

<b>Candidate:</b>	N/A
<b>Party:</b>	The Australian Greens - Victoria
<b>Electorate and House</b>	N/A

Final Text approved by Candidate:

My name is Samantha Ratnam. I am the leader of a party called the Victorian Greens. Sometimes we are just called "The Greens". You can vote for us during this Victorian State election

We all believe that our environment is really important. We believe in people in the community coming together to make change. We believe everyone should have the chance to have their say. We believe in peace and we are against violence.

We also believe in social justice. This means that we think everyone should be treated fairly. When unfair things happen, we want to make sure these things don't happen again.

We want to represent the community, so we don't get any money from big businesses or big companies.

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The past few years were very hard for Victorians.

Problems with our environment are getting worse. These problems are caused by governments and companies but we can fix them. We can stop using coal and gas to make electricity and use clean ways instead. We can do this and make sure everyone keeps their jobs.

It costs more money to buy everyday things. It is getting more expensive to find a place to live. Companies called 'property developers' build lots of houses. Many of these companies are building houses that ordinary people can't afford. We will make sure the government changes this so that more Victorians can buy a home. We also want to stop rent costs from going up too quickly.

We think the big political parties don't care about the things we care about. They think we are too small to make a difference. But we can make a difference. We can make sure the government looks after the things we all care about. Your vote is powerful.