

## How Political Past Performance Foreshadows Future Action

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The DADA Charter: <https://www.darebinada.org/about-dada> still guides our commitment to better planning outcomes in Darebin.

We have participated in a many elections at all levels of government and have formed a view that it is the past actions of parties, candidates and local representatives that are the best guide to their future support for the issues we think most important.

### On Zoning:

1. The Liberal Party represented by Matthew Guy as Planning Minister was responsible for allocating only 11% of Darebin as Neighbourhood Residential Zone (NRZ). NRZ is the most protected zoning allowing only two dwellings on a block. The fact that Darebin has so little compared to other councils, who have up to 80% protection, is a key factor in the overdevelopment of Darebin. ☹️
2. The Labor Party represented by Richard Wynne as Planning Minister, has done nothing to improve the zoning of Darebin so that we have more equitable protection from over development. ☹️
3. The Labour Minister for Planning, Richard Wynne, refused to meet with DADA representatives. ☹️

### On Affordable and Public Housing:

1. The Labor Party represented by Richard Wynne gave away public land to developers for a meager 10% gain in public housing. This has not met the predicted future need for Darebin. The Federal Labour Party has promised funds for housing for women but none of that money has been allocated for any build in Darebin. ☹️
2. The Liberal Party has a housing and home ownership policy but does not include public housing. They have been critical of any inclusionary housing policy: <https://www.theage.com.au/politics/victoria/victorian-liberals-lose-planning-fight-over-social-housing-drive-20210302-p57782.html> ☹️
3. The Victorian Socialists have campaigned in support of an increase of affordable and public housing. 😊
4. Independent candidate Gaetano Greco has campaigned on inclusionary zoning to include quotas for public housing. 😊

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### On Preston Market:

1. The Labor Party represented by Richard Wynne as Planning Minister failed to call in planning application instead asked the Victorian Planning Authority to prepare a structure plan to guide future development of the site. The VPA has recommended 80% of the heritage fabric be demolished and the market moved to a new build elsewhere on the site. 😞
2. Robin Scott, the Preston state Labour representative attended the rally in 2016 😊 and has taken meetings from community groups on the issue but has not acted in any notable way on our behalf. 😞
3. The State Labour representative, Kat Theophanous, of Northcote took a meeting with DADA but no action in support came of that. 😞
4. The Labour Minister for Planning, Richard Wynne, refused to meet with DADA representatives. 😞
5. The local Labour candidate, Nathan Lambert, has met with DADA reps 😊 but not made any promises in support of the campaign. 😞
6. The Greens have consistently argued that the best way to ensure the continuation of the market is to demolish the current building and build a new market elsewhere on the site. 😞
7. Victorian Socialists have been very supportive of the community campaign to save Preston Market through public acquisition. They have spoken in support at rallies, made consistent promises to save Preston Market, in election material and have representatives on community action groups. 😊
8. Independent candidate Gaetano Greco has consistently, and for many years worked closely with community representative groups to campaign for saving Preston Market by placing it in public hands 😊
9. Fiona Patten, The Reason Party, has met with DADA once 😊 but no action resulted. 😞

### On Tree Protection:

1. The Greens have been most supportive of tree protection locally 😊 but have overseen the biggest program of removal of established street trees. 😞
2. Both Liberal and Labour State governments have overseen the greatest removal of significant trees on private land in an effort to increase infill development. 😞

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### On Parking:

1. Greens policy has generally been to encourage more residents to use forms of transport other than privately owned cars. They have supported a decrease in parking spaces in new developments. 😞
2. State Government policy, of both Labour and Liberal persuasions, has supported developer proposals for the reduction in parking requirements in new developments. 😞

### On Sustainability and Quality Development:

1. In the last term Planning Minister, Richard Wynne, has overseen some improvements in the quality of apartment design. 😊
2. Under the Planning Minister, Richard Wynne, solar access has been protected. 😊
3. DADA has presented to two parliamentary inquiries on improvements to the planning scheme. Our comments have been included in both reports. 😊
4. The Greens are the most active in improving sustainability in new development design 😊 but have been willing to trade other provisions including, heights and parking. 😞
5. Neither major parties while in power has done anything to ensure enough three bedroom dwellings are being built to meet future housing needs in Darebin. 😞
6. Both major parties have overseen the green washing of developments. 😞

### On Open Space:

1. Both major parties have overseen the decline in both passive and active open space in Darebin due to infill development. 😞
2. While the future need for open space in Darebin will only be met with an 18% allocation in new developments the Labour government has not agreed to increase the open space allocation anywhere beyond 10% 😞

### Finally:

1. We believe the major parties have treated Darebin residents poorly. As a safe Labour seat it has been difficult to get representatives to take notice of residents' views on any development issues. 😞
2. DADA strongly believes that if the seats of Northcote and Preston become marginal we have the best chance to have an impact on planning policy.
3. Happy voting 😊

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