

Calling all Members of Parliament

We need your help to shape the future of our City.



On behalf of all residents in the City of Whittlesea, we're calling on Victorian state political parties to make four commitments that will deliver a better quality of life for our community.

VOTE ONE

Endorse the Interface Council's *Liveability Policy*

Everyone should be able to access the basic infrastructure and services needed to live a full and happy life.

But people living in Melbourne's interface council areas face barriers to wellbeing that our inner-city counterparts do not. These communities deserve a fair policy for population growth and development that enable them to thrive.

Endorsement of our *Liveability Policy* includes:

- A \$250 million annual funding injection, providing the essential health and human services needed to be healthy and well
- Social and affordable housing and access to local jobs to enable people to live and work locally and prosper.

For the facts and figures, read the enclosed
Interface Councils *Liveability Policy*.



VOTE TWO

Housing for all - Deliver social and **affordable housing to our community**

Everyone has a right to affordable, secure and appropriate housing.

The Interface Councils *Liveability Policy* highlights the lack of social and affordable housing in Melbourne's north. A commitment to appropriate social and affordable housing ensures people can participate and have a sense of belonging in community life.

Opportunity - An integrated social and affordable housing precinct

- **Location:** 323 McDonalds Road, Epping
- 10 per cent of development to be social housing
- Land owned by the State Government
- Located within the Plenty Valley Town Centre
- Easy access to public transport, shops, education and recreation facilities.



Creating liveable communities

Nearly half of Victoria's population growth has taken place in the outer suburbs of Melbourne. This has significantly strained existing infrastructure and services in the region, widening the liveability gap between Melbourne's inner and outer suburbs.

We're calling on the Victorian Government to commit to a fair policy that brings essential services and infrastructure to the outer suburbs to enable our communities to thrive.

VOTE THREE

Partner in a health and wellbeing hub in Mernda

Everyone should be able to access local jobs and the services they need to live a happy life. But rapid population growth has meant people living in developing areas like Mernda do not have access to essential community services, and spend hours commuting to work every day.

The Mernda Health and Wellbeing Hub is an exciting opportunity for the State Government to work in partnership to deliver a health and wellbeing hub that could create more than 300 local jobs and provide essential and desperately needed community services in the heart of the new Mernda Town Centre.

Mernda Health and Wellbeing Hub will:

- Create a collaborative partnership between local government, state government, health and human service providers
- Utilise land owned by the City of Whittlesea
- Be part of the Mernda Town Centre: one of the fastest growing postcodes in Australia
- Provide essential health and human services to cater to the needs of the fast growing northern corridor
- Reduce road congestion and improve peoples work-life balance and wellbeing.



VOTE FOUR

Safer and more responsible pokies: support *Pokies Play Whittlesea*

Our residents lose \$299,940 to pokies every day! The devastating impact is felt across the community.

We need political parties to commit to safer regulation of poker machines to reduce the terrible community harm they cause.

We're asking the state government for:

- Reduced operating hours at poker machine venues
- 'Con-free' poker machines to reduce their harmful, misleading, deceptive and addictive nature
- Fewer poker machines with a return to the City of Whittlesea pre-September 2017 municipal limit of 212, not the current 411.

A graphic with a black background and yellow and white text. At the top, it says 'THE POKIES PLAY YOU' and 'POKIES DIDN'T MAKE YOU ADDICT'. The main text reads: 'City of Whittlesea residents lose ~~\$293,000~~ \$299,940 to pokies EVERY DAY!'. Below this, it says 'New figures released: highest losses ever for Whittlesea'. At the bottom, it says 'Take action at pokiesplaywhittlesea.org.au'.

About the Whittlesea Community Futures partnership

Our group consists of more than 60 multi-disciplinary agencies, including the City of Whittlesea, human service and community organisations. The Whittlesea Community Futures Partnership works together to improve the wellbeing of local communities.

Acknowledgment of Country

On behalf of the Whittlesea Community Futures we recognise the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan as the traditional owners of this place.

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