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Intergenerational equality the key to prosperity

By Zoe Daniel

The future of our nation, and the future prosperity and wellbeing of our children was a key motivator for me when I chose to campaign for election in 2022.

As my then 14-year-old son said to me, "somebody has to do something for us, Mum."

That boy is now 17 and will soon step out into the world as an adult. What do we want that world to look like?

In the last 2 decades in Australia, the wealth of older Australians has grown by more than 50 per cent, thanks to the housing boom and superannuation.

Over the same period the wealth of younger Australians has barely moved. (Grattan 2019)

Intergenerational equality is at the centre of my thinking as I consider what I can achieve as your independent member for Goldstein for the rest of this parliamentary term, and beyond.

I am now just over halfway through my term as your representative.

As well as spending as much time as possible meeting and listening to you here at home, I have spent my time in Canberra systematically working through the policy changes that you asked me to implement.

Climate action vigilance

Among many other things, I successfully amended the government's Climate Change Act to make 43% carbon emissions by 2030 a floor not a ceiling, because we have to be much more ambitious than that. I now support a target of 75% by 2035.

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ABOVE: Zoe Daniel MP and supporters, First Speech, Canberra July 2022

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Acknowledgement of Country

Zoe Daniel and her office acknowledge the original custodians of the land on which we meet and work, including the Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation and the traditional owners of other lands and nations within this country. We acknowledge elders past, present and emerging. Sovereignty was never ceded.

A note from Zoe Daniel MP



ABOVE: Independent Federal Member for Goldstein

On the agenda for 2024

Climate Action legislation

Fixing the loopholes, pushing targets further to 75% by 2035, and holding the government and vested interests to account.

Equality

Women's economic empowerment and safety will take us forward as a nation. All legislation needs to specifically consider the impact on and benefit to women.

Prosperity

Housing affordability, housing security, cost of living relief, taxation reform, business support, transition to renewables.

Integrity

Whistleblower protection, stopping the spending rorts, banning gambling ads, media reform and privacy protection.

Families

Improving the services and spend on the scourge of eating disorders, protecting children from harmful content online.

Young people

Intergenerational equality for education, housing, access to mental health services and cost of living relief.

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Unlocking the economic powerhouse of women

I successfully added gender equality and consideration of empowerment of women in the workforce to the Fair Work Act, the Jobs and Skills Australia Act and the National Reconstruction Fund Act, because we must unlock the economic powerhouse that women can be.

Integrity is not done yet

I am in ongoing discussions with the government on a range of integrity measures including media reform, truth in political advertising and banning gambling advertising. I also, in a rare change to the parliamentary standing orders, changed the rules to ensure that your independent cross bench gets a fair proportion of questions during question time to hold the government to account. This is critical to the accountability and transparency that you want.

Tax reform

Beyond the recent changes to the Stage 3 tax cuts, which I have supported after consulting the Goldstein community, being able to have mature, difficult conversations about things like 'everything on the table' tax reform are part of the process of providing

our children with a stable, prosperous future. We must be able to have these conversations in a reasoned way, putting aside 3 yearly political motivations.

Duty of Care for young people and the environment

I would love to see you and your young people at the 'Duty of Care Forum' that I am running with the Member for Kooyong on the 14th March where we will discuss whether a duty of care to young people should be enshrined in legislation.

Meanwhile, I encourage you to read through what we've achieved together and what's next in the following pages.

There is much more to do if we want to achieve our vision of a prosperous renewable economy, an equal society with truly accountable and transparent government. These are the legacies that we can leave for our children. We can't leave this to the major parties because they won't do it on their own.

Independents don't necessarily need the balance of power to win improvements to legislation. You'll see this clearly in the Policy Achievements update within, where I've been able to influence government to improve legislation and accept amendments to bills that don't pass muster.

Duty of Care
Town Hall
Thursday 14 March
6:30pm
Hawthorn Arts Centre

RSVP HERE

Anjali Sharma
Climate Activist

Monique Ryan, MP
Independent Federal Member for Kooyong

Zoe Daniel, MP
Independent Federal Member for Goldstein

Half Term Achievements

As a community-backed Independent, politics is done differently.

