question is to broad given our western cultural history.

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? OTHER
Comment: No group or organisation (religious or otherwise) should promulgate any form of ideology by disseminating curriculum material.

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: School funding should continue, however, it must be more equitable.

9. The Scientific Method: Do you support a ban on the teaching of creationism or intelligent design in science classes in schools? OTHER
Comment: Teaching creationism or intelligent design should not be taught as fact. A philosophical approach would be preferable.

10. Vaccination Exemptions: Do you support removing the religious exemption clauses in the compulsory vaccination provisions in the Public Health Act? OTHER
Comment: I would need to be more familiar with that provision of the Public Health Act before responding.

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? OTHER
Comment: Laws affecting trusts in terms of compensation for survivors of child abuse should be applied equally across all forms of property trusts.

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? OTHER

Comment: We need to reconsider a raft of issues and restructure and legislate to allow greater diversity of energy suppliers including co-operatives who are able to use or on-sell excess energy. Step one - no sale or multiple generational lease on public utilities.

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thanks for the opportunity to broadly answer your survey.

In addition to the above issues; encouraging voters to #Vote15Below to genuinely make their vote and preferences count.

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Independent  BYRT T       KIRRIBILLI

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Thank you for putting together this survey.

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Independent  COOLEY Tucky       PENRITH

ii. Would you endorse changing Special Religious Education from opt-out to opt-in? OTHER

Comment: It should be a persons choice whether to opt in or opt out

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? OTHER

Comment: children should remain in school i believe that all children should have a healthy respect for all religions and taught basic understanding of them note all religions are not covered in school system

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

Comment: my answer is no unless it was going to harm other people then that would be yes

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER

Comment: would need to look into that as i currently not sure what costs are
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? OTHER
Comment: There should be flexibility with employers and a person must complete full hours of duty so employers do lose out either as it should be done in their time employers have to pay for no work performance.

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? OTHER
Comment: That should be put to a referendum or should be case by case.

Independent  DEVI Indira  BLACKTOWN

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: This would depend on how much is funded.

15. Abortion Laws: Abortion remains illegal in NSW. Do you favour repeal of sections 82, 83 and 84 of Crimes Act? OTHER
Comment: No comment as this is an individual decision.

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Appears to be an honest down to earth question.

Independent  HAGGERTY James  ENMORE

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? OTHER
Comment: Don't know enough about how the trusts are structured and how big an issue this is.

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? OTHER
Comment: I would like this; whether it's feasible for the government to 'ensure' it, on the other hand...

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.
Independent  HOOD Alan  KELLYVILLE

ALL QUESTIONS: OTHER
Comment: I will support the elected government in their pre election policy

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.
As you may be aware by now, my platform is to support the smooth operation of government through the upper house with legislation that has been presented to the electorate before the election. Other issues will be decided upon with a view to their consistency with pre election policy. Any new policy that suffers from significant public disapproval will not be supported.

On a different note, my personal views may sometimes be at odds with my voting position due to my decision to uphold the democratic process of the election. With regards to religious views, I regard ardent atheists as being a part of a religion as well.

Independent  LOPEZ Steven  MERRYLANDS

1. School Chaplaincy Program: Do you oppose the NSW state government continuing to fund the School Chaplaincy Program using Federal Funds? OTHER
Comment: I wouldn’t if they funded other programs like Ethics classes equally.

2. Special Religious Education: Do you oppose the continuation of Special Religious Education in public schools? OTHER
Comment: See above.

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? OTHER
Comment: I would really prefer that an alternative be offered instead so this way children can be productive and not opt-out just to go home a little earlier. I’m young, it’s what I would do! :)

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: Yes and No, there are certain circumstances where funding a private school may be necessary and we should look at the school’s needs and services it provides.

11. Prayers in Parliament: Do you support an end to prayers in parliament? OTHER
Comment: I feel neither for or against on this.
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? OTHER
Comment: I don’t feel I know enough on matters like this to make a decision.

