

Macnamara votes: how do your candidates stack up on refugee rights? Wednesday 16 April, 6-8pm, Mary Kehoe Community Centre, 224 Danks St, Albert Park

In just five weeks, voters will head to the polls to vote in one of the most closely-contested Federal Elections ever – and one that’s crucial for the safety and freedom of refugees and people seeking asylum.

This is the time to let our political candidates know that to win our support, they need to listen to us and act in line with our shared values. With such a tight race on the cards, your vote and your voice is more powerful than ever.

[Join us for the Macnamara Candidate Forum](#), where you’ll have the chance to hear from your candidates on their election commitments for refugees and people seeking asylum.



When? Wednesday 16 April, 6-8pm AEST



Where? Mary Kehoe Community Centre, 224 Danks St, Albert Park

The venue is fully accessible. If there are other arrangements that can be made to ensure the event is inclusive for you, please let us know by replying to this email.

Who will you hear from?

- Josh Burns, Australian Labor Party
- Sonya Semmens, Australian Greens

These Macnamara candidates have confirmed their attendance, with more TBC

The forum is being co-hosted by ASRC and Amnesty International Australia. Don’t miss this rare opportunity to have your candidates listen to *you*, and give you an honest picture of where they stack up when it comes to the issues that matter most for refugees and people seeking asylum. **[RSVP NOW](#)**

No matter where we come from or how we got here, we all deserve to live a safe and peaceful life, provide for our families and contribute to our community. But mere days into this 2025 Federal Election campaign, we’ve already seen harmful narratives about refugees and migrants being weaponised by some politicians who seek to divide us.

Let’s take the power back and let our political leaders know that if they want our vote – they need to listen to us. Registration is free, but spaces are limited – so make sure you RSVP to secure your spot!

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