

# CCHQ 2025

LET'S GET AUSTRALIA BACK ON TRACK



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The Right Reverend Dr Michael Stead  
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Dear Dr Stead,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the Coalition's views on the important issues facing your members. A response to your questions is attached.

Under Labor, Australia's economy is weak, inflation and interest rates have stayed too high for too long, housing is unaffordable, and our country is less safe.

Under Labor, Australians are paying on average 13% more for food, 18% more for rent, and over 30% more for power and gas and young Australians have seen their dream of home ownership slip away.

The Coalition will get Australia back on track by delivering:

1. **Strong economy with low inflation.** We will rein in wasteful spending and reduce tax, red-tape and union control over small businesses.
2. **Cheaper energy.** We will ensure a balanced mix, including more renewables, more gas, and (in seven locations) replace retired coal plants with zero-emissions nuclear energy.
3. **Affordable homes.** We will fund critical infrastructure required for housing, assist first home buyers, restrict foreign investors, and rebalance Labor's record migration intake.
4. **Safer communities.** We will get tough on violent crime by non-citizens, boost our defence and border security, and improve online safety for children.
5. **Quality healthcare.** We will fund more GPs to address current shortages and increase bulk billing and the number of Medicare-subsidised mental health sessions.

Thank you for communicating our response to your members. Further information about the Coalition's election policies can be found at [www.liberal.org.au/our-plan](http://www.liberal.org.au/our-plan).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Hirst".

Andrew Hirst  
Federal Director

## **The Coalition's Response to the Faith Leader Questions for the Opposition**

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Under a Dutton Coalition Government religious Australians will not go backwards and freedom of religion will remain a cherished right in Australia.

The Coalition is committed to ensuring that freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and freedom from discrimination, including on the basis of race or religion, are all protected and promoted. Whilst all Australians have a right to express their views, including people with controversial views, they must remain within the framework of Australian law.

The Coalition will continue to oppose moves from the Albanese Labor Party and the Australian Greens to regulate and restrict free speech online.

A Dutton Coalition Government will support the rights of religious organisations, including faith-based schools when employing staff to preference those who adhere to the beliefs of the religious organisation.

The Coalition believes Australians should be free to follow their religion, or lack of religion, without discrimination and that religious schools and bodies should be able to employ staff based on its values.

The Coalition also confirms the following:

- We will not change the Basic Religious Charity category.
- We recognise that there is significant concern in the Australian community about the need to protect biological womens' spaces in our community. A Dutton Coalition Government will continue to listen to community views about these very important matters.
- All of our commitments will continue to apply if there is a minority government.