

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

This forum is offered by the Australian Student Christian Movement as a response to our faith's imperative to seek justice and mercy.

Whatever your spirituality, we invite you to consider your vision for a better world, and vote for those who intend to work for a similar vision.

Christian teaching calls all followers to respond to the love of God by being good news for God's world - in particular, to be good news for all those who are marginalised or oppressed. Our sacred texts repeatedly emphasise God's concern for the poor and are outraged at abuses of power. They offer a vision of a world that upholds the dignity of all humans.

We therefore encourage Christians to use their vote as a voice for those whose voices often go unheard.

Different responses do not necessarily stem from different levels of compassion or integrity. Often they derive from fundamentally different understandings of what the role of government is.

Some see the best way to address issues of poverty and inequality as being directly funding programs and individuals.

Others believe enabling conditions of general prosperity will create opportunities for those who have been less prosperous to advance themselves.

Some want government to change existing structures that they perceive as unjust or punitive.

What do YOU think?