Greens response to CFMEU survey 2026

1. YOUR WORK – Keeping Victoria building
Construction workers depend on a continuing pipeline of infrastructure and housing projects to provide secure employment and opportunities for apprentices. What commitments will your party make to completing existing major projects, investing in new infrastructure and housing, and maintaining a strong pipeline of construction work across Victoria?

The Greens will more than double the number of public homes by building 88,000 new homes across Melbourne and regional Victoria. We will make an initial commitment of $4 billion, starting immediately, towards building, maintaining and upgrading public housing, with more invested over time.

We will continue to invest in public infrastructure across the state and will give independent advisory body Infrastructure Victoria the power and resources to create a detailed Integrated Transport Plan, with a 30-year investment pipeline.

Depending on the priorities set by the transport plan, we expect to see a whole lot of improved infrastructure, including:

- **a second Melbourne Metro tunnel**
- **reconfiguring the city loop**
- **electrifying the line to Melton and building bypass tracks for V/Line**
- **fixing the Altona Loop**
- **improving platform interchange at Caulfield**
- **building more stations on the way to Wyndham Vale**
- **fixing the Upfield Line (already recommended by Infrastructure Victoria)**

2. YOUR SAFETY – Getting every worker home safe
Every construction worker has the right to a safe workplace. The CFMEU believes this requires strong workplace safety laws, a properly resourced WorkSafe, effective rights for health and safety representatives, and the ability of union representatives to act when work is unsafe. What will your party do to maintain and strengthen these protections?

The Greens will continue to support strong workplace safety laws, effective rights for health and safety representatives, and the ability of union representatives to act when work is unsafe. We were pleased to propose amendments to 2026 workplace safety legislation, some of which were adopted.

The Greens will continue to advocate for a well resourced WorkCover scheme that treats injured workers with respect, dignity and empathy, and that works to genuinely support workers through their injuries, to improve people's health and well being and to stop causing harm to those it should be supporting.

3. YOUR UNION – Protecting workers' rights
The right to join a union, elect workplace delegates, be represented at work and bargain collectively is fundamental to protecting workers' wages, conditions and safety. What is your party's position on these rights, and what will you do to ensure that construction workers can exercise them without intimidation or disadvantage?

The Greens strongly support the rights of workers and will continue to advocate alongside unions to ensure that workers receive fair pay and conditions and a safe working environment.

The Greens support the full protection of the rights of workers to join a union and of unions to protect and enhance the rights of their members.

4. YOUR TRADE – Investing in skills and training
The future of the construction industry depends on quality apprenticeships, strong public TAFEs, proper supervision and training, and trade licensing arrangements that recognise and protect skilled work. What commitments will your party make to supporting apprentices, strengthening vocational education and training, and protecting trade qualifications and industry standards?

The Greens continue to support free TAFE and want to see greater investment in training for the sustainable jobs of the future. TAFE, vocational training and apprenticeships play a critical role in preparing people for valuable, practical jobs that cannot be done by robots and cannot be done by AI.