



# **FAMILY FIRST - Victoria**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **EXTREME GREENS REGARD ORDINARY FAMILIES WITH CONTEMPT**

The extreme Greens regard ordinary Victorian families with contempt.

The extreme Greens insult ordinary Victorian families while FAMILY FIRST proudly represents them - the families of the outer suburbs and regional and country Victoria.

Victorian Greens leader Greg Barber, who was raised in Glen Waverley, now insults the suburb he grew up in, saying in an article: "It's not the end of the world, but you can see it from there." (*The Age, July 31, 2003*)

The way the Greens see it, families in the outer suburbs – like Caroline Springs and Werribee, Melton and Fawkner, Thomastown and Epping, Frankston and Dandenong, Cranbourne and Mordialloc, Mitcham and Lilydale, Knox and Croydon, Ringwood and Ferntree Gully - are second-class citizens.

The extreme Greens do not understand ordinary Victorian families and do not care about them. They look down on them. In fact, the extreme Greens think living in the suburbs is a joke.

FAMILY FIRST wants to give a sense of hope and opportunity to these families yet the Greens message is they'll never make it. The Greens are completely out of touch with the lives of ordinary Victorian families.

Raising a family is hard work and families need all the help and support they can get – not insults from the extreme Greens.

FAMILY FIRST promotes policies that will really help families, such as removing pokies, cheaper petrol, more doctors and police, improving our schools, supporting carers, helping families be more environmentally responsible and building new roads and new dams.

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