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Victorian State Election November 2026

ELECTION REPORT CARDS

NIDDRIE & ESSENDON

16 November 2026

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1. Desktop Audit

We conducted a desktop audit of publicly accessible information (as of 15 November 2026), such as flyers, websites and social media, for the 19 candidates running across the seats of Niddrie and Essendon.

An assessment of each candidate's priorities and commitment, or those of their party, was made against the 3 criteria (below) in order to understand who is most likely to be a champion for our Clean Future Vision.

#1 Cheaper Power

- Candidate signed the Cheaper Power Pledge or demonstrated a clear commitment to transitioning to clean, renewable energy such as solar, wind and batteries.
- Responses to Cheaper Power Pledge (signed / no response / refused to sign) are available on the public tracker.

#2 Less Pollution

- Candidate demonstrated a clear commitment to cutting climate (carbon) emissions, and phasing out coal and gas.

#3 Cleaner Transport

- Candidate endorsed Bicycle Network 'Gimme 5' campaign or demonstrated a clear commitment to increasing use of low emission modes of active transport, public transport and/or electric vehicles / EV charging.
- Responses to 'Gimme 5' (endorsed / no response / unknown) are available at
  - Gimme 5: Niddrie
  - Gimme 5: Essendon

The following ratings were then applied based on each of the above criteria:

- **Excelling** - clear commitment demonstrated
- **Developing** - some commitment demonstrated
- **Needs Work** - no clear commitment demonstrated
- **Unclear** - no relevant information available

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2. Results - NIDDRIE

SFAMENI, Sam (Independent)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Unclear**	Candidate was not sent Cheaper Power Pledge as they were not obviously running as of 6 November 2026. Candidate statement in the Star Weekly (Brimbank Northwest) makes no mention of cheaper power or clean energy. There does not appear to be any other publicly accessible information about this candidate.
Less Pollution	**Developing**	While his candidate statement in the Star Weekly (Brimbank Northwest) does refer to aircraft noise, this does not appear to be targeted at cutting climate (carbon) emissions, and phasing out coal and gas.
Clean Transport	**Unclear**	Candidate was not sent the Gimme 5 campaign as they were not obviously running as of 6 November 2026. Candidate statement in the Star Weekly (Brimbank Northwest) makes no mention of active transport, public transport or electric vehicles, including EV charging. There does not appear to be any other publicly accessible information about this candidate.

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CARROLL, Ben (Labor)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Excelling**	No response to the Cheaper Power Pledge. Victorian Labor have demonstrated a clear commitment to transitioning to clean, renewable energy such as solar, wind and batteries. Source
Less Pollution	**Developing**	Victorian Labor continues to support gas projects, granting new licences as recently as 28 Oct 2026. Source
Clean Transport	**Excelling**	No response to the Gimme 5 endorsement. Victorian Labor has demonstrated a clear commitment to increasing use of low emission modes of transport, including public transport and electric vehicles Source Victorian Labor has "committed $400 million towards bus services in Melbourne's west" Source

THEODOROU, George (Family First)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Needs Work**	Candidate was not sent Cheaper Power Pledge as they were not obviously running as of 6 November 2026. Party policy: "Family First has always opposed net zero. We believe in cheap, reliable energy from coal, gas and nuclear." Source
Less Pollution	**Needs Work**	There is no relevant information on their candidate page.
Clean Transport	**Needs Work**	Candidate was not sent the Gimme 5 campaign as they were not obviously running as of 6 November 2026. Party policy: "Increasing the petroleum reserves to ensure transport security; Removing all restrictions and penalties on diesel vehicles; Removing all subsidies and incentives on EV's (electric vehicles)." Source

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BYRNE, Samantha (Liberal)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Developing**	No response to the Cheaper Power Pledge. Party policy: "establish new Urban Solar Parks to encourage solar and battery installations on commercial and industrial rooftops in urban areas, generating renewable power closer to where it is needed" Source Party policy: "it is expected that gas-fired generation will be the most likely to provide the bulk of the necessary firming capacity." Source
Less Pollution	**Needs Work**	Party policy: "Reverse Labor's gas appliance bans and invite gas producers to propose conventional gas exploration opportunities..." Source
Clean Transport	**Needs Work**	No response to the Gimme 5 endorsement. Despite some commitments to improving public transport (outside of Niddrie / Essendon), the Victorian Liberal Party has no significant policies directed to increasing use of low emission modes such as active transport, public transport or electric vehicles, including EV charging. Source