It's about hearing people's voices, understanding the issues that are affecting you most and serving constituents better. By working with national and local stakeholders to get a broad view across Goldstein, that can happen. In addition to the hundreds of meetings and attendance at local events that are undertaken by an MP, these include:

Street meets and pop up offices

Held all around Goldstein. See back page for more information.

Podcasts

The Find Your Voice with Zoe Daniel podcast examines issues more deeply and in longer form with experts and leaders from a range of specialist fields.

2024-2025 Budget submission

Following extensive local consultation, Goldstein's Pre-Budget submission was prepared by Zoe and her team and lodged with the Treasury in January 2024.



Find the submission on the website at zoedaniel.com.au/2024/02/14/goldstein-budget-submission

Online surveys

Cost of living, Tax cuts, Household energy efficiency, Have your Say (see QR code link on back page)

Community forums

Cost of Living Forum at Bentleigh Bowls Club, Youth Forum at Beaumaris Secondary College, NDIS forum at Dendy Park (with Minister Shorten), Bayside Energy Forum (with Bayside City Council), Voice Referendum Forum (with Monique Ryan MP), Goldstein Youth Forum at Victorian Parliament (with State MPs).

Jewish Community safety

Since the Hamas terrorist attacks of October 7, antisemitism and Islamophobia have risen sharply, causing great distress and a genuine risk to social cohesion. Zoe has met in Canberra with the PM, Foreign Minister and others, and in Goldstein, Zoe and the office maintain close contact with community leaders, the Community Safety Group, and Victoria Police. Zoe has also met with the Victorian Premier and has attended numerous local Jewish Community events.

Community safety

Meetings, letters and advocacy with relevant State Ministers and Area Command at Victoria Police to ensure that resources are allocated to the rise in aggravated burglaries in the area.

Working for you

In the first half of this term, here are the key metrics and KPIs measured and delivered by Zoe Daniel MP on behalf of the people of Goldstein.

MPs have a responsibility to bring constructive and feasible ideas to Parliament, and to ensure your voice is represented whenever they are in Canberra and Goldstein. That's why Zoe has raised a Private Member's Bill to ban gambling ads, and has led or supported calls by other Independents in the crossbench to hold the government to account.

As an Independent, she reviews each bill on the merits and measures it against what you voted for her to implement, not along party lines. She does so in consultation with the community to make sure that laws and legislation can work better for not just this generation, but for future generations. If not us, who, if not now, when?

Since May 2022



6,377
Constituent
Cases



130
Speeches in
Parliament



198
Ministerial
Meetings



417
Goldstein
Meetings

Policy Achievements

PROSPERITY

Australia has emerged from a decade of delay and denial, but to ensure prosperity for children and for intergenerational equality, we need policies and a government prepared to be brave and bold.

The issues we face now are:

- the cost of living is too high
- inflation is too high
- the budget is in structural deficit
- we have too much debt
- productivity growth is too low
- workforce participation, particularly for women, is too low
- action on climate change is too slow
- inequality and poverty are growing
- the tax system is no longer fit for purpose.



Find Zoe Daniel's Prosperity policies and actions on the website.

Scan the QR code to go directly to the link.

Here's what Zoe has done

- ✔ Led the public charge opposing the windfall war profits of Australia's gas exporters, and for energy price relief as house-holders and businesses struggle with rising energy costs.
- ✔ Campaigned for an end to subsidies on fossil fuels to provide additional cost of living relief.
- ✔ Advocated for the adoption of Treasury's preferred reform of the Petroleum Resources Rent Tax to ensure a real return to the taxpayer for the private exploitation of publicly owned resources.
- ✔ Supported the gas cap legislation to provide energy price relief for households and small business.
- ✔ Supported the changes to the Stage Three tax cuts with their improved benefits for women, younger workers, low and medium income taxpayers.
- ✔ Won the government's agreement to amend its National Reconstruction Fund legislation to ensure consideration for women in funding selected programs.

