

Federal Election Major Party Policy Tracker

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The science shows us that Australia must slash climate pollution by 75% this decade to secure a safe future. A responsible government will ramp up climate and nature solutions that are here and ready.

This tracker provides an overview and comparison of the policy positions of the three major parties (ALP, LNP¹ and The Greens) assessed against ACF's [Renew Australia agenda](#).

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ACF Measures of Success	COALITION	LABOR	GREENS
CLIMATE TARGET (Slash climate pollution by at least 50% by 2030)	<p>The LNP Government has committed to cut emissions by 26-28% by 2030 and to net zero by 2050. The 2030 target is approximately half what the science says is needed for a safe climate.</p> <p>This target is consistent with at least a 3 degree global temperature rise rather than the 1.5 - 2 degrees committed to in the Paris Agreement.</p> <p>The LNP has committed to net zero pollution by 2050. There is no national plan showing how this target can be met.</p>	<p>The ALP has committed to cut emissions by 43% by 2030 and net zero pollution by 2050. It has a plan to achieve this target.</p> <p>Labor's policy platform is in the ballpark of a 2 degree global temperature rise rather than the 1.5 - 2 degrees committed to in the Paris Agreement.</p> <p>Labor has announced that if elected it will bid to host the COP29 climate talks in 2024.</p>	<p>The Greens have committed to cut emissions by 75 percent by 2030, and net Zero by 2035.</p> <p>The Greens plan is for a net-negative emissions economy with over 100 million tonnes of net drawdown every year by 2050.</p>
Emissions reduction plan	<p>The LNP's Emissions reduction plans focuses on a 'technology not taxes' (Technology Investment Roadmap) approach to drive down the cost of 6 priority technologies, including carbon capture (CCS) and clean hydrogen, to achieve long-term emission reduction</p>	<p>Reducing emissions by boosting renewable energy is at the centre of Labor's Powering Australia and Rewiring the Nation plan. The plans include a range of measures to be implemented by 2030 including:</p>	<p>The Greens will reduce emissions by replacing coal and gas with 100% renewables by 2030 and have a goal of 700% renewables in the coming decades, driven by investments in energy storage, generation, development of a sustainable grid, significant investments</p>

¹ For the Coalition this is based on Morrison Government track record and election policy commitments.

	<p>goals. LNP's emissions reduction plan partly relies on technology that doesn't yet exist. The LNP needs to at least double its emissions reduction commitment, replace coal, gas and uranium with clean energy to power our homes, cars and communities and stop putting public money into new fossil fuel projects.</p> <p>The Government's safeguard mechanism caps emissions of heavily polluting industries. If reformed, this could be an effective mechanism for driving down emissions. Currently caps on pollution are set too high and do not require emissions reduction from entities that it covers. Emissions from the 215 major polluters have increased 7 percent since the Coalition introduced the mechanism.</p>	<p>Modernising Australia's ailing grid 82% of electricity – for homes, transport and industry – to be from renewables by the end of this decade.</p> <p>Community batteries to maximise the benefits of solar panels and make solar power more accessible for more people, including low-income households and renters</p> <p>Make electric vehicles cheaper</p> <p>Provide future opportunities with 10,000 New Energy Apprentices and a New Energy Skills Program</p> <p>ALP will adopt a recommendation to enhance the safeguard mechanism to drive down emissions from Australia's biggest polluters, including by reducing baselines gradually over time to meet its net zero target. Industrial polluters will be able to use offsets.</p>	<p>in public and active transport and export of renewable hydrogen, solar electricity and green metals to the rest of the world.</p>
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TAKING POLLUTION OUT OF TRANSPORT

