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EXTREME NEW LIBERAL LEADER UNVEILS COALITION CUTS SQUAD

The incompetent and divided Liberal Party under its new right-wing leader Brad Battin has unveiled the Coalition cuts squad who are getting ready to target the frontline services families rely on.

After reportedly trying to “piece together a shadow cabinet with a 50-50 split between men and women”, Brad Battin and the Liberals have given up – making room for eight women in a shadow cabinet of 23.

It’s a shadow cabinet that will have three main priorities in power: cuts, cuts and cuts.

James Newbury – Member for Brighton and Shadow Minister for Regional Cuts

James Newbury thinks regional Victorians are “out of towners” who don’t deserve the same as Melburnians.

When James Newbury draws up his Liberal cuts plan for Victoria, services that regional families rely on will be first on the chopping block. He will apply a simple test: Brighton first. Ballarat, Bendigo and Bellarine last.

Answering to James Newbury on regional cuts is his junior Brad Rowsell, who has been demoted to Shadow Minister for ‘Public Service ~~Cuts~~ Innovation’.

Evan Mulholland – Shadow Minister for Cancelling Infrastructure Projects

The Liberals can’t wait to cancel the Suburban Rail Loop and all the homes that come with it.

Mr Mulholland will devise the Liberals’ latest policy on the Suburban Rail Loop to distinguish it from all the previous ones: oppose, deprioritise, pause, scrap, pause and review, cancel, shelve, wait and see, and now TBC.

Whatever he comes up with, the result will be the same under a Liberal Government: no Suburban Rail Loop, fewer homes for Victorians, more congestion for the outer suburbs.

Richard Riordan – Shadow Minister for Locking Gen X and Millennials out of Homes

The Member for Brighton will be keeping a close eye on this passion project while it is being managed by Mr Riordan, who he would describe as an “out of towners”.

Mr Riordan has been on the record as saying Victoria needs “a net increase” in homes and mocking “the complete outrage that an extra 3 or 4 metres had been added to an apartment block” in Melbourne’s suburbs.

Just like YIMBY-turned-NIMBY Evan Mulholland, watch Mr Riordan become a vocal opponent of more homes for young people near Melbourne train stations.

Bev McArthur – Shadow Minister for the 1950s

Ms McArthur masterminded the hostile right-wing takeover of the Victorian Liberal Party. She’s only just begun.

She is the chief spear carrier of the Liberal anti-trans movement, she crossed the floor to vote against the outlawing of gay conversion therapy – she even said Aboriginal Victorians should say ‘thank you’ for colonisation because it stopped communism.

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She wants to drag the progressive state back to the 1950s – and Brad Battin will back her every step of the way.

David Davis – Shadow Minister for Trying to Make The Sums Add Up

The Liberals will go to the next election promising to improve government services on the one hand, while promising to cut government spending on the other.

David Davis, in his new financial and budget role, has a big job ahead of him to make these impossible sums appear possible.

It is the same David Davis who couldn't even tell Victorians how much his costings added up to on the eve of the last state election.

John Pesutto – Shadow Minister for Nothing

Mr Pesutto, a so-called moderate Liberal, was considered such a talent that he immediately became leader on returning to Parliament in 2022 after losing his seat four years earlier.

Today, following the hostile right-wing Liberal takeover, Mr Pesutto has been banished to Moderate Island.

And it's clear the Liberal Party's revolving door of leadership will keep spinning. Dumped Deputy David Southwick now has special responsibility for it as Shadow Minister for Future Leaders.