Independent  MEAD Clinton  BRADBURY

1. School Chaplaincy Program: Do you oppose the NSW state government continuing to fund the School Chaplaincy Program using Federal Funds? OTHER
Comment: I oppose the Federal program, but have no issue with the NSW Government using the funding offered. I would encourage the Federal Government to abandon the program entirely and return the funding either in tax cuts or in untied grants to the state.

Independent  NUTHALL Ramsay  GOSFORD

3. Special Religious Education: 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? OTHER
Comment: I actually think that both ethics and religious education should be combined. This would need significant changes in the current system. Can I suggest at this stage that the questions of this survey seem to lack a deeper awareness of the issues. There needs to be a whole new approach to these matters.

ii. Would you endorse changing Special Religious Education from opt-out to opt-in? OTHER
Comment: We need to make a clear distinction between (in simplistic terms) good religion and bad religion. Every child needs to know the underlying stories, legends and mythologies which formed our culture. It is from these stories, legends and mythologies that we draw our archetypes (positive and negative), gain out appreciation of our civilisations concepts of morality and how they evolved, and gain our appreciation of paradox and contradiction etc. The problem arises when doctrine rather than story becomes the focus of religious education. Story belongs in schools, doctrine belongs elsewhere.

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: This horse bolted fifty years ago. Good luck. That being said, I still have a belief that education should be free, compulsory and secular (secular in the real sense, not as it is commonly uses today).

12. Constitutional Change: Do you support a positive affirmation of the diversity of belief systems and world views in the NSW Constitution? OTHER
Comment: I would need to research this before offering an opinion.
15. Abortion Laws: Abortion remains illegal in NSW. Do you favour repeal of sections 82, 83 and 84 of Crimes Act? OTHER

Comment: Before any change in this area we would need to have a thorough look at what is happening now. My fear is that this issue become the monster it is in the USA where extremism seems to have hijacked balanced opinion.

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.

I am a Progressive Christian, and as such value the hopefully disciplined thinking of non-fundamentalist, non-literalist atheists.

Putting aside the meta-physics of divinity or the spiritual, our common focus must be the nature of the human being, us, the being through which we all experience life, consciousness and the universe.

The importance of this this has come into significant focus with the issues arising from fundamentalist Islam from which movements like Islamic State arise. We have not been as conscious as we could have been regarding the ravages of fundamentalist Christianity on our own culture.

The blurb for Richard Holloway's fascinating book 'Between the Monster and the Saint', says: ""Being human isn't easy. We might think that consciousness and freedom will give us control over our lives but our minds are dangerous and unpredictable places. We are susceptible to forces we don't understand. We are capable of inflicting immense cruelty on one another - violence, torture and rape - and yet we also have the capacity to be tender, to empathise, to feel."

As human beings, we are hearers and tellers of story, lovers of legend and delighted revellers in the grand gallery of mythologies both ancient and modern. Out of tribalism and ignorance we so often descend into dangerous superstition and magical thinking; our saving grace as a species being that as yet underdeveloped capacity for reason.

The antidote to bad religion is not no-religion, but rather a well furnished inner mansion of dream, story and reason that guides and moderates our heroic quests and enables our either materialist or metaphysical search for meaning; our spirituality.

Well educated and well formed School Chaplains? Yes.

Lunatics in School Chaplaincy? No.

In this regard, see Spiritual Care Australia - Standards of Practice http://www.spiritualcareaustralia.org.au/styled-11/index.html
Independent  OSBORNE Chris      WAITARA

1. School Chaplaincy Program: Do you oppose the NSW state government continuing to fund the School Chaplaincy Program using Federal Funds? YES
   Comment: Separation of church and state.

2. Special Religious Education: Do you oppose the continuation of Special Religious Education in public schools? NO
   Comment: Should be voluntary & optional

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
   Comment: I still support state aid to systemic Catholic schools.

11. Prayers in Parliament: Do you support an end to prayers in parliament? OTHER
   Comment: This should be said by a priest rotated through the different denominations.

