

“The Tocsin’s” Platform.

Constitutional

1. One adult one vote
2. One General Electors Roll, to be compiled solely by the State, with Triennial Census as the basis.
3. The Effectual Enfranchisement of Seamen, Shearers and others following migratory occupations
4. Payment of Members of Both Houses
5. Legislative Initiative and the Referendum
6. Legislative Council Reform in the direction of abolition
7. Election of Members of Parliament by an Absolute Majority
8. Repeal of the Purification of Rolls Act
9. Purity of Elections
10. Annual Parliaments, accompanied by State Payment of election expenses, abolition of the deposit, increase of signatories to nominations, and the institution of equal electoral districts
11. A Progressive Tax on Land Values, exclusive of improvements

Industrial

12. Maintenance of the Independence of the Labour Party
13. A Department of Labour
14. A Universal Maximum Labour Day of Eight Hours
15. A Universal Minimum Wage
16. A Universal Saturday Half-holiday
17. The Abolition, as far as possible, of all Sunday Labour.
18. Course of Arbitration for Labour Disputes
19. State Provision of Work for the Unemployed
20. The Exclusion of all Undesirable Immigrants and of Workmen under Contract
21. Factories Reform, including the election of Factories Inspectors, male and female
22. The Perfection of the Policy of Protection
23. Old Age Pensions
24. Direct Employment of Labour by the State
25. Establishment of the Principle of Employers’ Liability
26. Abolition of all Laws which Place the Woman, whether a private of public capacity, at a disadvantage as compared with the Man
27. The Federation of Trades
28. The General Fraternal Organisation of Workers

General

29. Public Payment for all Public Services
30. A State Bank
31. Suppression of Fraudulent Adulteration
32. The Repression of Private Monopolies, Rings and Trusts
33. Companies Reform
34. Mining Law Reform, including State Ownership of Coal Mines
35. Charities Reform
36. Law Reform-
 - (a) The Remedy of all Abuses in the Law, the Repeal of all Barbarous and Obsolete Acts, and the Reduction of the Cost of Law Proceedings in the direction of Free Justice
 - (b) Codification of the Law
 - (c) Court of Criminal Appeal
 - (d) Abolition of Flogging and Capital Punishment
 - (e) Prison Reform
 - (f) Compensation to Persons Accused, Imprisoned, or Condemned Unjustly
37. Libel Law Amendment with reference to public utterances
38. Removal of Disabilities of Illegitimate Children, including provisions for Legitimation by Subsequent Marriage
39. The Protection of Neglected Children
40. Abolition of Imprisonment for Debt in any form
41. Drastic Reform of the Law of Inheritance, including provision for the recognition of the claims of widows and children and for increased progressive succession duties
42. Patents, Trade Marks, and Copyrights Reform
43. Appointment of a Public Trustee
44. Effective State Supervision of the Food Supply
45. The State Monopoly of Narcotics and Stimulants
46. State Dispensaries and Medical Services
47. Abolition of "Spec." Selling in Wheat. &c
48. No further alienation of Crown Lands
49. The Approximation of Agricultural and Pastoral Titles to Mining Titles
50. Preservation of Commons and Public Reserves and the Opening of all Closed Roads
51. Nationalisation of Water Frontages
52. Nationalisation of Victorian Shipping
53. Application of Victorian Shipping Laws to all Shipping in Victorian Waters
54. Abolition of Part Charges on Shipping
55. The Democratisation of Municipalities

56. Defence Reform
57. Reform of the System of Government Borrowing
58. Extension of the Principles of Beneficial Co-operation towards the Ultimate Socialisation of the Means of Production and Distribution
59. Education Reform, including -
 - (a) The Maintenance of the Principles of Free, Secular and Compulsory Education
 - (b) The Provision of State Secondary and Technical Schools for Qualified Pupils and a Democratic University
60. State Insurance, including Insurance against Want of Employment and Sickness
61. To Bring the People Nearer to Art and Art Nearer to the People
62. A State Theatre
63. Purification of Sport
64. Non-recognition of Titles of "Nobility"
65. A free Hansard
66. Free Railways
67. A State Pawn-shop and Repression of Usury
68. The Abolition of Class Privilege
69. Opposition to any iniquitous tendencies of "Freedom of Contract"
70. To Raise the Social, Industrial and Intellectual Status of those Units of the Community who have been rendered least effective by the conditions of society.

Federation

71. The Consummation of Federation by a Convention elected directly by the People of all States to draw up a Federal Constitution, such Constitution to be eventually submitted to the People by Means of the Referendum
72. Initiative
73. Referendum of the whole of the people of Australia
74. A Watchful Attitude Toward Federation