



# Opportunity, Wellbeing, Liberty

**Mad as Hell Party- A mission to get Victoria working again for all of us**

**A disruptive, start- up independent party with a radical, reform, bold agenda, taking it to the self-serving parties – supporting families struggling, fearful and despairing – now and for the future.**

**Future proof Victoria for a digital age** – 2045 vision, economic, social, demographic, logistical and environmental wellbeing, a state transformed by smart investment, not thrown away on re-election

**Restoring the regions to life-** invest in tech hubs, centres of excellence, fire up libraries, civic centres, eliminate payroll taxes, resource arts, sports centres, schedule Parliamentary committees

**A right -sized Government that does things , not push pencils-** “hold” future sales of government assets, Parliament to meet for 75 + days v 39 days, close many of 900+ jobs worth quangos, justify 50,000 non customer -facing employees, cut political PR teams and Premier slush fund

**Support, hope and a voice for those needy and disadvantaged, on merit and self-help** – resurrect public housing, up to \$5Bn funding, recourse state land and a build program, early intervention homeless upkeep and placement programs, particularly homeless women, free up vacant properties and revisit taxes, expand drug testing centres, upgrade shelters and refuges

**Educating an upskilled generation** – webhosting, apps development and related programs included within secondary education, TAFE student accreditation fast tracked, incentivise apprenticeships **in regions**, increase compliance standards for profit TAFEs, fund language programs for state schools

**Communities, safe, secure and collective** –State help desk hotline for Victorians at risk of scams, tech surveillance and tracking tools for policing, tougher parole laws and monitoring , resource community halls and centres to harness social capital for skills and training, free up prisons of seniors, women and white collar criminals, enhance CCTV and lighting in high risk areas.

**Ageing with Dignity- Hold** outsourcing of senior at home and care services, frame 1-2 best of breed care homes and roll out to all, raise minimum nutrition costs, finance independent resident surveys

**A population “at ease” with its people** -Identify and manage immigration to a profile of arrivals e.g. skills, family, education, sanctuary, refugees, build now for 75k arrivals in 2021, carve out budget support for arrivals, evidence 10 year case for and contribution of arrivals..

**A sustainable environment** – reduce energy prices, acknowledge climate change, no coal- fired power stations, the future is energy storage cells in homes, , prioritise public transport projects

**Bringing back trust with an honest,” call it out” member** - exposing rorts, corruption and fraud, enforcing accountability for endemic cost overruns and waste of taxpayers’ money, strengthening expenses disclosure and audit practices, monthly commentary of taxpayer spend and value for money, setting a future vision for Victoria, working with like- minded members on reform laws.

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## Mad as Hell Party promise – to guard Victorians’ money wisely, as its hard earned and easily spent

The key financial facts are – the Victorian Government spends nearly \$70 Bn annually, about 8% of the state’s GDP, with c 300,000 employees, 50,000 non-customer facing, and a projected surplus of \$1Bn

State Pollies are awash with funds - land, property, insurance, motor tax receipts have ballooned – expenditures since 2014 rising by \$10-12 Bn ( 20%+) and employment costs increasing by \$3.5Bn ( 20%+)- in contrast to a private sector , where costs are contained , and v a backdrop selling Melbourne ports and assets, privatising support, care services – less doing, more administrators .

With this backdrop, the pollies waste \$Bns and there are Bns of funds to be spent more efficiently - \$1.1Bn on a road never built , \$10 Bn on railway crossings ““in the sky” to spend the Ports” money and look after unions, reducing commute times by minutes v investing in education and health .

The Mad As Hell party will spend your money wisely;

### Now

**\$100m**-early intervention and support programs for the homeless; **\$50m**-pilot scheme to introduce a regional tech hub , centre of excellence and fire up libraries; **\$50m** – pilot scheme to assess an offer of digital web hosting, apps and program skills across the public education sector; **\$75m** – to improve security via surveillance and interrogation tools, incentivise home monitoring and alarm systems for seniors, expand neighbourhood watch and reopen community centres; **\$25m**-to identify and promote key voluntary and community support services to enhance at home living, e.g. for seniors and disabled; **\$25m** – to identify standout aged care homes for roll out across Victoria; **\$25m**- to set up a telephone “hotline” for Victorians, harassed and terrified by scammers; **\$25m** to progress a Parliamentary fora and meetings schedule in the suburbs and regions **TOTAL \$375m**

Taxpayer funds “go missing” at Spring Street , with many savings to finance these initiatives e.g.

