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I support the community's ambition for a new events and conference centre and would not stand in its way.

However, in the current climate—when families are struggling with housing, healthcare access, and grocery bills—I believe the focus should be on core services.

When the timing and business case are right, I'll back efforts to advance this project responsibly, but it won't be my immediate priority.

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Candidate Position/Response

Labor's Regional Investment Framework gives us the structure to make better long-term investment decisions in the regions.

I'll make sure Groom is feeding into that framework—and being heard and will always fight for important local projects if elected.

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Labor's Feeding Australia Strategy and National Food Council are strong steps forward.

I'll advocate for smaller farms in the Downs to be able to access support for climate resilience and innovation.

Climate change will have a significant impact on our food producers. Only Labor has a serious plan to address it. The Coalition's nuclear plan will drive up the price of power and put our important food bowls at risk.

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<p>The Albanese Government has extended the \$20,000 instant asset write-off—an important support for small business and primary producers.</p> <p>I support its continuation and will work to ensure regional businesses in Groom are informed and positioned to take full advantage of it.</p> <p>It's practical, targeted, and aligned with Labor's broader support for the small business sector.</p>
Create a national economic framework for regional, rural and remote areas.
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Candidate Position/Response
<p>Labor's Regional Investment Framework is our national economic strategy for the regions.</p> <p>My role will be to make sure Groom's voice is consistently part of that process—by working with councils, chambers, and local industries to define our emerging needs and priorities.</p>
Create a mechanism to interrogate and remove excessive, unnecessarily complex regulation.
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Candidate Position/Response
<p>Labor understands that smarter regulation is critical to boosting productivity and unlocking growth—especially in regions like ours.</p> <p>That's why the Albanese Government committed in the 2023-24 Budget to a regulatory reform agenda focused on reducing duplication, streamlining approvals, and supporting efficient service delivery across all sectors.</p> <p>I support this direction and will work to ensure regional perspectives are embedded—because what slows down a business in Toowoomba isn't always the same as what slows one in Sydney.</p> <p>My focus will be on working within government to identify real-world regulatory obstacles in Groom—and ensuring they're addressed at the policy level.</p>
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<p>The Albanese Government is taking prudent and responsible action to rescue Inland Rail from the shameful state it was left in by the Coalition Government - where an independent report found it had blown out to more than \$31 billion.</p> <p>I'll advocate to ensure Groom's interests—jobs, access, and safety—are represented as the project progresses.</p>
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<p>My immediate priorities lie with housing, healthcare, and cost-of-living relief.</p> <p>The National Water Grid Fund is delivering long-term water security for regional areas, and I'll work to ensure Groom is represented—because without water, housing and growth can't proceed.</p>
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<p>I support models that enable unlocking land, and I also see a solution in building higher-density housing closer to the city—where infrastructure already exists.</p> <p>This eases pressure on the grid, expands affordable housing, and improves access for key workers. Labor's Housing Australia Future Fund and National Housing Accord can help drive that vision.</p>