

SEP (Australia) election meetings: The socialist alternative to war and austerity

Socialist Equality Party (Australia)

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Over the coming days, the Socialist Equality Party (SEP) will hold a series of public meetings in which its candidates will outline the socialist and internationalist perspective they are advancing, against the threat of world war, genocide, dictatorship and social immiseration.

The meetings will be held in Brisbane on April 23, and in Sydney, Melbourne and Newcastle on April 27. They will also be streamed live via Zoom. See the end of this article for full meeting details.

We urge workers and young people looking for an alternative to the lies and misinformation of Labor, the Liberal-Nationals, the Greens and the media to attend, tell your friends and colleagues and take part in these crucial discussions.

The SEP is alone in telling the truth. The election will resolve nothing for the working class. Whichever party scrapes into office will impose an agenda of massive cuts to social spending and wages to pay for a huge growth of military spending for war. The paltry promises of the major parties on housing and cost-of-living are simply window-dressing, to hide this agenda. Their pledges which would do virtually nothing to improve social hardships even if they were enacted, will be promptly dropped after May 3.

The SEP's campaign is not simply or primarily about votes. Unlike every other party, we are seeking to build a new mass party of the working class, aimed at abolishing capitalism and establishing a society based on social need, not private profit.

That is why we are campaigning in key working-class areas, where our meetings will be held.

These include the seat of Calwell, in Melbourne, ground zero of the social crisis caused by the destruction of the Australian car industry by the corporations, Labor governments and the unions. In

Brisbane, we are contesting Oxley, a working-class seat with high levels of unemployment and poverty. We are standing in Newcastle, a key regional hub, battered by the decimation of steel jobs. And in Sydney, we are particularly campaigning in the working-class southwest areas, where there is acute housing stress, as well as mass opposition to Labor's complicity in the Gaza genocide.

Our campaigners are finding not only social hardship, but immense social anger. There is a growing recognition among workers that Labor, the Liberals and the Greens are parties of the banks and big business. There is intense hostility to social inequality and to war, and there is a mood that a fightback by the working class is required. That is part of a global radicalisation of the working class, including the development of mass social struggle against the fascistic Trump administration in the US, which is seeking to establish a dictatorship of the corporate oligarchy in the heart of world capitalism.

Our campaign is directed to the working-class struggles that will inevitably emerge after the election. Those struggles will increasingly be of a mass scale, but they require a political leadership and perspective, based on the lessons of history, a scientific understanding of world economy and of the revolutionary role of the working class. In other words, they will need a party, which we are fighting to build. Attend our meetings to take your place in building that leadership.

Brisbane:

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23

WHERE: Old Inala Hall, Rosemary St & Abelia St, Inala QLD 4077

Or click [here](#) to attend online.

Melbourne:

WHEN: 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27

WHERE: Hume Global Learning Centre, 1093 Pascoe Vale Rd, Broadmeadows VIC 3047

Register here or use this link to attend online.

Newcastle:

WHEN: 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 27

WHERE: Joy Cummings Centre, 63 Scott Street, Newcastle East, NSW

Register here or use this link to attend online.

Sydney:

WHEN: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 27

WHERE: Belmore Senior Citizens Centre, 38 Redman Parade, Belmore, NSW

Register here or use this link to attend online.

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