

2016 FEDERAL ELECTION:

VOTE FOR VOLUNTEERING

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Imagine Australia without volunteers

Our nation would not run without volunteering

This Federal Election, I'm taking the pledge to Vote for Volunteering.

I acknowledge that volunteering supports the work of the federal government through the delivery of core programs, making a significant contribution to the Australian economy and society. I further acknowledge that the delivery of successful volunteering programs requires adequate funding that must keep pace with the growth in demand. I am concerned by reports that the number of volunteers in Australia is decreasing and believe Government must show the leadership required to encourage more people into volunteering.

I pledge to work in partnership with the volunteering sector to support the work of volunteers, volunteer managers and volunteer-involving organisations if elected on July 2.

What this looks like to the sector:

- **A new National Volunteering Strategy** that is non-partisan and developed in partnership with Volunteering Australia and other relevant sectors
- **A commitment to increased federal funding to volunteering** that is managed sustainably, consistently and transparently, and that is allocated as a result of independent research and collaboration with the sector in the form of a Productivity Commission inquiry
- **An acknowledgement that the work of volunteering crosses all portfolios of the Government**, and must be administered accordingly
- **An increase in support for volunteering in areas with critical gaps**, such as aged care, disability services, emergency management and youth.

Signed: _____

We urge you to share your pledge on social media using the hashtag, #Vote4Volunteering.