<p>Commit to zero emissions transport by 2035 - transitioning to renewable powered Electric Vehicles (EVs).</p>	<p>The LNP's EV policy - Future Fuels Strategy - was expanded to \$250 million including \$178 million to support rollout of infrastructure for electric and hydrogen-powered vehicles, but does not support financial incentives, nor the introduction of fuel efficiency standards.</p>	<p>ALP has committed to develop a "national approach to transition to a low or zero emissions transport sector" and to work with industry, unions and states to develop Australia's first National Electric Vehicle Strategy to increase EV sales.</p> <p>This includes a commitment to establish a \$500 million fund, supporting a national charging network and hydrogen highways on Australia's busiest freight routes. It also includes funding for electric car discounts and tax exemptions to increase EV uptake.</p>	<p>The Greens have committed to making electric vehicles affordable and available, with a \$2 billion investment in a publicly owned EV fast-charging network, incentives for EV uptake, electrifying public transport networks, getting commuters out of the air and onto high-speed rail, and making Australian cities into walkable and bike friendly places. This includes a \$1.2 billion for manufacturing of electric vehicles and their components here in Australia</p>
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<p>Set targets for electric vehicle uptake for government fleets</p>	<p>Future fuel Strategy and Future Fuels Program provides some limited funding for uptake of zero emissions vehicles in commercial fleets, but no targets for new purchases or leases.</p>	<p>ALP has committed to a low-emissions vehicle target for the Commonwealth fleet of 75% of new purchases and leases by 2025</p>	<p>The Greens would electrify the Commonwealth fleet by 2025, leading the way and driving the second-hand vehicle market</p>
<p>Mandatory vehicle emissions standards/banning the sale of diesel cars</p>	<p>The LNP does not support mandatory vehicle emissions standards, making Australia one of only a handful of OECD countries without one.</p> <p>The LNP has announced further funding of fossil fuels with \$2.3 billion in subsidies to Australian oil refineries.</p>	<p>The ALP has not expressed support for introducing mandatory vehicle emissions standards.</p> <p>The ALP will provide \$14 million to establish a real-world fuel testing program for vehicles.</p>	<p>The Greens have expressed support for 'tough' vehicle pollution standards, and a plan to end the sale of petrol and diesel cars from 2030</p>
<p>SAVE OUR BIG BACKYARD</p>			
<p>Set strong and comprehensive nature law reform</p>	<p>The Coalition has not implemented the independent Samuel Review recommendations to strengthen national protections for Australia's animals, plants and ecosystems.</p> <p>The LNP's proposed reforms focus on 'efficiency' for industry and handing over national environmental decision-making powers to the states and territories with a set of national standards that are essentially a 'cut and paste' of the existing laws, providing no increased protection for nature. The LNP has not accepted proposals for an independent regulator.</p>	<p>The ALP has committed to work with stakeholders to reform national environment law and to provide a full response to the Samuel Review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.</p>	<p>The Greens will introduce strong, national laws that protect nature, stop pollution, and stop the extinction crisis. The laws will include strong environmental standards, and a ban on destroying koala habitat and the habitat of other threatened species.</p>
<p>Creates a well-resourced independent compliance regulator</p>	<p>The Coalition has rejected proposals for an independent compliance regulator.</p>	<p>ALP has committed to establish an independent Environment Protection Authority.</p>	<p>The Greens have committed to an independent watchdog.</p>

<p>Funding to restore and protect nature</p>	<p>Coalition has announced funding including:</p> <p>Additional funding to the Great Barrier reef, including \$579.9 million for improving water quality and \$95 million for reef restoration and adaptation \$74 million for koala recovery \$200 million to restore major waterways Ongoing funding for landcare</p> <p>Over the next six years, \$636.4 million will go towards funding up to 1,089 new rangers and 88 new ranger groups across Australia.</p>	<p>ALP has announced funding including: \$200 million for urban rivers, and \$194.5 million in reef protection programs for the Great Barrier Reef. \$75 million for a 1000 new landcare rangers across the country Doubling the Indigenous Rangers program and boosting funding for Indigenous Protected Areas by \$10 million a year.</p> <p>\$224.5 million for a Save Native Species Program, including developing a national conservation strategy with states and territories, expanding koala hospitals and programs to combat invasive species.</p>	<p>Greens have announced funding including: \$24.4 billion over the next decade for greening Australia, including by restoring wildlife habitat, planting 2 billion trees by 2030 and reestablishing green space in our cities, regions and suburbs</p> <p>\$767m to expand First Nations ranger programs and Indigenous Protected Areas.</p> <p>\$2 billion grant fund over 10 years to repair Great Barrier Reef catchments, and \$90m to strengthen Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and the Australian Institute of Marine Science</p>
<p>Supports ambitious global goals for nature to halt and reverse biodiversity loss and achieve a Nature Positive world by 2030 backed by domestic commitments.</p>	<p>Coalition signed the Kunming Declaration - which sets global targets for protecting and restoring nature - in October 2021.</p> <p>It supports a global target to protect 30% of land and seas by 2030, but has not been a positive leader in recent international negotiations.</p>	<p>The ALP has called for strong and ambitious global goals and targets. for the next decade to halt and reverse biodiversity destruction.</p> <p>It has committed to provide an annual ministerial statement on Australia's efforts in international environmental leadership.</p> <p>It has committed to protect 30% of land and seas by 2030.</p>	<p>The Greens have committed to 'Stop the extinction crisis' through setting a goal of Zero extinction by 2030 and investing in a mass greening and restoration program, to ensure we are protecting habitats for our native animals and plants. It has committed to the global goals of protecting at least 30 percent of land and 30 percent of sea by 2030</p>
<p>SEND OUR SUNSHINE AROUND THE WORLD</p>			
<p>Targets, policies and investments to shift our exports away from coal, gas and uranium to clean, renewable energy over the next decade.</p>	<p>Supports an ongoing role for fossil fuel exports.</p> <p>The LNP Government is investing \$1.2 billion in Australia's hydrogen industry, including \$464 million in the development of up to seven 'clean' regional hydrogen hubs including in Gladstone, Townsville, Pilbara and Kwinana. Clean hydrogen projects have been paired with up to \$285 million for Carbon Capture and Storage, raising concerns</p>	<p>Supports an ongoing role for fossil fuel exports</p> <p>The ALP is calling clean energy exports a jobs and economic opportunity, and will invest \$3 billion of the National Reconstruction Fund to assist businesses investing in renewable technologies and to support new industries (such as green metals and hydrogen electrolyser manufacturing).</p>	<p>Immediately ban new oil, coal and gas infrastructure development and phase out thermal coal exports by 2030.</p> <p>The Greens would back a goal of 700% renewables in the coming decade, and use government investment to drive new export industries in green hydrogen and minerals processing.</p> <p>The plan includes converting gas export</p>