15. Abortion Laws: Abortion remains illegal in NSW. Do you favour repeal of sections 82, 83 and 84 of Crimes Act? OTHER
   Comment: There is no need to change the status quo as abortions can still be procured without being charged

16. Marriage Equality: Do you support marriage equality for same sex couples? OTHER
   Comment: I personally don’t support it but if my electorate was to express a majority view that I should vote for it I would.

Independent  PRYOR Rod      MUDGEE

11. Prayers in Parliament: Do you support an end to prayers in parliament? OTHER
   Comment: ambiguous question what type of prayers. anyone crazy enough to go into politics may need to pray to some god or another at some time.

Independent  RORRIS Arthur      MANGERTON

2. Special Religious Education: Do you oppose the continuation of Special Religious Education in public schools? YES
   Comment: Only if it includes a non religious option

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? OTHER
Comment: It would depend on the particular schools, ie Catholic, Islamic and if they service disadvantaged communities

13. Mandatory Reporting Laws: Are you in favour of removing religious exemptions to the mandatory reporting of child abuse? YES
Comment: They are not exempt now

Independent  SCEVOLA Sal  ROOTY HILL

11. Prayers in Parliament: Do you support an end to prayers in parliament? NO
Comment: Must be multi-faith & no faith as well

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.
I value the inclusiveness of our society of all sections of the community including the views of the Atheist lobby.

Independent  STEFANAC Jennifer

10. Vaccination Exemptions: Do you support removing the religious exemption clauses in the compulsory vaccination provisions in the Public Health Act? OTHER
Comment: Only on a case by case basis

Independent  THALER Andrew  NIMMITABEL

4. Comparative Religious Education: Do you support a ban on all religious activities in NSW public schools other than Comparative Religious Education? OTHER
Comment: I don’t understand the implication of your definition of “comparative”

10. Vaccination Exemptions: Do you support removing the religious exemption clauses in the compulsory vaccination provisions in the Public Health Act? OTHER
Comment: This is hard. respecting other religions requires us to understand and tolerate their views. which may extend to allowing them an exemption from mandatory immunisation.

11. Prayers in Parliament: Do you support an end to prayers in parliament? YES
Comment: Prayers in Parliament is stupid and selective. not what parliament should be.

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? YES
Comment: Churches are businesses these days and need to pay tax and land-rates just like my business does.

15. Abortion Laws: Abortion remains illegal in NSW. Do you favour repeal of sections 82, 83 and 84 of Crimes Act? OTHER
Comment: I’d have to read them in detail first before I answer this question.

16. Marriage Equality: Do you support marriage equality for same sex couples? YES
Comment: Of course I do.

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? YES
Comment: Yep. I own one of the largest (mum and dad rated ownership) solar systems in Australia. Along with my wife we are operating around 560kW of PV

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.
I represent Group P Independents in the NSW Upper House.

I oppose Coal Seam Gas (CSG) development and I oppose large scale coal mining- particularly those in food producing areas.
I am producing a documentary about Renewable Energy- including investigating the current level of RE development across Australia. If elected to NSW parliament, I would be the first genuine REnergy candidate in any Australian parliament. Please help me make a new 'first' and let me work for the environment and you.

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Labor  ACKERMAN Steve   MOUNT COLAH

3. Special Religious Education: 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? OTHER
Comment: I only support Comparative Religious Studies. I support the teaching of ethics over religion.

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: Needs based funding only. Public schools must be a priority.
1. School Chaplaincy Program: Do you oppose the NSW state government continuing to fund the School Chaplaincy Program using Federal Funds? OTHER
Comment: A social worker should be able to be employed if the school so desires.

2. Special Religious Education: Do you oppose the continuation of Special Religious Education in public schools? OTHER
Comment: I don’t have a problem as long as ethics education is also allowed.

ii. Would you endorse changing Special Religious Education from opt-out to opt-in? OTHER
Comment: I believe parents already have a choice for their children to participate or not.

