

A week, it is said, is a long time in politics.

For voters, a five week Federal Election campaign can seem an eternity.

But the reality is that the major political parties have been in election mode for months.

We go to the voting poles this Saturday, armed with the media clips, radio grabs, television images and internet pieces that actually (somehow) stick in our minds. And we take along our personal views and preferences.

Whether you design, build, demolish, assemble, manufacture or provide professional services, you work in the residential building industry. This industry provides the business and employment opportunities for you, your staff and often your family.

Our industry delivers 160,000+ new residences each year across the nation – each one a new home.

We build 700,000 new bathrooms and 400,000 new kitchens.

In all, our industry builds \$80 billion in residential activity.

Double that again in sales of white goods, carpet and furnishings, interior decorating and landscaping.

In fact, \$1 in every \$20 spent in Australia goes through our industry.

What do the major political parties think about our industry?

What do they have to say about the key issues that impact on residential building activity?

On your behalf, we asked the three major parties about their vision and their commitment to home ownership, housing supply, residential building activity and industry skills.

Housing affordability, infrastructure, land supply, skills and workforce participation, regulatory creep, planning delays, business red tape and taxation are critical policy matters that require urgent and co-ordinated attention, commitment and resourcing from the incoming Federal Government.

You can read their responses to the 20 questions raised by HIA on your behalf before you vote, or keep it as a checklist or reference during the next 3 year term.