

# SEP Australia online meeting: “Vote 1 Socialist Equality Party”

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The Socialist Equality Party (SEP) is holding its final nationwide public meeting of the federal election campaign this Sunday, May 15 at 3 p.m. (AEST). SEP candidates and party leaders will outline the socialist and revolutionary alternative to the right-wing, pro-business and militarist policies of Labor, the Liberal-Nationals and all the parliamentary parties. Register now to attend this critical meeting.

The official campaign for the election has been the most right-wing in Australian history. All the major parties are united on “let it rip” COVID policies that have resulted in the preventable deaths of up to 20 million people worldwide. While they claim that the pandemic is over, tens of thousands of people in Australia are infected every day and dozens perish, joining the more than 5,000 lives lost this year.

The COVID policies are dictated solely by the interests of the corporations and the banks. Labor, the Liberals and the Greens are committed to sending workers into unsafe places of employment so that profits can be pumped out of them. And children must be threatened with a deadly virus, so their parents can go to work.

The same profit-driven logic is at work in every other aspect of the official campaign. Labor and the Liberals are pledging nothing to address the crisis in education and healthcare or the soaring cost of living. Instead, they back tax cuts for the ultra-wealthy and handouts to big business.

The major parties are competing with one another over who is best placed to carry out sweeping pro-business restructuring and social spending cuts to force the working class to pay for the hundreds of billions handed to the corporations during the pandemic.

Labor, the Liberals and the Greens also support Australia’s frontline involvement in the advanced US

plans for war with China aimed at ensuring the hegemony of American imperialism. Liberal defence minister Peter Dutton declared on Anzac Day that it was necessary to “prepare for war” with nuclear-armed China. Labor agreed, but declared that it would build up the military more rapidly than the government.

The dynamic has been clear in the furore that has erupted over the Solomon Island’s signing of a security pact with China. The government, together with the US, have threatened the tiny Pacific nation with regime-change and even invasion. Labor has declared that the signing of the pact is the “greatest foreign policy failure” of an Australian government since World War Two.

The SEP is the only party in this election fighting to mobilise the working class against the dangers of a catastrophic world war, and to unite it with workers around the world in an international anti-war movement based on a socialist perspective.

The SEP has been actively advancing a socialist program of action for the working class, intervening during the election among striking NSW teachers, on the picket line of bus drivers in Victoria, at universities, working class neighbourhoods and industrial workplaces.

The SEP is the only party telling the truth: nothing will be resolved by this election. The campaign is not focused on getting as many members of parliament as possible, but on building the revolutionary leadership of the working class required in the emerging struggles in Australia and internationally against the rising costs of living, attacks on social conditions, wage suppression, interest rate hikes and the everyday threat of mass infection and death from the pandemic.

At the meeting, leading members of the SEP will speak on the global context within which the election is

occurring and will outline the party's socialist and internationalist program. Ample time will be provided for questions and discussion. Register today!

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