4. Comparative Religious Education: Do you support a ban on all religious activities in NSW public schools other than Comparative Religious Education? OTHER
Comment: I don’t object to celebrating religious festivals that have become cultural...in particular Christmas and Easter but I add Divali, Lunar New Year.

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? OTHER
Comment: I first want ""religion"" defined and that only entities that preach religious tolerance being allowed to register as a religion.

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? OTHER
Comment: See above

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? OTHER
Comment: I in general support the principle but have not yet satisfied myself how to ensure it is only the patient’s suffering that counts not the suffering of the patient’s family (the I don’t want to see Mum suffer set)
Labor  RITCHIE Matt KENTHURST

1. School Chaplaincy Program: Do you oppose the NSW state government continuing to fund the School Chaplaincy Program using Federal Funds? OTHER
Comment: Federal Funds for Guidance and Ethics should be used more broadly than "Chaplaincy"

9. The Scientific Method: Do you support a ban on the teaching of creationism or intelligent design in science classes in schools? OTHER
Comment: Teachers should explain what it is.

11. Prayers in Parliament: Do you support an end to prayers in parliament? OTHER
Comment: I support it, but would not advocate for it

15. Abortion Laws: Abortion remains illegal in NSW. Do you favour repeal of sections 82, 83 and 84 of Crimes Act? OTHER
Comment: At this point, not qualified to comment

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? OTHER
Comment: Targets are rather meaningless.

Labor  SHAW James  PARRAMATTA

ii. Would you endorse changing Special Religious Education from opt-out to opt-in? OTHER
Comment: I believe that this is the case already.

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? OTHER
Comment: Children who are not religious could attend ethics classes.

Outdoor Recreation Party  WHELAN Peter  GLENORIE

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.
The Outdoor Recreation Party (Group B on the Legislative Council ballot) is affiliated with the Liberal Democratic Party. Our Senator, David Leyonhjelm is on record in support of much of the topics covered.
Socialist Alliance  PRICE Susan  DULWICH HILL

4. Comparative Religious Education: Do you support a ban on all religious activities in NSW public schools other than Comparative Religious Education? OTHER
   Comment: We support a secular education system in Australia, however Socialist Alliance commits to campaigning against any proposals to ban or limit by law the wearing of the hijab or burqa.

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? OTHER
   Comment: Yes we would support such a bill but the target would need to be 100% by 2020 to ensure a safe climate.

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More Socialist Alliance policy information can be found at:
Thanks.

The Greens  ATANASIOUS James  NORTHMEAD

ii. Would you endorse changing Special Religious Education from opt-out to opt-in? OTHER
   Comment: not sure

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? OTHER
   Comment: at the descretion of parents

The Greens  BALLANTINE Stephen  GREEN POINT

1. School Chaplaincy Program: Do you oppose the NSW state government continuing to fund the School Chaplaincy Program using Federal Funds? YES
   Comment: so long as there is funding for a counselling service in all schools in its place

2. Special Religious Education: Do you oppose the continuation of Special Religious Education in public schools? YES
   Comment: the education system in NSW was set up on a secular basis - there is no room for religion in NSW schools
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? OTHER
Comment: if it must be maintained, it should be offered on the same basis as ethics alternatives. fair is fair but there is no room for religion in secular schools

4. Comparative Religious Education: Do you support a ban on all religious activities in NSW public schools other than Comparative Religious Education? YES
Comment: no - if you want your kids to get religion, take them to church

12. Constitutional Change: Do you support a positive affirmation of the diversity of belief systems and world views in the NSW Constitution? NO
Comment: no religious belief system should be acknowledged by our Parliaments - these are secular places and religion has no place there

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? YES
Comment: all churches should be paying ALL taxes

15. Abortion Laws: Abortion remains illegal in NSW. Do you favour repeal of sections 82, 83 and 84 of Crimes Act? YES
Comment: if these sections relate to free access to abortion, then yes

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? OTHER
Comment: I oppose SRE at any time of the day. Schools are not churches. They are for education not superstition.

