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- Find the Money
- Stop the Rorts



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For more than a decade Labor's corruption has made government worksites a playground for organised crime.

Their dodgy deals have made bikies rich, pushed up the cost of construction, and made it more expensive to build new homes.

This must stop. But without new laws and a change of Government, Victorians will keep getting ripped off every single day.

That's why with your help, we can clean up crime and corruption in Victoria.

Our plan will:

Enforce the Law

Corruption has consequences. We will ban the bikies from worksites and put corrupt union officials behind bars.

Find the Money

We will shine a spotlight on the deals and open the books to find where your money is going.

Stop the Rorts

We will return construction to what's in the public interest, not what's in the CFMEU's interest.

But unless we work together, nothing will change.

Let's stop the rorts and give construction a fresh start.

A Fresh Start for Victoria



Enforce the Law

Corruption has consequences. We will ban bikies from worksites and put corrupt union officials behind bars.

- Ban anyone with known links to organised crime from gaining employment on Victorian major construction projects by:
 - Requiring parties to a Victorian Government contract to conduct mandatory criminal history background checks on prospective employees and contractors.
 - Specifically excluding individuals with convictions or pending criminal charges for organised crime or consorting, or affiliations with declared criminal organisations, including their associates, from being employed or engaged in these projects.
 - We will also ban those convicted of offences involving fraud, intimidation, or harassment; sexual offences; industrial offences under the Fair Work Act or similar laws.
 - Strengthening information sharing provisions between relevant parties and Victoria Police as it relates to criminal history and association information.

New powers to establish an independent watchdog with real teeth and get tough on the rorts and prosecute the crimes.

- Reinstate a Victorian Code of Practice for the Building and Construction industry to set clear standards for behaviour on all taxpayer-funded construction sites – covering conduct, dispute resolution, fitness for work, contract integrity and lawful union access.
- Establish Construction Enforcement Victoria to enforce compliance with the Construction Industry Code on taxpayer funded building sites, restoring integrity to major projects.

New laws to target crime bosses who force others to do their dirty work.

- We will introduce tough new racketeering laws that put crime bosses behind bars for

longer. These laws will let police go after the leadership of a criminal organisation, where that organisation has engaged in a pattern of law-breaking behaviour, regardless of who committed the offence.

- These will be based on Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organisations (RICO) Act in the US. RICO rules have been operating in the US for over 50 years covering Federal crimes. Several US States have also passed their own RICO legislation. These rules target crime bosses rather than the underlings they get to do their dirty work.

This is achieved by creating a specific offence of engaging in a pattern of behaviour of criminality (defined as two qualifying offences or predicates in the past ten years) that is linked to a criminal enterprise or organisation.

- In the US those found guilty of racketeering can be fined up to \$25,000 and sentenced to 20 years in prison per racketeering count.

Find the Money

New taskforce to recover the money stolen and seize the assets born from corrupt and fraudulent activity.

- We will immediately set up a special taskforce within Victoria Police, working in collaboration with the AFP and the ATO, to seize assets relating to the criminality and fraud identified in the Watson Report on the CFMEU.
- This taskforce will use new laws on asset seizures that were passed by this Government in 2024, but that have never been used properly.
 - The Confiscation Amendment (Unexplained Wealth) Act 2024 targets organised crime by enabling the confiscation of assets suspected to be derived from crime, even without a conviction.
 - Under the new rules, authorities can target individuals whose wealth exceeds their lawful income by more than \$200,000. The laws reverse the onus of proof so that a person must be able to explain to a court they got wealthy legally or be ordered to pay back the value of the unexplained assets to the Government.

New powers to give the independent watchdog real teeth and get tough on the rorts and prosecute the crimes.



- The taskforce will ensure that the proceeds of crime are returned to victims and taxpayers.

New watchdog powers to trace corruption.

We will give Victoria's corruption watchdog new powers to follow the money beyond government to end corruption.

