INDEPENDENT FOR WENTWORTH

20 YEAR OLD CANDIDATE

KEEPING POLITICS SIMPLE

FOCUSED ON THE LONG TERM

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MICHAEL RICHMOND

MY PREFERENCES

1 | **MICHAEL RICHMOND**
INDEPENDENT

2 | **RO KNOX**
LIBERALS

3 | **SAVANNA PEAKE**
LABOR

4 | **ALLEGRA SPENDER**
INDEPENDENT

5 | **JAMES STERNHELL**
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6 | **NICK WARD**
THE GREENS

WHY IM RUNNING

👎 SHORT END OF THE STICK

Young people today are too often expected to work longer hours, juggle multiple jobs, and spend less just to get by. Working 80-hour weeks shouldn't be the norm. It's time to rethink how certain industries in Australia operate so young people have the chance to thrive — not just survive.

🤍 MY EXPERIENCE AS A TEACHER

For two years, I worked as a contracted teacher, visiting schools across New South Wales to give lectures on study habits and time management. Many of the students I met were anxious and disengaged and more often than not fearful of the future when they should be feeling excited, supported, and curious about what lies ahead.

🔄 THE TWO PARTIES

In recent years, it feels like the two major parties have sidestepped major issues like housing instead of addressing them at the core. We need to hold our politicians accountable and ensure they stay focused on what truly matters. By running as an independent, I plan to propose meaningful bills, question speakers, and most importantly, keep the public informed and engaged with what's happening in parliament.
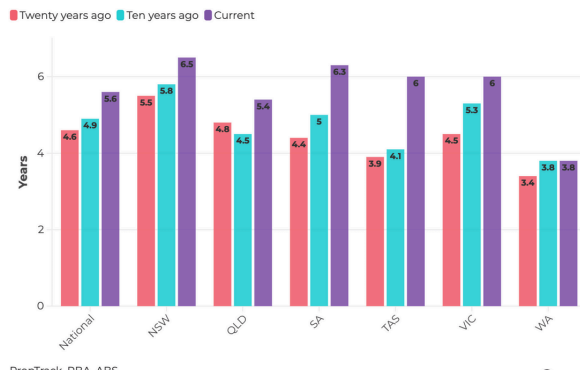
HOUSING

THE UNFORTUNATE REALITY

Simply put, most people don't actually want the housing crisis resolved — because the only real solution would lower home values, and with nearly 70% of Australians owning property, that's politically unpopular.

As a result, young Australians are left with three tough choices: live with their parents into their late twenties, spend most of their income renting with housemates, or save up and move further west.

It's time to shift away from a property-driven economy and invest in a more diverse, future-focused tertiary economy. To tackle the housing crisis, I propose the following reforms:

1. Phase out negative gearing
2. Moderate immigration levels
3. Double capital gains tax
4. Cut red tape in construction
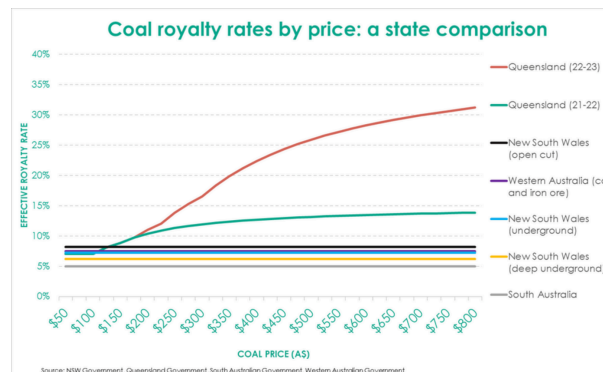5. Promote and subsidise TAFE construction education

ROYALTIES

HIDDEN TAX WE ALL PAY

Royalties in Australia are shockingly low — in some states, as little as 4%, like in South Australia. Meanwhile, Australia sits on some of the world's richest reserves of minerals and fossil fuels, powering our largest and most profitable industry.

In contrast, countries like Norway and the UAE apply royalties as high as 70%, using the revenue to invest directly in their citizens — funding things like free high school and university in Norway.

Our resources are finite. It's critical that the people who benefit most are those who live here and contribute fairly through taxes. If elected, I will push for:

1. Higher royalties on mining and fossil fuel companies
2. Greater investment in Australia's sovereign wealth fund
3. Reinvesting resource profits into infrastructure, housing, and education

TRANSPARENCY

THE HOLES IN PARLIAMENT

In recent years, both major parties have lacked transparency — taking large corporate donations, delivering weak reforms, and avoiding accountability. This has left many Australians, especially young people, feeling ignored and disillusioned.

While everyday Australians face rising living costs, a worsening housing crisis, and a stagnant economy, parliament continues to play it safe and avoid real solutions. If elected, I will:

1. Push for genuine transparency, including public access to voting records, lobbying activity, and political donations
2. Support anti-corruption measures that hold all MPs accountable, regardless of party
3. Keep young Australians informed by openly communicating what's happening in parliament