The Greens     BARRATT Terry     BOMADERRY

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? OTHER
Comment: Yes, assuming still that alternatives are offered to students who may otherwise not be able to leave school early, or who parents believe may benefit from other activities or enrichment etc.

4. Comparative Religious Education: Do you support a ban on all religious activities in NSW public schools other than Comparative Religious Education? OTHER
Comment: Yes, apart from SRE as previously discussed.

The Greens     BOSCH Andre CAMPERDOWN
6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: The Greens support only limited funding to these schools as would allow for equal opportunity across the board. Effectively, this ensures that students are not disadvantaged because of their parents’ choices.

The Greens  BRENTIN Chris  DARLINGHURST

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? YES
Comment: Greens policy plans to move NSW to being powered by 100% renewable energies by 2030 and this is achievable.

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Thank you for contacting me in relation to these important issues.

The Greens believe strongly in equality for all and removing all exemptions in the NSW anti-discrimination act.

Chris Brentin.
Greens Candidate for Sydney.

The Greens  BRESSER Mitchell  CONISTON

9. The Scientific Method: Do you support a ban on the teaching of creationism or intelligent design in science classes in schools? OTHER
Comment: I wouldn’t as long as it was in comparative studies.

The Greens  CAVANAUGH Janet  WHIPORIE

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? OTHER
Comment: 100% by 2030
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? OTHER
Comment: I would not support losing class time. If they are missing school because the last period is religious, this is still not satisfactory. There needs to be an alternative that is universally available if they are going to teach ethics in a school framework.

4. Comparative Religious Education: Do you support a ban on all religious activities in NSW public schools other than Comparative Religious Education? NO
Comment: I am not a fan of 'bans'.

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: It is not practical to stop it suddenly for financial reasons at present.

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? OTHER
Comment: I would change the legislation to stop the exemption.

13. Mandatory Reporting Laws: Are you in favour of removing religious exemptions to the mandatory reporting of child abuse? OTHER
Comment: Are you sure such exists? The Archbishop of Adelaide seems to prove the opposite.

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? OTHER
Comment: I am against the exemption on rates for religious organisations.

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? YES
Comment: 100% renewable by 2030

2. Special Religious Education: Do you oppose the continuation of Special Religious Education in public schools? OTHER
Comment: Would prefer not to say
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? OTHER
Comment: Only if the same applied to Ethics classes.

The Greens  da COSTA Kate  UMINA BEACH

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? OTHER
Comment: This implies that Special Education in Ethics would be offered at another time than SRE, and I thought the intention was to offer SEE as an alternative. Additionally, class timetables should be up to principals and teachers, and I would support their decisions.

4. Comparative Religious Education: Do you support a ban on all religious activities in NSW public schools other than Comparative Religious Education? OTHER
Comment: My party's policy is to seek such a ban, and I would certainly think that CRE is a necessary part of a curriculum, but am on the fence about banning all religious activities.

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? OTHER
Comment: 100% by 2030 in NSW

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these important issues. As an atheist working professionally with faith communities, I appreciate that this is a delicate area of social debate. However, a mature society should be able to manage this type of respectful discussion, while recognizing that in a secular society, our education system is not a vehicle for spiritual education - there is plenty of opportunity for parents and children to seek information about their faith from the appropriate organizations.

The Greens  DIMOND Vicki  BERKELEY VALE

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? OTHER
Comment: I am sorry but I do not understand the question.
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? 

Comment: 100% by 2030.

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? 

Comment: Wealthy private schools should not receive public funding.

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? 

Comment: Sufficient funds are now coming from Federal level such that NSW funding no longer necessary for such schools.

11. Prayers in Parliament: Do you support an end to prayers in parliament? 

Comment: Support individual conscience on this issue.

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? 

Comment: 100% Renewable for NSW.

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? 

Comment: Please elaborate.

13. Mandatory Reporting Laws: Are you in favour of removing religious exemptions to the mandatory reporting of child abuse? 

