

Judy Ryan's story from the hustings... What does it take?

About Judy...

- Country woman from north-east Victoria
- Moved to inner-city Melbourne (Richmond) in 2012
- Drug market in Richmond for 20+ years
- By 2016, I knew "they had to do something" injecting & fatal overdosing
- Who was 'they'?
- 'They' was me!
- But what to do ...
- ... and how to do it?

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independent candidate

single issue – medically supervised injecting room trial





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STOPS OVERDOSES

SAVES LIVES

REMOVES SYRINGES

CLEAN LANEWAYS

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

SAFE RESIDENTS

HAPPY VISITORS

NO CHAOS

"In 2015 alone, over 60,000 syringes were collected across Yarra as a result of public injecting – a 30% increase on 2014."

(Yarra City Council minutes - 23 August 2016)