CLIMATE ACTION

The urgency of the task before us cannot be overstated: to decarbonise our industries, our transport, our communities, and ensure integrity in climate policy.

Comprehensive and ambitious climate action requires greater will and faster action in a range of policy areas, as well as community action.

Before the 2022 election, Zoe advocated for a 60% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030. She now supports a 75% reduction in emissions by 2035.



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Here's what Zoe has done

- ✔ Won the government's agreement to legislate its target of a 43 percent cut in carbon emissions by 2030 as a floor not a ceiling.
- ✔ Sought improvements to the Safeguard Mechanism legislation to ensure integrity so big polluters cannot account their way to zero.
- ✔ Opposed the Sea Dumping legislation which enables expansion of gas projects and runs the risk of pollution by pumping CO2 into international waters.
- ✔ Won the government's agreement to amend the updated Murray Darling Basin Plan to ensure NSW is not rewarded for failing to live up to previous commitments.
- ✔ Advocated an end to fossil fuel subsidies.
- ✔ Advocated a more effective Petroleum Resources Rent Tax to return more money to taxpayers from exploitation of public assets.
- ✔ Advocated a windfall tax on the war profits of Australia's multinational gas producers.
- ✔ Advocating a reduction of at least 75 percent in carbon emissions by 2035.
- ✔ Advocated tax incentives for the purchase of electric vehicles.
- ✔ Advocated a national road user charge to ensure equitable contributions for road use.
- ✔ Encouraged the expansion of a national network of EV fast chargers.

Policy Achievements

EQUALITY

Gender equality is good for everyone. It makes our communities safer and healthier, and it is good for the economy.

Currently, Australia is underutilising 50% of its economic potential. According to Deloitte Access Economics, the Australian economy would be boosted by \$128 billion if the persistent barriers to women's full and equal participation in the economy were removed. That equates to \$12,000 extra a year per household and can deliver a significant economic benefit across the lifetime of women.

Australia is sitting on an extraordinary economic resource. The Women's Economic Equality Taskforce Report: A 10-year plan to unleash the full capacity and contribution of women to the Australian economy, demonstrates what we stand to gain as a nation when we break down the systemic barriers impeding women's economic participation.

Zoe has intentionally focused on action that can empower all women and girls to have equal opportunities and pathways to secure jobs and take committed action to prevent and address gender-based violence.



Find Zoe Daniel's Equality policies and actions on the website.

Scan the QR code to go directly to the link.

Priorities for Women

Women's economic equality

Women's economic participation across their lifetime is less valued, secure, and safe which leads to lower incomes, less job security, job segregation, lower super balances, lower wealth creation, and a higher likelihood of poverty.

We must enable women's workforce participation across all sectors. Women want secure work and respect, and that's what must be fought for and won.

Women's safety

Sexual assault and sexual harassment are not only harmful to women's health and well-being, but gender-based violence is also a key barrier to women's workforce participation and economic security. If the Government is serious about wanting to re-establish Australia as a global leader on gender equality, it must urgently address women's safety. Everyone deserves to live and work free of violence.

Here's what Zoe has done

- ✔ Argued successfully for the restoration of payments to single parents with children aged up to 14.
- ✔ Won improved funding for better treatment of eating disorder among children and adolescents.
- ✔ Called for legislated gender pay gap transparency at the Jobs and Skills Summit in September 2022, now being legislated.
- ✔ Called for "roster justice" to improve certainty for part time and casual women workers.
- ✔ Working with the government to produce real time collection of domestic violence data and actions.
- ✔ Won the government's agreement to amend its Jobs and Skills Legislation to improve access for women to apprenticeships, traineeships and skills programs.
- ✔ Lobbied the government to speed up introduction of a path to permanent residency for refugee visa holders.
- ✔ Led parliamentary calls for the government to introduce targeted financial sanctions against Myanmar's military junta, now in place.
- ✔ Had Parliament House lit up in orange in November 2023 – the universal colour that brings global recognition to the epidemic of gender-based violence – and now working with the government for urgent action, more resources and earlier intervention.
- ✔ Secured a YES vote in Goldstein at the Voice referendum.



