

I got involved in the Greens not long after the vote on Marriage Equality. I have a photograph of my daughter posting my vote in, grinning ear to ear. She made the artwork below in celebration.

I'm proud the Greens have always been with the queer community, wholeheartedly and without hesitation. They were the only ones in parliament fighting for equal marriage for a long time, when major parties wouldn't get behind it.

We know how important it is to be absolutely unequivocal in our support of the queer community right now. The rise of the right is terrifying, and I hear from my queer friends and family that Trump is having a chilling effect. The Greens are here to make sure Australia doesn't join the slippery slope - we'll help Labor form a progressive power-sharing government who won't roll over for Donald Trump. **We'll hold the line, every vote every time.** We'll always fight for joy and safety for queer people everywhere - on the street, at home, in schools and hospitals, in the workplace. This election we're taking policies that make sure LGBTIQ+ voices are heard at the highest levels of government.

Making sure everyone is safe, free, supported and confident to be their magnificent selves - whatever gender, sexuality, culture or religion we are - is the heart of why I'm here.

Yours in hope always,

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ps. Mieka's art below 💖



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Greens Candidate for Macnamara



I work on the lands of the Bunurong people of the Kulin nation. Sovereignty over their land was never ceded. I pay my respects to Elders, past and present, and commit to working towards Treaty, justice and reconciliation with First Nations people.