Comment: Are you kidding me!
1. School Chaplaincy Program: Do you oppose the NSW state government continuing to fund the School Chaplaincy Program using Federal Funds? OTHER
Comment: There is meant to be a separation between religion & the state. Non-faith pastoral care should be funded.

2. Special Religious Education: Do you oppose the continuation of Special Religious Education in public schools? OTHER
Comment: There is meant to be a separation between religion and the state. Non-faith specific spiritual, ethics and civics classes should be taught.

ii. Would you endorse changing Special Religious Education from opt-out to opt-in? OTHER
Comment: There should be no faith specific teaching, but rather spirituality, ethics and civics classes in all schools.

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? OTHER
Comment: Ideally, all students should participate in ethics, spirituality and civics classes that is integrated across the curriculum.

4. Comparative Religious Education: Do you support a ban on all religious activities in NSW public schools other than Comparative Religious Education? OTHER
Comment: There is meant to be a separation of religion from the state. There should be non faith-specific teaching in all schools re spirituality, civics and ethics.

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: School funding should be sector/faith blind, based upon student need. Gonski went a long way to achieving this although it has been weakened by various vested interests. The Liberal-National party has walked away from their 'unity ticket' commitment to fund Gonski for the full 6 years.

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? OTHER
Comment: Greens policy is NSW 100% by 2030

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I respect every Australian's right to practice their personal beliefs (as long as they do not affect others adversely) however Australia is a secular state. In order for all to have equality of opportunity it is vital that we clean up our laws and remove historical bias of previously dominant belief systems to ensure our modern multicultural community is allowed to flourish with all Australians on an equal footing in the eyes of our courts and parliament.

The Greens    HEYDE Emma CHELTENHAM

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? OTHER
Comment: Yes - 100% renewable energy by 2030.

The Greens    KAYE John    BRONTE

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? OTHER
Comment: 100% by 2030

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.
Thank you for asking questions that allow the Greens to show that we support a secular state, well separated from religious organisations.

The Greens    KAYE John George    DENMAN

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: I would support the end of state funding to wealthy non-government schools

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.
Having worked in the State School System I have had to work in old mouldy smelling demountable classrooms while very wealthy schools continue to get government funding at the expense of the public system. I cannot justify any government funding going to wealthy private schools when public schools are in such need of basic maintenance, capital funding and funding for more teaching positions.
A school that has sporting facilities that include 15 playing fields, 14 tennis courts, 12 basketball courts (nine outdoor, three indoor), seven soccer fields, a 50-metre lap pool, a 25-metre swimming pool, a diving pool, and a gym under which there is an indoor rifle range, should not be getting any government funding at all.

The Greens    KING Niloufer OAKLANDS

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.
The Greens offer a viable alternative to the two old parties, more Greens in government will make a difference. Vote 1 the Greens for grass roots democracy, social justice and climate action and a brighter future.

The Greens    LEONG Jenny NEWTOWN

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you.

The Greens    MACFADYEN Ivan TERALBA

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.

People, need to wake up to the reality of climate change we are causing it and have no solid plan to end it.

If it continues unabated as it is, their will be no future for anyone. I understand people always vote for their perceived team. Voting in this way and expecting a different result is madness. It is time to vote to save mankind, vote for the alternatives don’t vote for either of the two major parties.

The Greens    MARSHALL Peter CAPTAINS FLAT

1. School Chaplaincy Program: Do you oppose the NSW state government continuing to fund the School Chaplaincy Program using Federal Funds? YES
Comment: Yes, the NSW government should insist on the funds being allowed to be used for secular counsellors.

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: Yes, but this has to be a medium- to long-term goal, it couldn’t happen overnight. It should start with reducing the funding of the richest schools.

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**The Greens  MEGGET Drusi  PORT MACQUARIE**

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: it is fair that some funding goes to existing religious schools as that saves the public system from educating those students. i am against allowing new religious schools to be opened because i don’t think it is healthy to have children siphoned off away from the mainstream

10. Vaccination Exemptions: Do you support removing the religious exemption clauses in the compulsory vaccination provisions in the Public Health Act? OTHER
Comment: depends on the vaccination. i would allow Conscientious objection depending on the case.