ABOVE: Parliament House illuminated in recognition of gender-based violence, November 2023

Policy Achievements

INTEGRITY

Integrity is the foundation of good, democratic government; it is central to the proper functioning of every aspect of our society. Without trust in the integrity of our politicians and public servants, their truthfulness and transparency, public faith in democracy is eroded, giving rise to disenchantment, disaffection and worse.

Australians deserve politicians who are held accountable. That's what community independents like Zoe are doing right now, holding the major parties to account.



Find Zoe Daniel's Integrity policies and actions on the website.
Scan the QR code to go directly to the link.

Here's what Zoe has done

- ✔ Introduced a Private Members Bill to ban gambling advertising.
- ✔ Led the campaign to demand the government accept the recommendation of the Peta Murphy inquiry to ban gambling advertising.
- ✔ Called for a judicial inquiry into media diversity, and kicked off a campaign for media reform, encouraging the government to act on its election commitments.
- ✔ Encouraged the government to improve whistleblower legislation to provide genuine protection for whistleblowers and journalists, with priority for the establishment of an Office of the Whistleblower Commissioner.
- ✔ Advocated for real time disclosure of minister's diaries and tighter regulation of lobbyists, including disclosure of meetings with politicians and advisers.
- ✔ Advocated real time disclosure of all political donations above \$1,000.
- ✔ Advocated greater transparency and an end to "dark money" in financial contributions to political parties.
- ✔ Changed parliament's Standing Orders to ensure the cross-bench could make ministers more accountable.
- ✔ Questioned the Communications Minister about her apparent conflict of interest in accepting campaign donations from online betting giant Sportsbet
- ✔ Pushed the government to live up to its election commitment to establish a National Anti-Corruption Commission Leadership.
- ✔ Co-hosted the parliamentary launch of CRISP – a program that helps refugee families build a new life.



ABOVE: Zoe Daniel MP and Allegra Spender MP in discussions with the clerks.



ABOVE: Zoe Daniel MP, Kate Chaney MP, Bridget Archer MP, Professor AJ Brown and others at the Parliamentary Friends of Governance to champion robust protections for whistleblowers.



ABOVE: Whistleblower David McBridem who revealed allegations of war crimes in Afghanistan. The government persisted with his prosecution, costing taxpayers at least \$2.4m. Sentencing is scheduled for 12 March. (AAP: Mike Tsikas)

Community News

Community Grants

Goldstein Grant finder

The Goldstein Grant Finder has been set up so you can efficiently search and have free access to the widest range of current grant opportunities from Federal, State, Local and philanthropic bodies.

Once you register you can search for grants and set up your profile to get regular alerts for possible grant opportunities.

Register here: <https://goldstein.grantguru.com.au/>



Visit the **Grant Guru website** by scanning your camera on the QR code.



ABOVE: Zoe Daniel with local residents, Carolyn and Mark..



Puzzle

Rules: Discover words consisting of four letters or more. Each word must incorporate the central letter and use each letter only once. Uncover at least a single nine-letter word. Exclude informal expressions, words from other languages, capitalised proper nouns, apostrophes, and hyphens. Do not include verbs or plural words that conclude with "s".

Clue: *What does your Independent MP fight for?*

- 15 words: Good
- 21 words: Very good
- 27+ words: Excellent

G	E	I
N	Y	R
I	T	T

Your words:

Around the Community

Pop-up office – Bentleigh

Zoe held her first pop-up office for the year in Bentleigh in January. Zoe always enjoys getting out in the community and hearing from constituents.

Goldstein feedback is invaluable and Zoe and the team look forward to hearing from you at one of the future pop-up offices or street meets.

Goldstein Medal

The Goldstein Medal is awarded by the Office of Zoe Daniel MP. Schools are invited to nominate and recognise Goldstein school students for their leadership, service and respect.

Congratulations to all the recipients.