	<p>these projects will be powered by fossil fuels. The Australian Renewable Energy Agency allocated more than \$100 million to three renewable hydrogen pilot projects that will produce hydrogen for export and blending into existing natural gas pipelines.</p>		<p>terminals into hydrogen export terminals. A levy on coal exports will raise \$21.7 billion to fund the transition away from fossil fuels and make sure gas exporters pay their fair share of tax.</p>
<p>Support for regions and a National Just Transition Authority to coordinate economic diversification for regions currently reliant on jobs in coal and gas</p>	<p>Coalition does not have a plan for a just transition to create new job opportunities in emerging industries</p>	<p>The ALP has committed to establish a new Powering the Regions Fund from the existing Emissions Reduction Fund and Climate Solutions Fund to support regional communities, including training existing workers in new technologies..</p> <p>ALP will invest \$100 million to support 10,000 New Energy Apprenticeships and \$10 million in a New Energy Skills Program</p> <p>While just transition planning involving local communities, unions and industry is included in election platform, the ALP has yet to commit to a national Energy Transition Authority.</p>	<p>Greens would make polluters pay, by imposing a levy on fossil fuel exports to help communities recover and adapt to climate impacts.</p> <p>The Greens policy package includes funding to reskill and support fossil fuel workers whose employment is impacted by those changes. It would provide a job-for-job guarantee for coal workers.</p>
CREATE ENERGY INDEPENDENT COMMUNITIES			
<p>Commit to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2030</p>	<p>The LNP does not have a target for renewable energy by 2030 or clear policy to drive the clean energy transition and wants coal and gas-fired electricity to continue “as long as possible.”</p> <p>The LNP is investing in a number of electricity grid projects, including Tasmania, South</p>	<p>ALP has committed 82 percent clean energy by 2030, through commitments in its Powering Australia Plan.</p> <p>ALP will support the clean energy transition with a \$20 billion investment to modernise the electricity grid.</p> <p>While its policy is strong</p>	<p>The Greens have committed to a 100% renewable energy by 2030 target. They will build 25 gigawatts of renewable energy and storage in the next eight years and replace every coal-fired power plant in the country by 2030. Greens propose a \$250 billion “futuregrid” fund to enable the rewiring of</p>