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METE, Domenic (Labour DLP)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Needs Work**	Candidate was not sent Cheaper Power Pledge as they were not obviously running as of 6 November 2026. Party policy: “Electricity for industry at 12 cents a kilowatt hour, backed by new baseload power stations owned by a public SEC” Source
Less Pollution	**Needs Work**	“Electricity at 12c per kwh through new ultra efficient coal stations” Source However AEMO / CSIRO’s 2025-26 GenCost Report has consistently found that “solar PV and onshore wind form the basis for the least cost electricity generation mix for Australia”
Clean Transport	**Needs Work**	Candidate was not sent the Gimme 5 campaign as they were not obviously running as of 6 November 2026. There does not appear to be any publicly accessible information about this candidate. The DLP have not demonstrated a clear commitment to increasing use of low emission modes such as active transport, public transport or electric vehicles, including EV charging. Source

LAWS, Brendan (Victorian Socialists)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Excelling**	Candidate signed the Cheaper Power Pledge.
Less Pollution	**Excelling**	The Victorian Socialists have demonstrated a clear commitment to “make power affordable and sustainable.” and “accelerate the transition to a 100 percent renewable energy grid” Source
Clean Transport	**Excelling**	Candidate has endorsed the Gimme 5 campaign. The Victorian Socialists have demonstrated a clear commitment to increasing use of low emission modes such as active transport, public transport and electric vehicles, including EV charging Source

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HASELGROVE, Salomae (Animal Justice Party)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Excelling**	Candidate signed the Cheaper Power Pledge.
Less Pollution	**Excelling**	The Animal Justice Party have demonstrated a clear commitment to "rapid phasing out of fossil fuels and a transition to clean and carbon-free energy sources." Source
Clean Transport	**Excelling**	Candidate has endorsed the Gimme 5 campaign. Candidate has expressed support for better public transport and active transport infrastructure Source The Animal Justice Party has demonstrated a clear commitment to increasing use of low emission modes such as active transport, public transport and electric vehicles Source

TAVERNA, Jason (One Nation)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Needs Work**	No response to the Cheaper Power Pledge. Party policy: "Provide long-term industry security to encourage investment into upgrading coal power infrastructure." Source
Less Pollution	**Needs Work**	Party policy: "Provide long-term industry security to encourage investment into upgrading coal power infrastructure." Source
Clean Transport	**Needs Work**	There is no relevant information on candidate's page Source While One Nation has demonstrated some commitment to public transport (Airport Rail), it has no clear policies directed towards increasing use of low emission modes such as active transport or uptake of electric vehicles, including EV charging Source

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NGUYEN, Lana (Greens)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Excelling**	Candidate signed the Cheaper Power Pledge.
Less Pollution	**Excelling**	The Greens have demonstrated a clear commitment to "Phasing out the Victorian use of fossil fuels using a combination of energy efficiency, energy storage, energy conservation and renewable energy.." Source
Clean Transport	**Excelling**	Candidate has endorsed the Gimme 5 campaign. The Greens have demonstrated clear commitment to increasing use of low emission modes of transport, including active transport, public transport and electric vehicles. Source

CHITTEDI, Karthik Reddy (The Republican)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Unclear**	Candidate was not sent Cheaper Power Pledge as they were not obviously running as of 6 November 2026. There is no relevant information on their party policy page.
Less Pollution	**Unclear**	There is no relevant information on their party policy page.
Clean Transport	**Developing**	Candidate was not sent the Gimme 5 campaign as they were not obviously running as of 6 November 2026. Candidate statement in the Star Weekly (Brimbank Northwest) expresses support for better bus connections but makes no other mention of increasing use of low emission modes such as active transport, public transport or electric vehicles, including EV charging. The Republican supports better public transport connections but does not have any other clean transport policies listed on their website. Source

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PATRIKEOS, Brett (The West Party)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Excelling**	Candidate signed the Cheaper Power Pledge.
Less Pollution	**Developing**	There is no relevant information on their party policy page. Candidate signed the Cheaper Power Pledge, which does include a commitment to uphold bans on fracking and nuclear and transitioning away from polluting gas and coal.
Clean Transport	**Developing**	No response to the Gimme 5 endorsement. Candidate supports the Better Buses for the West campaign. Source The West Party has demonstrated support for better public transport options, but does not have any other clean transport policies listed on its website Source

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3. Results - ESSENDON

BARNES, John (One Nation)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Needs Work**	No response to the Cheaper Power Pledge. Party policy: “Provide long-term industry security to encourage investment into upgrading coal power infrastructure.” Source
Less Pollution	**Needs Work**	Party policy: “Provide long-term industry security to encourage investment into upgrading coal power infrastructure.” Source
Clean Transport	**Needs Work**	There is no relevant information on candidate’s page Source While One Nation has demonstrated some commitment to public transport (Airport Rail), it has no clear policies directed towards increasing use of low emission modes such as active transport, increasing public transport use or uptake of electric vehicles, including EV charging. Source

