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The Green Wedges Coalition — Candidate Survey, November 2026

Please answer the following questions regarding our Green Wedges

The Green Wedges Coalition is a network of environmental and community groups working to protect the environment, agricultural land and rural open landscapes in our Green Wedges from urban and industrial encroachment and to restore residents' rights to be notified, to object and to appeal inappropriate development decisions.

We are inviting you to let us know where your party stands or, if you are an Independent candidate, where you stand on these important planning matters, so we can let the voters know how to vote to protect the Green Wedges. You may add comments if you wish.

Please cross out/strikethrough the answers you don't support. You may add comments if you wish. Please return your completed questionnaire to rowest99@gmail.com.au in time for us to collate and publish the results before or soon after early voting opens on Wednesday 18 November.

Thanks in anticipation,

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Coordinator, Green Wedges Coalition.

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Name & contact details of party representative or Independent candidate

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If you are elected, will you – or your party – work and vote to protect the Green Wedges for their environment, agricultural land and open rural landscapes by:

1. **Maintaining the existing Urban Growth Boundary as a permanent limit to growth? Yes/No**

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2. **Prohibiting urban and industrial uses in the Green Wedges?* Yes/No/Some**

Including the following uses in Green Wedges:

- prohibiting new schools **Yes/No**
- prohibiting new places of worship: **Yes/No**
- prohibiting industrial uses: **Yes/No**
- prohibiting data centres **Yes/No**
- prohibiting Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) **Yes/No**
- prohibiting soil dumping where landholders are paid for accepting dumped soil **Yes/No**
- requiring a permit for soil dumping **Yes/No**
- prohibiting infrastructure projects where alternative sites are available? **Yes/No**

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3. **Cancelling or pausing and reviewing the Suburban Rail Loop with a view to considering cancellation if at all possible,** (freeing labour, material and other resources for more sustainable, necessary and cost-effective projects)

- Cancelling the SRL **Yes/No**
- Pausing and reviewing the SRL with a view to cancelling if possible. **Yes/No**

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4. **Restoring planning democracy Yes/No,**
   by:
   - Abolishing the Development Facilitation Program and Ministerial fast tracking of planning decisions**? **Yes/No**
   - Restoring Councils as the Responsible or Planning Authority in virtually all planning matters? **Yes/No**
   - Restoring residents' rights to receive notice, make objections and seek independent review of planning applications? **Yes/No**

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5. **Restoring and reaffirming the prohibition of residential development in the Green Wedges** (beyond a single dwelling subject to a permit, and an additional dependent person's unit (max 60 sq m))*** **Yes/No**

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*****A good way to implement this would be for State Government to adopt in full Recommendation 9 of the Parliamentary Inquiry into Securing the Food Supply, which states: 'That the Victorian Government review and amend the Green Wedge Zone, the Green Wedge A Zone and Rural Conservation Zone to remove all Section 2 uses with no link to the agricultural or environmental objectives of these zones….'*

This would put an end to the school, place of worship and industrial applications that are causing so much grief and damage in the Green Wedges.

*** Apart from rare, State significant exceptions.*

*** This would mean disallowing and/or repealing this amendment.

Our survey questions are phrased on the assumption that if government changes are repealed and/or rights restored, the previous provisions would be reinstated, until or unless Councils or other planning authorities develop their own amendments subject to community consultation.

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