	<p>Australia, Victoria and New South Wales. However, the LNP is relying on states to do the heavy lifting while prioritising investment in gas fired power and investing public money in longer term technology development such as hydrogen, CCS and specific projects like Snowy Hydro 2.0, which prolong the use of fossil fuels.</p>	<p>on investment in renewables, the ALP is leaving phasing out coal and gas to market forces rather than government action and has not committed to end fossil fuel subsidies.</p>	<p>the electricity network and connect new renewable energy zones with major cities by 2027. The Greens will also provide subsidies to households and businesses to electrify heating, cooking and to install batteries and double energy productivity by 2030 with a national energy efficiency scheme and an economy-wide price on carbon.</p>
<p>Sets policies and commits funds to power schools, hospitals, government offices, public and social housing, remote Indigenous communities, sporting clubs, halls and libraries – with affordable, clean energy by 2025</p>	<p>The LNP has continued the Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme (SRES), which provides subsidies for rooftop solar systems until 2030.</p> <p>The LNP committed \$148.6 million to support more investment in microgrids to support regional and remote communities with small-scale renewable energy projects like solar and batteries.</p> <p>Funding and support for new large-scale renewable energy projects fell over 17 percent from 2020 to 2021 due to challenges related to transmission grid connection</p>	<p>ALP will invest in a range of community and household programs like solar banks and batteries. The ALP has committed to roll out 85 solar banks around Australia to provide cheaper electricity for more than 25,000 households currently locked out of rooftop solar.</p> <p>Commitment to install 400 community batteries across the country with an investment of \$200 million to maximise the benefits of Australia's rooftop solar transformation, support the grid and provide shared storage for up to 100,000 households.</p> <p>Reduce the Australian Public Service's emissions to net zero by 2030.</p>	<p>The Greens will invest \$5 billion to put solar on public buildings including all public schools, TAFEs and public universities to allow for retrofitting and refurbishment of existing facilities to be green, accessible, and sustainable.</p> <p>The Greens have announced a \$235 million pilot plan to electrify an entire town or suburb, to demonstrate cost effectiveness of going completely electric powered by renewables by 2025.</p> <p>Greens will install batteries and double energy productivity by 2030 with a national energy efficiency scheme and an economy-wide price on carbon.</p>
<p>Maintains renewable energy focus for Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) and Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) + provide extra funding</p>	<p>While ARENA was provided \$1.6 billion in new funding in the last budget, this is lower than past annual funding. The LNP has expanded the remit of ARENA away from renewable energy toward support for gas and CCS and is proceeding with an 'Underwriting New Generation Investment' scheme, which will support new gas projects.</p>	<p>ALP will keep the Australian Renewable Energy Agency focused on renewable energy and the Clean Energy Finance Corporation focused on clean energy and energy efficiency.</p>	<p>Greens commit to keeping ARENA and CEFC focused on renewable energy and reinstate ARENA funding, investing \$500 million in order to build Australia's clean energy export capability.</p> <p>Greens plan include a \$15 billion 'Made in Australia' manufacturing bank, modelled on Clean Energy Finance Corporation, a Green Steel fund and Green</p>

			Metals fund, which would support value-added manufacturing, innovation, industrial decarbonisation and future clean exports.
Power remote Indigenous communities with renewable energy	No policy	It will support remote and regional communities to participate in a low carbon economy through initiatives such as carbon farming and to access renewable alternatives such as solar.	The Greens will invest \$100 million for a First Nations Communities fund to power communities with cheap, clean power. In addition, a new Commonwealth Agency - Australian Local Power Agency (ALPA) will establish 70 local power hubs to support renewable energy projects in regional communities.
MOVE THE MONEY			
Stop funding coal or gas projects	<p>Public money is handed to the coal and gas industry at a rate of \$22,000 every minute. Assistance to the fossil fuel sector cost \$10.5 billion in 2021-22, with the fuel tax credit scheme the largest measure costing \$8.07 billion. Direct subsidies increased more than fourfold to \$11.6 billion over the same period.</p> <p>No commitment to end public funding of coal and gas industries.</p> <p>The Coalition has announced a number of subsidies for the fossil fuel industry in the lead up to and during the election campaign, These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250m for upgrading fuel refineries • At least \$300m for LNG processing with a focus on carbon capture and storage. • \$660m to accelerate gas production in the Beetaloo basin. 	No commitment to end public funding of coal and gas industries.	Committed to end public funding of coal and gas and reinvest that money into clean energy transition. Plans for the proposed Kurri Kurri gas plan will not go ahead.

Refuse to accept donations from coal and gas companies.	LNP accept donations from fossil fuel companies, and has no policy to refuse these donations	ALP accepts donations from fossil fuel companies and has no policy to refuse these donations.	Have introduced legislation to ban donations from specific industries like coal and gas. Do not accept donations from fossil fuel companies
Cap political donations	No policy	No official policy but has made a public statement in the past about need to cap donations	Support a cap on political donations
Increase transparency by lowering the donations disclosure threshold and requiring more regular disclosures	No policy	Support lowering the disclosure threshold to \$1000 and real time disclosure of donations	Support lowering the disclosure threshold to \$1000 and real time disclosure of donations

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