

## B1 Fighting for a better future through coronavirus

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### Summary

Coronavirus has not only caused crises in our society, but it has revealed the deep flaws in the current neoliberal political and economic order. It is vital that we acknowledge and assert the structural problems in our society, and recognise our collective power at this critical point to win the radically egalitarian democracy that can act as the foundation for a better world. This motion seeks to reaffirm this core narrative that has been developed by the current Executive Committee through the coronavirus crisis, and insert these key messages into the Record of Young Greens Policy Statements.

#### Notes:

- That society is facing combined crises of health, economy, and climate, and that the present system of neoliberal political economy has failed to deal with these crises
- That neoliberalism, which emerged from historic defeats of labour and social movement, is sustained by a broken and undemocratic political system
- That public sector austerity has already caused the death and misery of hundreds of thousands, at the very least

#### Believes:

- That confronting the crises in our society requires that we take a radical step away from the existing political and economic order.
- That the current crises have revealed with crystal clarity what has always been true: that the work that keeps society going is not done by bosses or landlords, but by working people.
- That building collective power - by strengthening trade unions, renters' unions, feminist collectives, community groups, and all manner of organisations - is necessary to overcome this order.

#### Resolves:

- To insert the following into the Record of Policy Statements:

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The state system that has dominated for more than 40 years, neoliberal capitalism, has culminated in crises of economy and society in the context of coronavirus.

Confronting the interlocking crises that our society faces - the climate crisis, health crisis, global debt crisis, employment crisis - requires that we take a radical step away from the existing political and economic order.

28 We must ensure that society's next stage is a radically democratic and  
29 egalitarian one, not a more sinister, more authoritarian capitalist compromise.

30 Building collective power - by strengthening trade unions, renters' unions,  
31 feminist collectives, community groups, and all manner of organisations - is  
32 necessary to overcome this order.

33 We must use this collective power at this critical point to win the radically  
34 egalitarian democracy that can act as the foundation for a better world. This  
35 means, as a bare minimum:

- 36 • A comprehensive worker-focused stimulus or rescue package
- 37 • Winning a just transition for workers of all nations, through a Green New  
38 Deal
- 39 • Universal Basic Income and Universal Basic Services
- 40 • Free, accessible lifelong education
- 41 • An end to housing precarity, rent amnesties and controls and investments  
42 in social housing
- 43 • Democratic trade justice, supply chain justice and debt cancellation to  
44 countries in the global south
- 45 • Rolling back attacks on and empowering trade unions to truly protect  
46 workers
- 47 • Collectively agreeing a binding social contract and social rights grounded  
48 in relative abundance and security, instead of relative poverty and  
49 precarity
- 50 • Building a democracy of mass participation and empowerment for all people

## Supporters

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