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Election priorities for older Victorians

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National Seniors Australia (NSA) is calling for all candidates to consider older Victorians' key concerns including community safety, economic management, and health care ahead of the Victorian Election Saturday 28 November.

"Our Victorian Election 2026 document outlines the key election concerns of seniors, drawn from a survey of community members in Victoria. The survey allowed participants to select the issues of greatest concern, and we ask all candidates to take these concerns seriously," NSA Chief Executive Officer Mr Chris Grice said.

- **Community Safety:** Seniors want candidates to adopt concrete policies and interventions that reduce the risk of crime, including tougher laws and sentencing, bail and parole reform, and more funding for police.

- **Economic Management:** Older Victorians support policies that reduce government debt, increase government accountability and integrity, reduce public sector spending, and support pensioners and job seekers.

- **Health Care:** Seniors also want investment to improve access for health services and reduce wait times, better access to dental and aged care services, and an adequate and skilled health workforce.

Other issues of concern include transport, fairness, housing, environment, infrastructure, and education. Seniors also raised the affordability of rents, housing insecurity, and homelessness, and flagged the importance of respect, tolerance, and social cohesion as important for candidates to consider.

"The upcoming election is an opportunity for all candidates to show they listen, understand, and genuinely want to help this cohort – today and into the future by committing to policies that strengthen the justice system, respond to cost-of-living pressures, and improve healthcare access and affordability," Mr Grice said.

"While community safety, economic management and health care were the clear top three concerns for seniors in Victoria, the variety of issues raised demonstrate seniors are not a homogenous group, but a diverse group with diverse interests and needs.

"Candidates may feel tempted to promote a narrow agenda that appeals to only a specific set of concerns, yet candidates must remember that an understanding of the interests of *all* Victorians, including older Victorians, is required to ensure Victoria is a welcoming and prosperous state, whomever forms government.

"Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2026, Nationals Seniors Australia defends, protects, and promotes the interests of older Australians. With more than 310,000 seniors nationally and 35,000+ seniors in Victoria, we understand the needs and wants of older people."

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