

The Socialist Equality Party candidates for the March 25 NSW election

Our reporters
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The Socialist Equality Party (SEP) is standing three candidates in the March 25 New South Wales (NSW) state elections. They are Max Boddy in the NSW Legislative Assembly in the Bankstown electorate and Oscar Grenfell and Mike Head in the Legislative Council.

Due to anti-democratic legislation our candidates will not be permitted to stand under the name of the party. In the Bankstown electorate Max Boddy's name will appear on the ballot and in the Upper House (Legislative Council) Oscar Grenfell's and Mike Head's names will appear together below the line.

Max Boddy, 33, will represent the SEP in the electorate of **Bankstown**, in Sydney's southwest. He is the Assistant National Secretary of the SEP. He writes for the *World Socialist Web Site* (WSWS) on the issues facing asylum seekers and their inhumane treatment at the hands of Australian governments, whether Coalition or Labor.

He has completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Newcastle, majoring in Aboriginal Studies. In 2019, Boddy stood as the SEP candidate for the seat of Hunter in NSW against Joel Fitzgibbon, the Labor incumbent. In 2022, he stood for the SEP as the lead candidate on our NSW senate ticket in the federal election.

Oscar Grenfell, 30, will stand as the lead candidate for the party on our group ticket for the Legislative Council. Grenfell is a member of the SEP's national committee and a regular correspondent for the WSWS. He has written extensively on key political and industrial issues, including in defence of Julian Assange and Chelsea Manning, the political and social crisis confronting young people, and exposures of the pro-capitalist policies of the Greens and of the pseudo-left's divisive "identity" politics.

Grenfell was born and raised in Sydney's inner-west and joined the SEP while at high school. He completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Sydney, majoring in English literature. In 2015, he stood as the SEP candidate for Bankstown in the NSW state election, for Grayndler in the federal election in 2016 standing against Anthony Albanese, current prime minister, in Parramatta in 2019 and as a NSW Senate candidate in the 2022 federal election.

Mike Head, 70, will stand alongside Grenfell on the SEP's Legislative Council ticket. Head is a longstanding member of the SEP, WSWS correspondent, Western Sydney University law lecturer and secretary of the party's Brisbane branch. A member of the party for more than 40 years, he is married with three adult children. In recent years, he has conducted political work regularly in the Brisbane and northern NSW area, building the influence of the SEP among workers and young people.

Head writes regularly for the WSWS on the bipartisan assault against democratic rights, as well as on many other political, economic and social issues. He has represented the party in several elections and stood as the SEP's lead candidate in 2022 federal election in our senate group in Queensland.

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