ADAMS, Ava (Independent)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Excelling**	Candidate signed the Cheaper Power Pledge. Candidate demonstrated a clear commitment to transitioning to “support clean energy, reduce emissions and help build a more resilient community” Source
Less Pollution	**Excelling**	Candidate has demonstrated a clear commitment to “doing more to reduce pollution, improve air quality and protect our waterways”, and “support practical, evidence-based environmental action that delivers genuine benefits for our community, protecting the places we love while preparing Essendon for the future.” Source 1 Source 2
Clean Transport	**Excelling**	Candidate has endorsed the Gimme 5 campaign Candidate demonstrates a clear commitment to improved public transport, and safer walking and cycling options Source

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LE DEUX, Tommy (Liberal)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Developing**	No response to the Cheaper Power Pledge. Party policy: “establish new Urban Solar Parks to encourage solar and battery installations on commercial and industrial rooftops in urban areas, generating renewable power closer to where it is needed” Source Party policy: “it is expected that gas-fired generation will be the most likely to provide the bulk of the necessary firming capacity.” Source
Less Pollution	**Needs Work**	Party policy: “Reverse Labor’s gas appliance bans and invite gas producers to propose conventional gas exploration opportunities…” Source
Clean Transport	**Needs Work**	No response to the Gimme 5 campaign There is no relevant information on the candidate’s page Source Despite some commitment to improving public transport, the Victorian Liberal Party has no significant policies directed to increasing use of low emission modes such as active transport, public transport or electric vehicles, including EV charging. Source

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MOHAMUD, Anab (Independent)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Unclear**	Candidate was not sent Cheaper Power Pledge as they were not obviously running as of 6 November 2026. There does not appear to be any publicly accessible information about this candidate
Less Pollution	**Unclear**	There does not appear to be any publicly accessible information about this candidate
Clean Transport	**Unclear**	Candidate was not sent the Gimme 5 campaign as they were not obviously running as of 6 November 2026. There does not appear to be any publicly accessible information about this candidate's position on increasing use of low emission modes such as active transport, public transport or electric vehicles in relation to this election.

THEODOSIS, Kat (Labor)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Excelling**	No response to the Cheaper Power Pledge. Victorian Labor have demonstrated a clear commitment to transitioning to clean, renewable energy such as solar, wind and batteries. Source
Less Pollution	**Developing**	Alongside with the above, Labor continue to support gas projects, granting new licences as recently as 28 Oct 2026. Source
Clean Transport	**Excelling**	No response to the Gimme 5 campaign There is no relevant information on candidate page or Instagram Victorian Labor proposes to cap public transport fees at $30 a week Source and has committed $400 million towards bus services in Melbourne's west Source Victorian Labor has no significant policies directed to increasing use of low emission modes such as active transport or electric vehicles, including EV charging, on their website Source

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WILLIAMS, James (Greens)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Excelling**	Candidate signed the Cheaper Power Pledge.
Less Pollution	**Excelling**	The Greens have demonstrated a clear commitment to "Phasing out the Victorian use of fossil fuels using a combination of energy efficiency, energy storage, energy conservation and renewable energy.." Source
Clean Transport	**Excelling**	Candidate has endorsed the Gimme 5 campaign. Candidate has expressed support for "improving local cycling and public transport infrastructure" Source The Greens have demonstrated clear commitment to increasing use of low emission modes of transport, including active transport, public transport and electric vehicles Source

YILDIZ, Oscar (Independent)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Developing**	Candidate signed the Cheaper Power Pledge. Candidate has also demonstrated a lack of support for phasing out gas appliances in homes, arguing homeowners should have choice. Source
Less Pollution	**Unclear**	There is no relevant information on candidate website
Clean Transport	**Developing**	Candidate has endorsed the Gimme 5 campaign. Candidate has demonstrated some support for "more publicly accessible EV charging points", "greater investment in clean energy and sustainable transport", "I'll continue to advocate for better trains, trams, buses, safer stations" and "greater investment in safe and connected cycling infrastructure." Source However the candidate also demonstrates a clear focus on improving conditions for cars, traffic and roads, including increasing speed limits for motorists Source

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KEDEM, Michal (Victorian Socialists)		
Criteria	Rating	Rationale
Cheaper Power	**Excelling**	Candidate signed the Cheaper Power Pledge.
Less Pollution	**Excelling**	The Victorian Socialists have demonstrated a clear commitment to “make power affordable and sustainable.” and “accelerate the transition to a 100 percent renewable energy grid” Source
Clean Transport	**Excelling**	Candidate has endorsed the Gimme 5 campaign The Victorian Socialists demonstrate a clear commitment to increasing use of low emission modes such as active transport, public transport and electric vehicles, including EV charging Source