ABOVE: 2023 Goldstein Medal winner, Ella McLoughlin, Gardenvale Primary School.

Icebergers – Brighton

The Brighton Icebergers swim year-round, even in the cold winter weather. The sea temperature at Brighton in winter is 7–12 C rising to 22 C in summer. But for an Iceberger there are only 3 temperatures; warm, cold and freezing.

Zoe has joined them several times in their morning swim as a great way to start the day, and to take care of maintaining good mental and physical health.

Did you know? Icebergers don't wear wetsuits, and they swim in open water. As they say, open water, open minds.



ABOVE: Pop-up office – Bentleigh.



ABOVE: Icebergers – Brighton.

Around the Community

Vida Goldstein

Goldstein's very own Vida Goldstein is getting a bronze statue in her honour. Zoe Nominated Vida Goldstein for a statue in a submission to the City of Melbourne's initiative to include and recognise women in our public art and statues. In December 2023, they announced Vida would finally get her statue!

Vida is an important historical figure both in Goldstein and Australia-wide, paving the way for women to run for parliamentary office. Same applies to equal pay activist, Zelda D'Aprano whose statue is pictured here.



ABOVE: Zoe Daniel with Zelda D'Aprano statue and Melbourne City Council's Deputy Lord Mayor, Nick Reece.

Always Live – Sandringham

Zoe had a blast celebrating our music industry by opening the Always Live End of the Line show at the Sandy Village Festival, featuring the awesome Clare Bowditch.

Clare will be performing again at The Autumn Fest for Bayside City Council on 17th March, at Balcombe Park, Beaumaris.

For more details on Autumn Fest, go to page 11.



ABOVE: Zoe Daniel with singer Clare Bowditch.

Midsumma Pride March

Zoe marched alongside a wonderful group of Goldstein and Kooyong residents as a part of the Midsumma Pride festival.

This event is an opportunity for all of us to celebrate and recognise the LGBTQIA+ community, their visibility and to show our ongoing commitment to their equality, safety and wellbeing.

In addition to the Midsumma Festival held in January and February, Midsumma Year Round is a program that nurtures LGBTQIA+ artists by creating opportunities for their professional development. Find out more at <https://www.midsumma.org.au/info/midsumma-year-round/>



ABOVE: Midsumma Pride March 2024.

Around the Community

Glen Eira Citizenship Ceremony

Whenever Zoe is not in Parliament she attends citizenship ceremonies to welcome new Australian citizens. These happen regularly within Glen Eira and Bayside.



ABOVE: Another beautiful citizenship ceremony at City of Glen Eira, 29 January 2024.

Gardenvale Primary School

Zoe visited the Gardenvale Primary School as part of the Newshound podcast which teaches kids to sniff out misinformation and disinformation in the media.

It's important that kids learn to spot this, and Zoe thanks Squiz kids and Gardenvale Primary School for having her along.



ABOVE: Zoe at Gardenvale Primary School.

Donna Urquhart

Zoe welcomed the inspiring Goldstein resident, Donna Urquhart to her office to discuss how we can empower girls to take up and stay in sport.

Donna completed an incredible feat recently breaking the record for the longest run in a polar region after completing a 1,300-kilometre ultramarathon in Antarctica.

You can hear more about Donna as she discussed this with Zoe on the Find Your Voice podcast at:

zodaniel.com.au/category/find-your-voice-podcast.

Find Your Voice podcast episodes you may enjoy

- With Sam Mostyn on the Women's Economic Equality Taskforce Report
- With Kieran Pender on Strengthening Australia's Whistleblower Protections
- With Professor Patrick McGorry and a bi-partisan panel of MPs on Australia's Youth Mental Health Crisis
- With Andrew Leigh MP on his book *Disconnected*, which explores the decline in various forms of social connection, including family ties, civic participation, and neighbourhood relationships



ABOVE: Zoe with Donna Urquhart.

