2026 Victorian Election scorecard.

Where the major parties stand on the 15 commitments Victorian farmers are asking for this election.

HOW TO READ IT ✓ Full commitment ◑ Partial commitment ○ No commitment ✗ Opposed

PRIORITY 1 Remove unfair taxes and regulation.

1.1 Ditch the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund

Labor	◑ Partial	Keeps the ESVF. The primary production variable rate stays frozen at the 2024–25 level for the next term of government, and the volunteer rebate now covers farmland with a capital improved value of up to $10 million.
Coalition	✓ Full	Will scrap the ESVF and return to the former Fire Services Property Levy.
Greens	◑ Partial	Supports a review of the ESVF, including rates and greater transparency about how the fund is spent. Voted for the ESVF in May 2025 after securing spending guarantees and a lower farm rate.
One Nation	✓ Full	Says it fully supports ditching the ESVF. Would audit the levy and replace it with a new, more transparent funding mechanism, but the replacement and its cost to farmland are not specified.

1.2 No new taxes targeting farmers and farmland

Labor	○ None	No “no new taxes” pledge found. Has promised to wind back the 2023 land tax increases.
Coalition	✓ Full	Guarantees no new or increased taxes for the term.
Greens	○ None	No tax pledge, but its platform includes no new taxes targeting farmers or farmland. Proposed new revenue (a wealth tax on residential property over $5 million, a bank levy and higher gambling taxes) does not target farmland.
One Nation	◑ Partial	Says it fully supports this but has given no detail. Proposes cuts to land tax, payroll tax and insurance stamp duty, and a replacement emergency services levy.

1.3 Red tape reduction plan for agriculture

Labor	○ None	No new agriculture-specific red tape commitment found. Agriculture is one of 5 priority sectors identified in the Economic Growth Statement (2024) which contained red tape reduction objectives.
Coalition	◑ Partial	Commits to cut red tape for farmers and producers, including by establishing a Victorian Productivity Commission. No agriculture-specific plan, targets or timeline published.
Greens	○ None	No commitment found, but willing to consult on opportunities to reduce regulation.
One Nation	◑ Partial	Says it fully supports this and commits to reduce the red tape burden on farm businesses. No plan published.

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PRIORITY 2 Rebuild the infrastructure that carries our rural economy.

2.1 Extra $2 billion for roads over four years

Labor	Partial	Roads package of about $1.4 billion, including $893 million for 25 local roads (19 regional) and $352 million to double pothole repairs, funded partly from Suburban Rail Loop savings.
Coalition	Partial	$5 billion for road maintenance over four years, a 25 per cent lift on current spending (about $1 billion of new money), plus $288 million to restore Country Roads and Bridges and an overarching 25 per cent Fair Share Guarantee.
Greens	Partial	Would bring VicRoads back into government and put the savings into fixing roads. No amount stated.
One Nation	Full	Says it fully supports this and that more funding may be needed. Would lock in ongoing funding for regional roads and the maintenance backlog.

2.2 Annual road condition data and a backlog strategy

Labor	Partial	Target of 500,000 pothole repairs, double the current rate. No commitment to publish road condition data.
Coalition	Partial	Commits to a transparent, funded strategy to address the maintenance backlog through a new Better Roads Victoria division. No commitment to publish road condition data.
Greens	Full	Supports releasing road condition data and a transparent strategy.
One Nation	Full	Would publish the condition and funding of every major regional road, set up a public pothole portal and fund clearing the backlog. How often the data would be published is not stated.

2.3 Victorian Agricultural Freight Strategy

Labor	None	Victorian Rail Freight Plan 2026–2036 includes grain supply chain actions, with $127 million for regional rail freight maintenance in the 2026–27 state budget. Rail only, not road and ports.
Coalition	None	Commits to grow regional exports by boosting trade and logistics, and will assess options for the Murray Basin Rail business case and standardising rail from Maryborough to Geelong. No freight strategy or funding.
Greens	Partial	Would develop an agriculture freight strategy, including much more effective rail connections to the port. No funding or timeline specified.
One Nation	None	Would finish regional freight and commuter track duplication and support completing Inland Rail. No specific agricultural freight strategy.

PRIORITY 3 Protect productive land and secure our water.

3.1 Land Use and Food Security Commissioner and agricultural impact assessments

Labor	Partial	Would establish a Victorian Land Use Commissioner, backed by specialist advisers, to give independent advice on farmland protection and land use conflicts and to report publicly on pressures on agricultural land. No commitment to mandatory agricultural impact assessments found.
Coalition	Partial	Would legislate its Agricultural Land and Food Security Bill, requiring Agricultural Land Impact Assessments for prescribed developments and a public register of farmland loss, but no commissioner. Has also committed to an audit of agricultural land, $5 million for a Living Soils Centre of Excellence in the Wimmera and a 2km buffer between wind turbines and homes.
Greens	Partial	Would introduce a Land Use and Food Security Commissioner and develop a Food Security Plan for Victoria. No specific commitments on how agricultural impacts would be assessed.
One Nation	Partial	Would ban new data centres and battery storage on agricultural land, with a general commitment to protect prime farmland and irrigation. No specific policy on a commissioner or impact assessments.