We will ensure Victorians have greater transparency of corruption investigations by making it easier to hold public hearings. Public hearings and investigations will be protected from political interference.

We will shine a spotlight on the deals and open the books.

Stop the Rorts

Royal Commission into serious misconduct linked to the CFMEU.

The Victorian Liberals and Nationals will crack down on crime and corruption on Victorian Government construction projects and will hold a Royal Commission into serious misconduct linked to the CFMEU.

At least \$15 billion in taxpayer money has been wasted or ripped off. That's more than \$5,000 per household, money that should have gone into roads, hospitals and jobs – not criminals and bkie gangs.

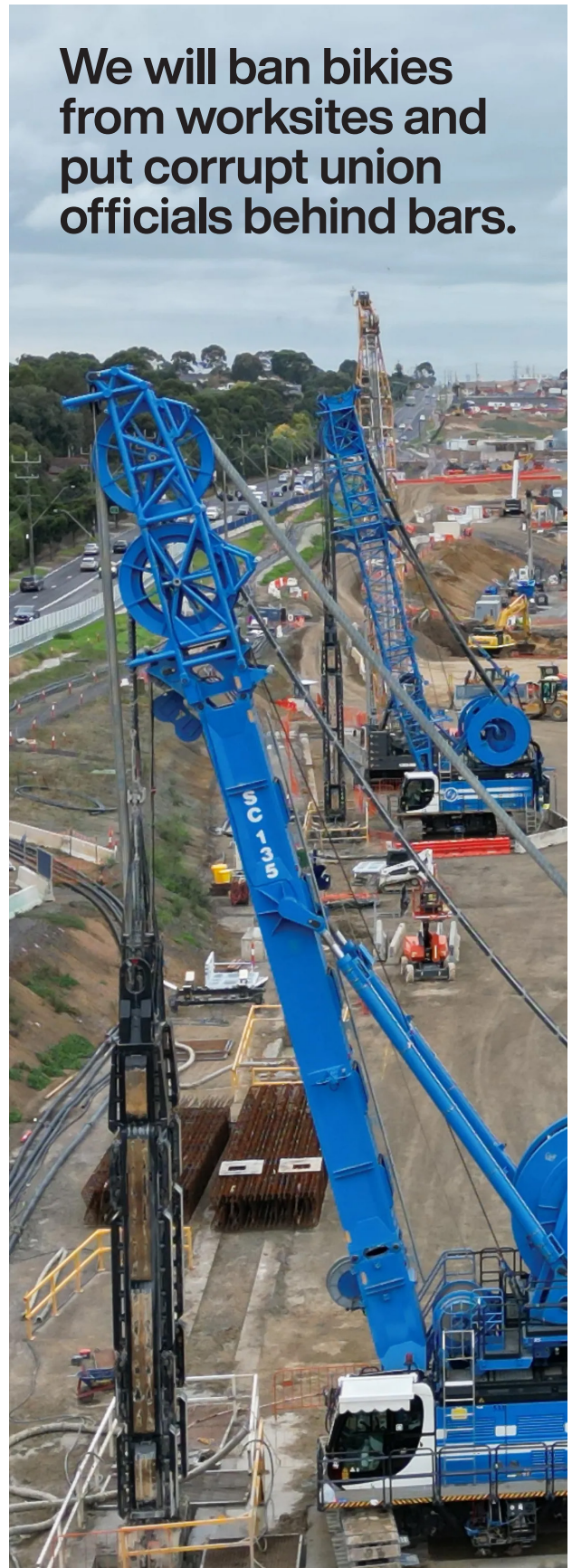
The Royal Commission will expose how deep the rorts go, where the money ended up, and who knew what and when inside the Labor government.

It would also look at how to stop this kind of dodgy behaviour from happening again on taxpayer-funded works.

Only a Liberal Nationals government will clean up the mess. A Royal Commission and a tough new construction watchdog are needed to stop the rorts, protect workers, and make sure taxpayer money is spent the right way.

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