Local Events



Markets

Autumn Fest across Bayside

- **Kids Fun Day**
3 March
10–3pm
Basterfield Park, Hampton East
- **Live and Local**
17 March
11–4pm
Balcombe Park, Beaumaris
- **Easter Eggstravaganza**
24 March
10–3pm
Landcox Park, Brighton East

Bayside Farmers Market

4th Saturday of every month,
8am–1pm
Trey Bit Reserve (Jetty Road)
Sandringham
23 Mar | 27 April | 25 May

Beaumaris Farmers Market

3rd Sunday of every month,
9am–1pm
Beaumaris North PS, Wood Street,
Beaumaris
17 Mar | 21 Apr | 19 May

Bentleigh Sunday Market

Every Sunday morning,
7am–12pm
Bentleigh Railway Station Car Park,
Bent Street
(opposite Coles Supermarket)

Brighton Farmers Market

3rd Saturday of the month
8:30am–1pm
St Andrew's Church
228 Church Street, Brighton

Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Community Market

1st Sunday of every month,
9am–2pm
Inner Course Reserve
7 Apr | 5 May



Beach Patrols and Love Our Streets (Clean Up)

Regular events, all suburbs.
Check website for your suburb and monthly clean up times
www.beachpatrol.com.au
E: admin@beachpatrol.com.au



Art & Music

Art Arboreum – Billilla Bayside City Council

13 April 2024 |
26 Halifax St, Brighton

Themed around the gardens and the magnificent trees of Billilla, this event on Saturday 13 April will feature artists from diverse genres and styles throughout the gardens and gazebo, but particularly under the trees.

Bring a picnic or enjoy food from a range of vendors before you meander around the gardens and engage with a variety of art forms al fresco. There'll also be children's activities to delight younger visitors. Check Bayside City Council website for more details.

Groove and Graze

23rd March 2024
Halley Park, Bentleigh

A free family-friendly music and food festival in Glen Eira, including some of the best Melbourne food trucks, a pop-up bar and live music showcasing young and emerging local artists. This event will continue into the night, bringing the park to life with immersive light displays and roving acts.

Dare to Hope Football Match MCG

Easter Monday – 1st April 2024

Dare to Hope is a brilliant legacy, born in Goldstein from the passing of late Hawthorn Football Club Premiership Player and Norm Smith Medalist, Paul Dear. Paul died from pancreatic cancer in 2022.

Since then his wife Cherie Dear has worked with Pancare Australia to establish the Dare to Hope: Paul Dear Pancreatic Cancer Fund to give hope to Australians living with pancreatic cancer.

Get along to the Dare to Hope match at the MCG on Easter Monday. Help them improve awareness and fund research for innovative treatments to better treat pancreatic cancer.



ABOVE: Zoe Daniel and Cherie Dear in their Dare to Hope scarves. See you at the game!

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Between editions

Zoe's 'Your Voice' Podcast

Tune in where all good podcasts are available.



Zoe Daniel's Monthly Newsletter

Sign up at zoedaniel.com.au to receive updates via email.

Events with Zoe

Meeting constituents, being in the community and visiting organisations and businesses is vital to the work of an MP to understand and represent what is important to Goldstein.

In the coming months, Zoe Daniel and the electoral office team will continue to conduct broad consultation on housing, young people, climate action, energy and other issues and topics.

Constituents are very welcome to join in or invite Zoe to events if she is available. You can also bring others who might benefit

from asking about policy priorities and their own concerns. These events are a great way to ask your questions directly.

Sign up to the e-newsletter for all forthcoming events, including forums and more opportunities to have a conversation on what matters to you or your neighbours. Follow Zoe Daniel MP on socials for venue locations and times. Alternatively, you can contact the office directly on (03) 9557 4644.

Upcoming events:

- **18 April – Politics in the Club**
- **6 May – Housing Forum**

All venues and times are updated in Zoe's website, eNewsletter and socials.

Volunteer with Zoe

We would be delighted to have you join our passionate team of volunteers creating positive change in Goldstein and Australia.

<https://zoedaniel.com.au/get-involved/volunteering>



A **5 minute 'Have Your Say' survey** can be completed anytime. Scan the QR code on the left to go directly to it.