Responses to AMA Victoria's health priorities

ONE NATION VICTORIA | 2026 STATE ELECTION

1. End dangerous delays in hospital care. Beginning with its first budget, fund the staffed acute, subacute, and rehabilitation capacity needed to reduce access block, require clinical and executive review and corrective action for every emergency department stay of more than 24 hours, and publish results for each hospital.

> One Nation will review patient flow across the whole hospital system, not just delays in emergency departments. This will include access to aged care, rehabilitation and subacute care.

2. Make specialist care visible and navigable. Publish standardised quarterly waiting data, ensure one clinically appropriate referral is enough, and fund the public specialist positions and networked services needed to reduce delay.

> One Nation will review specialist waiting times and referral processes across Victoria. We will look at ways to make waiting lists clearer and reduce delays.

3. Restore capacity for severe and acute mental illness. Fund additional acute, subacute, and rehabilitation care and its specialist workforce, identify where genuinely new beds are operating, and publish meaningful access and outcome data.

> There needs to be a statewide review of mental health services. One Nation recognises the increasing demand for acute mental health beds and community psychiatric services.

4. Give chronic pain proper priority. Expand public multidisciplinary pain services, particularly in regional Victoria, strengthen the pain medicine workforce, and report demand, waiting times, and outcomes.

> Acute and chronic pain services have long been underrepresented in regional areas. One Nation will review waiting times and demand, and look at where services should be directed.

5. Keep general practice, community health, and private specialist practice viable. Stop transferring unfunded work, protect community health general practice services for vulnerable patients, and provide a full payroll tax exemption for general practice and private specialist services.

> One Nation will not remove existing GP or community health services in Victoria. Payroll tax is being reviewed as part of our broader tax policy.

6. Build the medical workforce Victoria needs. Conclude a fair public hospital doctors' enterprise agreement, fund training places in line with graduate numbers and service need, create sustainable public specialist positions, and publish the data needed for sound workforce decisions.

> One Nation supports fair enterprise bargaining, adequate training places and sustainable specialist positions. We will review workforce needs to help plan for the future.

7. Give doctors' time back and support safe, sustainable careers. Make Getting Rid of Stupid Stuff an ongoing partnership, remove duplication, and protect doctors from fatigue, occupational violence, and exploitation.

> One Nation will review unnecessary paperwork and duplication in hospitals. We will also look at measures to reduce fatigue and improve safety for medical staff.

8. Deliver regional and rural health equity. Establish a parliamentary inquiry while acting now on extreme hospital waits, medical training and retention, statewide digital access, and the real cost of travelling for care.

> In line with our rural health policy, One Nation will review regional health care, including hospital waiting times, staffing and access to local services.

9. Protect prevention and act earlier. Reconsider the dissolution of VicHealth, preserve dedicated prevention funding and an independent public health voice, and improve equitable access to proven programs.

VicHealth will be maintained as an independent body and will not be dissolved.

10. Connect the system and make reform work. Deliver a statewide electronic medical record and interoperable referrals, put medical leadership at the centre of reform, and ensure new models of care are safe, connected, and properly evaluated.

One Nation will work to make electronic medical records work across Victoria. Hospital systems should share patient information safely and reduce duplicated paperwork.