

Adam Martin, Candidate for Braddon, Independent

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<https://adammartin.au/home/cost-of-living-crisis-reforms/>

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<https://adammartin.au/home/housing-its-your-right/>

<https://adammartin.au/home/climate-change-securing-braddons-future-through-renewable-energy-and-sustainability/>

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The high cost of living crisis is being driven by the corporate duopolies and bank cartels that hold market share in this country. For instance, Australia's supermarkets are the most profitable in the world! This overarching problem must be addressed at its source: Australia's Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) must be directed to break up these duopolies and enact Glass Steagall separation of the banks to put a firewall between speculative investment banking from standard banking services. Establishment of a new Publicly owned bank using Australia Post outlets as base would offer needed competition to the Big 4 and support regional Australian communities.

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A new Public Postal Bank would make profits (not excessive) which would be returned to communities in the form of priority public facilities. The Bank's infrastructure development focus would make such projects practical and affordable once more.

Digital skills to not guarantee improved literacy and numeracy skills. Indeed, comprehensive studies have shown that youthful users of social media and digital media are unable to concentrate as well as previous generations. Literacy and numeracy skills in Tasmania are at an all-time low. Bedtime stories and book-learning in general appear to be a thing of the past. Low income households are struggling to survive under cost of living pressures, impacting family life and the nature of their children. The dangers of scams and cyber crime are well known and can be integrated into any education program without extra precious funding.

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Increasing public revenue through much higher taxation of corporations, including sufficient royalties on our raw materials extraction, is long over-due. Essential public health and education facilities and staffing, and supports for those most in need are in dire need. Tasmania also has a crisis in essential water and sewerage infrastructures which are either literally crumbling away or inadequate to service increased population centres.

The Coalition's Response to TasCOSS

2025 Federal Election Questionnaire

Tasmania is special and unique. Tasmanians need a government in Canberra that understands Tasmania and is making decisions that are good for Tasmanians. A Dutton Government in Canberra will work together with Tasmania's Liberal Government to support and deliver for Tasmanians.

Social Services

There are few countries that provide the strong safety net available to Australians.

Social security payment rates, including JobSeeker, Youth Allowance, Parenting Payment and related working-aged welfare payments, are indexed on a regular basis, which helps to maintain their value over time. Increases to these payment rates are automatically linked to specific price changes, such as the Consumer Price Index and wages.

Australia's comprehensive income support system includes more than 20 supplementary payments available to income support recipients, depending on their circumstances and additional needs.

On top of direct payments, our social security system also includes employment services, Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme concessions and health care cards.

We must make sure our welfare system is fair to the taxpayers who pay for it.

It is funded by taxpayers and therefore needs to be managed responsibly. This responsibility extends to future generations who will have to meet the cost of the social security system in the decades to come.

An elected Dutton Government will ensure the welfare system is fit for purpose and provides a safety net for those Australians most in need.

Housing

Under Labor, it has become harder than ever for many Australians to buy or rent a home, with skyrocketing rents, vacancies at critical lows and not enough homes being built.

Labor has fuelled demand and undercut affordability of housing with record migration and high inflation.

Under a Dutton Government there will be no increase to capital gains tax and no changes to negative gearing.

The Liberal Party will unlock up to 500,000 new homes through our \$5 billion Housing Infrastructure Programme. This will invest in enabling infrastructure such as water, power, sewerage, and access roads to unlock the supply of shovel-ready new housing developments.

We will set an ambitious target of 30 per cent of the Housing Infrastructure Programme for investing in the regions to boost the supply of new homes across regional Australia.

And we will cut red and green tape by freezing any changes to the National Construction Code for 10 years, allowing builders to get on with the job of building new homes across the country.

Under our plan, a Dutton Government will fight inflation to take pressure off interest rates and rents, reduce migration in line with our capacity to adequately provide for infrastructure and housing, fund essential infrastructure to unlock new homes, address regulatory barriers to accessing mortgages, tackle union corruption, and support new apprentices and trainees into building and construction.

Communications

The Liberal Party will always deliver more for regional communications than Labor. We are focused on improving access to telecommunications and high speed internet in our regions.

This is why as part of our plans we are supporting a \$3 billion investment in the NBN which will upgrade connections for over 600,000 homes, with more than half of these in our regions.

In contrast, under Labor we have seen this weak government watch over families forced into an up to 14 per cent increase for the NBN, with two price hikes in a period of just eight months.

They have also completely botched the closure of the 3G network, which left many in our community stranded without telecommunications access for some time.

Taxation

The Liberal Party is committed to delivering lower, simpler, and fairer taxes. The starting point for real tax reform is strong economic management. A Dutton Government will restore good budget management and economic responsibility.

We will restore the budget rules that have underpinned every good budget since Coalition Treasurer Peter Costello introduced the Charter of Budget Honesty in 1998 until 2022:

- Restoring the tax to GDP cap.
- Ensuring our spending grows at less than GDP growth.
- Committing to restoring the budget to structural balance over the medium term.
- Ensuring windfall revenue is not used to fund structural spending - but is preserved for future generations.

We will embed a whole-of-economy productivity target in our fiscal strategy and elevate productivity as the primary growth lever of our economy.

This will strengthen our economy and enable us to fund the essential services on which Australians's rely.

Responsible budget management is essential to protect our nation and beat inflation, and it is essential to be able to afford genuine tax reform.

A Coalition Government will restore strong budget management to get Australia back on track.