In Victoria
The Process So Far

The "Time to Act" process is moving from strength to strength in Victoria. Many people have returned the response form and some have become actively involved in different aspects of the process.

Different interest groups are meeting regularly and planning their input to the Launching Conference in July. The Various Commission groups have begun drafting policy documents for discussion in all the regional centres.

The 2 July General Meeting will discuss our attitude to various proposals on the agenda, voting procedures and other aspects of the Launching Conference. It is important that a large and representative group comes to this meeting so that our views reflect what people in Victoria want.

So far there hasn't been an enormous amount of real activity around specific issues, but this is understandable given the stage of the process. Following the Launching Conference, there should at least be an agreed basis from which to start working around key issues.

One important part of the conference will be workshops to process, as well as seeking to involve new people in building a new party.

We need to go to the Conference in Sydney to represent the views of Victorian participants. Arrangements have been made to provide cheaper air and rail travel, so please give serious thought to going up there at the end of July.

A brochure about the Conference is now ready and will be available at the General Meeting.

VICTORIAN OFFICE

The New Left Party Group (Victoria) now has an office telephone number. The organiser, Katherine Goonan, can be reached at the following number during office hours on (03) 662 1333 and after hours on (03) 807 4318.

GENERAL MEETING

The Sydney conference is fast approaching and there are a number of issues that need to be discussed. The conference organisers have asked us to consider and report back on the draft agenda and on voting procedures and there are many people who are requesting further discussion on what sort of party we want.
COMMISSIONS
The Victorian environment commission has met twice so far. A good thing really because somebody else has. Any new members who are interested in contributing to the following Victorian Commissions, (these develop policy and then pass on their information to the National Commission to the same area):
- Foreign Policy
- Culture
- Environmentally Sustainable Society
- Economic and Industry Development
- Party Structures
- National, Comet / Communications
- Social Justice
- Aboriginal Self Determination

then please give Katherine a call and she will put you in touch with the convenor of the relevant commission.

Victoria has the responsibility of developing the National Policies on:
- Trade Unions
- Multiculturalism
- Party Strategies

If you have something to contribute to any of these commission then Katherine will be happy to put you on to the convenor.

ASSURANCE YOUR CONSCIENCE FOR AS LITTLE AS A WEEK
If you are already up to your neck in work and extra-curricular activity, that the New Left Party Group (Vic) offers you the opportunity to maintain a very effective de facto involvement by sponsoring the Victorian organiser.

Best peacefully each night secure in the knowledge that your contribution that day meant: -The accounts were balanced -meetings were organised -Publicity was arranged -Signature lists were kept informed -Coordinating work was being done -A thousand and one tedious jobs were under control.

If you take up this offer it is in no way prevents you from directly contributing to party activity. I'm sponsoring adds that if he said quiet that really on politically minded person should be without.

But don't take our word for it, just read what some satisfied sponsors have to say: "Talk about money well spent. All the things I wanted to do and really have time for are done by the organisations", Carmel Douth.

"I get a lot done during a hectic working day, but somehow there never seems enough time to cover all that needs to be done on the New Left Process, that's where the organisation has proved to be a real boon", Bob Burdridge.