

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLATFORM 2019-2022



City of Maribyrnong

This platform is based on the consultation with young people in the City of Maribyrnong in Melbourne and was carried out in March-April 2019 by the Maribyrnong Youth Advisory Committee. It presents the topics and policy issues that young people in our municipality expect its elected representatives in the Australian House of Representatives to consider.

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young people living, working, studying or accessing services in the City of Maribyrnong were surveyed by young consultants.

14-18

was the age group we reached out to.

Our city is represented in the Australian House of Representatives with the electoral divisions of Maribyrnong, Gellibrand and Fraser.

We asked young people to rank how important each of the following broad policy category is for them. This is what young people said (in order of importance):

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|  | 1 EDUCATION |  | 6 HOME & LIVING |
|  | 2 CRIME & SAFETY |  | 7 ECONOMY & GOVERNMENT SPENDING |
|  | 3 HEALTH |  | 8 SOCIAL JUSTICE |
|  | 4 WORK RIGHTS, JOBS & EMPLOYMENT |  | 9 IMMIGRATION |
|  | 5 ENVIRONMENT |  | 10 FOREIGN AFFAIRS |

We also presented our fellow young people with a list of 42 specific policy issues and asked them to identify the ones that are important to them.

15 most important specific issues for young people in Maribyrnong



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UNIVERSITY FEES

2

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

3

YOUNG PEOPLE & CRIME

4

SAFETY IN PUBLIC SPACES

5

FAMILY VIOLENCE

6

SCHOOL CURRICULUM

7

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

8

COST OF LIVING

9

HEALTHCARE & DISABILITY SERVICES

10-11

YOUTH WAGES & WORKPLACE CONDITIONS / SCHOOL FUNDING

12-13

BULLYING & CYBER SAFETY / CLIMATE CHANGE & GLOBAL WARMING

14-15

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY & AVAILABILITY / YOUTH ALLOWANCE

Finally, we asked our fellow young people what is the most crucial step that should be taken to improve these specific priority issues.



Increasing the funding is the suggested primary course of action in most areas: university fees; youth unemployment; safety in public spaces; mental health services; cost of living; healthcare & disability services; school funding; housing affordability & availability; and Youth Allowance and Newstart payments.

In the areas of young people & crime; family violence; youth wages & workplace conditions; bullying & cyber safety; and climate change, respondents are urging politicians to put a stronger emphasis on these topics in schools and communities.



Young people are rather critical about the topic of school curriculum and what is currently taught to students at school. They suggested that the current system needs to be changed completely, as it is not working well.

Maribyrnong Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC) would like to thank all the young people who contributed to this platform and urges the Members of Maribyrnong, Gellibrand and Fraser to take these suggestions and youth voice very seriously in their work.

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This platform represents the views of the young people who participated in the consultation. It does not reflect the position of the Maribyrnong City Council. The consultation and the creation of this platform was supported by City of Maribyrnong Youth Services.