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**The Greens  NAIRN Mick  CRONULLA**

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: Yes until such time as public schools are free, no school fees required.

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**The Greens  PERGER Margaret  MORUYA**

1. School Chaplaincy Program: Do you oppose the NSW state government continuing to fund the School Chaplaincy Program using Federal Funds? YES
Comment: Yes Greens oppose the program. We need properly qualified counselors to be providing the necessary support to children, families and teachers

2. Special Religious Education: Do you oppose the continuation of Special Religious Education in public schools? OTHER
Comment: It should not be at a time when other members of the class are getting their normal class teaching.

4. Comparative Religious Education: Do you support a ban on all religious activities in NSW public schools other than Comparative Religious Education? OTHER
Comment: I believe in choice but not one that involves some children being absent from class when normal teaching is still happening
6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: Funding of non-government schools should not be at the expense of government school funding. Taxpayer $ should not go to wealthy private school for luxury facilities like swimming pools while local governments schools lack many basic facilities.

10. Vaccination Exemptions: Do you support removing the religious exemption clauses in the compulsory vaccination provisions in the Public Health Act? OTHER
Comment: I think there should be requirements for doctor counseling before allowing exemptions for any reason. Arbitrary bans can seem like reverse discrimination. Exclusion during period of infection is reasonable.

15. Abortion Laws: Abortion remains illegal in NSW. Do you favour repeal of sections 82, 83 and 84 of Crimes Act? OTHER
Comment: Not sure what is in those sections but believe under certain conditions and with medical counseling they should be available.

16. Marriage Equality: Do you support marriage equality for same sex couples? YES
Comment: and all LBGTI couples

17. Domestic Violence: Are you in favour of providing increased funding to programs that are effective at preventing domestic violence and protecting survivors? YES
Comment: With proper specialist, experienced and qualified support especially in rural areas.

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? YES
Comment: YES YES YES

The Greens   PHILLIPS MaxASHFIELD

10. Vaccination Exemptions: Do you support removing the religious exemption clauses in the compulsory vaccination provisions in the Public Health Act? OTHER
Comment: While I strongly support and encourage vaccination, I still think parents should have a choice to opt out.

12. Constitutional Change: Do you support a positive affirmation of the diversity of belief systems and world views in the NSW Constitution? OTHER
Comment: Not necessary

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.
As an atheist, I am keen to ensure the separation of church and state.

The Greens  SCHULTZ Pat  ARMIDALE

2. Special Religious Education: Do you oppose the continuation of Special Religious Education in public schools? NO
Comment: If religious education continues in public schools it should not be compulsory. Ethics should be an option. All religion should be included including Moslem, aboriginal spiritual studies and Hindu.

4. Comparative Religious Education: Do you support a ban on all religious activities in NSW public schools other than Comparative Religious Education? NO
Comment: Special religious days should be celebrated

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: I support the funding of alternative schools, but with the same restricted religious education as public schools.

13. Mandatory Reporting Laws: Are you in favour of removing religious exemptions to the mandatory reporting of child abuse? YES
Comment: There should never have been an exemption. A stupid exemption.

The Greens  STOREY John  HORNSBY

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? OTHER
Comment: 100% by 2030.

The Greens  SUTTIE Alice  BAULKHAM HILLS

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Comment: The Greens support a target of 100% by 2030.

Please add any additional comments you may have regarding this survey or the survey questions in the text box below. Thank you for your time and consideration.
I consider myself a progressive atheist but more importantly I firmly believe in secular government. Some of the laws, practices and exemptions currently in place with relation to religious institutions are atrocious and do not belong in any society, let alone a first world, highly educated society such as 21st century Australia.

6. Private Schools: Do you oppose the continued state funding of religious and other non-government schools? OTHER
Comment: I agree with the Greens policy of not increasing funding and maintaining it at previous levels. Public schools should be funded as a priority.

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