



I migrated to Australia in the late 80s and have lived in Melbourne's West for the last ten years. I am a social worker by profession and teach Welfare at TAFE in Footscray.

I have been an activist for around 20 years, campaigning against WestLink, war and racism, for better social services and for action on climate change. I am also an ex-tram conductor, and took part in the successful **Dump Connex** campaign last year.

I have signed Socialist Alliance's pledge that, if elected, I would live on the average wage of a skilled worker and donate the rest of the parliamentary salary to community campaigns for social justice and the environment.

**Sick of being ripped off?
Don't just get angry, get ACTIVE**

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Socialist Alliance for Footscray

State election: 27 November

Under Labor or Liberal, you pay more!

WESTLINK TUNNEL: Trucking companies will benefit, at a cost of over \$5 billion to us. The government's own studies show that it will bring no overall economic benefit. This "alternative" to Westgate just goes to two more busy roads.

HOUSING: Endless public housing waiting lists, rising homelessness, young people unable to afford their own home. Meanwhile, developers make millions.

WATER: Use less water and your bill still rises. City West Water profits are up \$20 million this year! And bills will rise more - to pay \$18 billion to the owners of the desalination plant that we don't need.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: The system is broken. Over \$1 billion wasted on Myki, another billion wasted subsidising private operators. Costs rise while services decline.

ELECTRICITY: The Liberals sold the power plants to private owners who now want compensation if they have to shut down their ancient, polluting coal plants. And Labor will replace them with yet another coal fired power station. Power costs are up 58% over 5 years.

WE SAY: STOP THE HANDOUTS TO BIG BUSINESS!

NO TUNNEL, NO FREEWAY: Fund rail freight to get containers off the roads and onto rail: it's safer, less polluting and frees up road space.

HOUSING: Build more public housing, end homelessness. Stop rooming house rorts. Stronger rent controls and tenancy rights. Community referendums on big developments.

WATER: Reduce bills for houses that save water. Reinstate subsidies for water tank installation. Stormwater harvesting, recycling, compulsory water saving in industry. Stop the desalination plant going ahead.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: New tram lines along Ballarat Rd and Geelong Rd. More trains and buses: 24 hour service, free and publically owned. Co-ordinate all timetables. Upgraded and fully staffed stations.

SAFE CLIMATE: Put the power industry back into public hands and reduce bills. Replace polluting coal with wind, and solar-thermal baseload power. Manufacture trains, wind and solar technology here to create jobs and reduce carbon pollution.

Read our policies in more detail at www.socialist-alliance.org/victoria