**\$60m** – slashing Premier slush fund; **\$60m** – slashing PR and Advertising budget used for political purposes; **\$100m**- cancelling political giveaways to entice votes e.g. \$50 signing on fees; **\$160m** - cancelling money thrown away to rich sports outlets like AFL **TOTAL \$380m**

### Soon- first 6 months

**\$25m** – draft a 2045 vision of an “at ease” Victoria in 2045 and how to get there ; **\$25m** – Independent Working party on the efficiency of public administration and recommendations ; **\$50m**- review government outsourcing initiatives to evidence outcomes and future policy direction

The money to be raised – revisit vacant property, gaming and gambling taxes

### Post 6 months

**\$1Bn** –regional payroll taxes; **-\$5Bn** assess public housing; **\$2-3BN budget savings**

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## Our Promises

### - Future proof Victoria, the lucky country won't last forever

Mainstream parties spend 15 months searching where the money went, 18 months spending it and a year 15 months manoeuvring for re-election – no long-term vision to assure Victorians seeking success in a 2045 innovative, digital economy.

#### Promises

Commission a vision of a 2045 social, commercial and environmental landscape for Victoria; overhaul educational curriculums to teach digital creative skills, AI, Virtual Reality, Robotics; invest in high tech hubs and centres of excellence in regions; revamp TAFE and vocational centres to train in overcoming trade skills shortages.

### - Shake up Government, to work harder and smarter, ("doing" v outsourcing and pencil pushing)

Disruptor - of cronyism factionalism, privilege and rotting ; nearly \$70Bn of tax payer money is on the table, ""rolling"" in cash with \$Bns wasted : unions in control, Parliament meets only 39 days a year, with 900+ quangos, ""jobs for boys"" ; government not "doing" any more, e.g. disposal of ports, but outsourcing and overseeing .

#### Promises

A smart, right sized government, calling out stealing and misspending taxpayers' hard earned money, governing for the future, with more customer facing v administration staffing.

### -A leg up and hope to the homeless, needy, left behind, without a voice, (who deserve a "break")

80k + Victorians waiting for public housing; the disadvantaged and vulnerable are many – aged care residents, over 55 homeless women, over 50 + workers with no manufacturing jobs, children in 50+ language state schools, facing a poorer life than their parents, outside of hiring quotas; 30% of Victorian families "survive" month to month – reviled as populists but want to be heard and share in success.

#### Promises

Resurrect public housing: address scandal of aged care "confinement" homes; free up vacant properties to accommodate the homeless; expand shelter and refuges; allocate resources for preventative action v post the social harm occurring; revisit property taxes and rates.

### - Secure neighbourhoods, bring together families, restore communities and regions to life

20% of youths in Mildura are unemployed; priority to bring down fear of crime, as crime stats are reported as falling: government is overwhelmingly Spring Street centric ; 1.25m seniors overwhelmingly represent an untapped source of social capital.

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## Promises

Tech tracking and surveillance tools for policing: a state help desk hotline as a “go to” for Victorians at serious risk of malware and scams; free up prisons of seniors, women and white collar criminals; expand community centres and halls to facilitate recreation and skills training facilities; Parliamentary sessions and meetings to go to Regions

### - Restore belief in politicians and Parliaments (open the books, a clean break from the past)

90%+ have little or no trust in politicians ; corruption and rorts are commonplace, with misappropriation of taxpayers’ money criminal behaviour in pursuit of political ends; expenses and allowances are mis-claimed and trousered by dishonest politicians

## Promises

Eliminate implicit political advertising paid by taxpayers; prosecute criminal sanctions on politicians and cronies who rort taxpayers; enforce conflict of interest and related party rules; impose penalties for severe overruns on projects; register and publish all interests and donations on a timely basis, not months afterwards: issue regular, easy to understand updates and explanations on where the government is misspending taxpayers’ money

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