3.2 VNI West and the Western Renewables Link back to the drawing board

Labor	Opposed	Ordered an independent cost review of the Western Renewables Link, with no compulsory acquisition while it runs. VNI West continues.
Coalition	Partial	Would scrap VNI West, halt the Western Renewables Link pending a rigorous review, repeal compulsory acquisition laws for transmission, reintroduce VCAT appeals and revoke recently issued landholder fines.
Greens	Opposed	Supports the Western Renewables Link and criticised Labor's review for causing delay.
One Nation	Full	Would cancel VNI West, the Western Renewables Link and other large transmission projects, and remove compulsory acquisition powers.

3.3 Western Victoria water strategy and the fight against federal buybacks

Labor	Partial	The water minister told budget estimates in May 2026 that the government remains opposed to non-strategic buybacks. No western pipeline commitment found.
Coalition	Partial	Long-standing opposition to water buybacks. Commits to work with stakeholders on the pipeline network, including reviewing the findings of the current Water Taskforce. No funding commitment.
Greens	Opposed	Supports developing a water security strategy for western Victoria, but supports federal water buybacks.
One Nation	Partial	Would push to reinstate the 1,500GL cap on buybacks, review the Murray–Darling Basin Plan with a view to leaving it, and restrict carryover rights to landholders. Its pipeline pledge (Lake Buffalo to Lake Nillahcootie) is in the north-east, not the west.

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PRIORITY 4 Defend Victoria's farms.

4.1 Regional truck wash network

Labor	Partial	Has committed to support the use of industry levy funds for maintenance works. No funding committed for new sites.
Coalition	None	General commitment to stronger biosecurity safeguards, including $4 million in additional Queensland fruit fly funding. No truck wash funding commitment.
Greens	Partial	Says it fully supports this but has given no funding detail.
One Nation	None	Says it partly supports this. No specific policy on truck washes.

4.2 Wild dog and vertebrate pest control

Labor	None	No new commitment found. Lethal control of dingoes in the north-west ended in March 2024.
Coalition	Full	Would restore the unprotection order allowing lethal control in the north-west and restore effective wild dog control.
Greens	Partial	Supports humane pest control, such as fencing. Does not want dingoes treated as wild dogs and says they should be protected.
One Nation	Partial	Says it supports this in principle but has no specific policy. Has committed to eradication programs for European carp and redfin.

4.3 Right to Farm laws

Labor	None	No Right to Farm commitment.
Coalition	None	A planning bill to protect strategic agricultural land, plus restoring farmers' right to refuse entry and repealing compulsory acquisition laws. No commitment to Right to Farm legislation.
Greens	None	Would develop a Food Security Plan that protects commercial farming and secures the farmland needed to feed Victoria. No Right to Farm commitment.
One Nation	None	Would remove compulsory acquisition powers to restore farmers' property rights and restrict energy projects on farmland. No commitment to Right to Farm legislation.

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PRIORITY 5 Back communities and the next generation.

5.1 Regional TAFE agriculture training and career pathways

Labor	Partial	Publicly owned apprenticeship academy offering 2,000 electrical apprenticeships over four years. Not agriculture-specific.
Coalition	Partial	$222 million for 10 technical colleges and a $115 million apprenticeship training fund. Not agriculture-specific.
Greens	Partial	Says it fully supports this but has given no detail. Would increase TAFE funding (amount not stated, not agriculture-specific) and supports small farms and young farmers.
One Nation	Partial	Says it fully supports this but has given no detail. Would expand dedicated trade schools, though not agriculture-specific.

5.2 Regional childcare, healthcare and housing

Labor	Partial	$53.6 million for regional patient travel, three regional free dental clinics, and 26,500 homes for first home buyers including in major regional cities. No regional childcare commitment found.
Coalition	Partial	Regional hospital upgrades (including $850 million for West Gippsland, $350 million for Wonthaggi and $180 million for Mildura), regional health worker incentives of up to $10,000, and work with regional councils on housing. No childcare commitment beyond its Fair Share Guarantee.
Greens	Partial	Says it fully supports this but has given no detail. Would address childcare deserts, with an unfunded regional and rural health workforce strategy and an inquiry into regional healthcare. Housing and dental pledges are statewide.
One Nation	Partial	Says it fully supports this but has given no detail. Guarantees 24/7 emergency departments in regional areas. Housing measures are statewide.

5.3 Tougher penalties for rural crime, trespass and biosecurity breaches

Labor	None	No new commitment found. Farm trespass fines were doubled in 2024.
Coalition	Partial	Would strengthen Victoria Police's Farm Crime Squad and fund 3,000 extra officers, restore full-time hours at police stations including Lakes Entrance, Moe, Churchill, Castlemaine and Kyneton, and introduce 24-hour policing in towns such as Kilmore.
Greens	Opposed	Says it is concerned about rural crime, but that the evidence shows tougher penalties do not reduce crime.
One Nation	Partial	Says it fully supports this but has given no detail. Its justice reforms are general only.

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