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Coalition for Conservation (C4C)



C4C acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country across Australia. We acknowledge and appreciate their connections to land, sea and community.

We pay our respect to elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



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"Thanks to C4C's support, we've been able to deliver some of the biggest reforms that will reduce our emissions in NSW, and do it in a way that grows our economy.

We couldn't have done it without you, thank you so much and we look forward to working with you for an even bigger and better new year."

Hon Matt Kean, NSW Treasurer and Minister for Energy



"As you think about how to put together a winning Conservative Coalition, you can be a party that is conservative, strong on the economy, tough on crime, tough on immigration but also a party that believes in the environment and greenery and our planet. It can be done, with the help of C4C and Australia's friends in the UK."

Rt Hon David Cameron, former UK Prime Minister



"It has been very interesting to follow the work of the C4C because as a Conservative I simply cannot understand why climate and the needed transition is not at the core of what it means to be a Conservative in the 21st century.

This could be an agenda that will not polarise parties but instead allow different voices to come together and make a sustainable way forward, because that is what we need."

Connie Hedegaard, Former Minister for the Environment of Denmark for the Conservative People's Party and former European Commissioner for Climate Action



“The work we do now to conserve our environment will create a cleaner, greener future for the next generation. Everyone has a role to play in getting us to a low carbon future and C4C plays an important role in encouraging and facilitating centre-right political leaders to drive this change. It is no longer a debate whether we choose between a strong climate platform or a strong economy because there is incredible opportunity to do both and we must seize this for a cleaner future for all of us.”

Elizabeth Lee MLA, Canberra Liberals Leader and Shadow Minister for Climate Action



"C4C should be congratulated for achieving amazing results with their vital work in promoting conservative voices in the environmental movement. The work C4C has done highlights the fact that conservative voices can be and are leaders in addressing climate change through the implementation of sensible, rational, pragmatic policies that not only reduce our emissions but also support our economy. A Net Zero future is one that not only provides a sustainable future, but also one that provides us with limitless opportunities to grow and expand our economy and create jobs in new industries for generations to come. It is also vital for the nation in these uncertain geopolitical times as these new industries will play a pivotal role in our nation remaining geostrategically resilient. C4C is playing a crucial role by ensuring that Australia grasps these opportunities and that conservative voices are being heard in the debate on how this can best be done."

David Van, Liberal Senator for Victoria



2021-2022 Highlights



Coalition Climate Network

Created the Coalition Climate Network for Liberal and National legislators with more than 30 members who have already joined



National Conservative Climate Conference

Hosted the first conference gathering 70 guests including 30 MPs over two and a half days at the Taronga Zoo Wildlife Retreat



Engagement Program

Hosted more than 30 webinars, events and roundtables discussing climate and conservation issues, and sent weekly updates informing legislators the public



International Climate Leaders Program

Brought former UK Prime Minister David Cameron to Australia and hosted a diverse range of events



The 10 Point Plan for Clean Jobs and a Prosperous Economy

Presented pre-budget recommendations for the Coalition to reduce emissions while creating jobs



Victorian Coalition Climate Policy Opportunities

Presented recommendations to State legislators on emissions reduction and conservation

2021-2022 Highlights



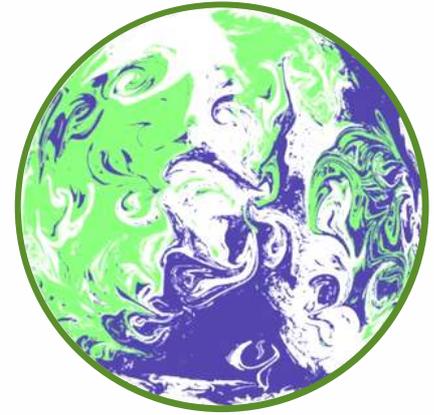
Global Conservative Climate Summit (GCCS)

Hosted the first GCCS alongside COP26 in Glasgow with 100 legislators, experts and corporates



Centre-Right Climate Action Declaration

International Pledge signed by 300 legislators from 50 centre-right political parties in 46 countries



C4C @ COP26

Took a delegation of MPs to attend COP26 and high-level meetings with international experts on climate



A Low Emissions Future

Produced a fact sheet for MPs on opportunities of a Net Zero economy



State Members Program

Liaised with State Governments to influence their policies on climate and environment



C4C in the Media

Produced various articles and opinion pieces featured in major newspapers in Australia and abroad, and grew social media presence



Partnerships and Collaboration

Collaborated with a growing number of think tanks, businesses and industry associations

Welcome from the Chair

Despite the ongoing challenges with COVID-19, 2021-2022 has been the most successful year to date for us at C4C. Over the past year, we have produced a full calendar of world-class events and released important publications to further our mission to promote and support the development of policy and strategies for a Net Zero economy. The work has also accentuated our stance in advocating that conservative values and conservation should work in tandem.

Highlights begin with our **inaugural program at COP26**, in partnership with **Conservative Environment Network (CEN)**. This was the first time in history when Coalition MPs had the opportunity to liaise and have climate discussions with like-minded conservative leaders from other parts of the world alongside climate experts. During COP26, we also launched the **world's first Centre-Right Climate Action Declaration**, which has been signed by 300 legislators from 50 centre-right political parties in 46 countries. While in Glasgow, we also hosted the **first-ever International Conservative Climate Summit (GCCS)**, in partnership with **CEN** and the **American Conservation Coalition**, uniting more than 100 legislators, experts and corporates over two days to exchange experiences and solutions across renewable energy, climate finance and green trade.

Following COP26, **digital roundtables** have continued to provide Liberals and Nationals a safe forum to share challenges, concerns and solutions for climate change alongside international thought leaders. With the support of legislators, these have played a significant role in raising climate change awareness and influencing policy change. These events and regular updates have also engaged the public and provided a direct access to influential forums.

Following the success of COP26 and the GCCS, we have hosted the **first National Conservative Climate Conference (NCCC)** in Australia, supported by the **ClimateWorks Centre** and the **Australian Conservation Foundation** and with special guest **Rt Hon David Cameron**. Joined by National and Liberal legislators, thought leaders, think tanks and global experts, clean and future-focused solutions were shared and thoughts exchanged on conservative policy leadership.

The NCCC presented a unique opportunity for conservatives to build on their progress by articulating a distinctly conservative vision for climate action and advancing policies that both strengthen our economies and protect our environment. Mr Cameron emphasised that: "the Coalition has a golden opportunity in opposition to demonstrate that they are willing to support policies and solutions in a bipartisan way, and C4C is here to support that mission".

One of the most instrumental outcomes of the Conference was the formation of the **first Coalition Climate Network**, with Liberal and National MPs committed to supporting the enhancement of our natural environment, promoting decarbonisation and emissions reduction as well as actions that preserve species and oceans, reduce waste and tackle air pollution. The declaration was signed at the Conference by more than 30 legislators and we will continue to recruit many more signatories in the months ahead.

We have also **lifted our profile in the media** in 2021-2022, with various opinion pieces featured in major newspapers across Australia and abroad. Many of these were supported and signed by MPs and Senators. These have reinforced our Net Zero campaign, aligned conservation with conservatism and helped the centre-right address climate action.

As we look ahead, our **attainment of DGR status** will now allow us to tap into significant funding, elevating our standing as an environmental charity.

Our team is proud to have played an important role in shifting the dial, supporting and influencing a core group of centre-right legislators within the Nationals and Liberals who have become strong voices on climate change and who have recruited more followers amongst their peers. Through their efforts, the Coalition have committed to **Net Zero by 2050**. We believe our advocacy has been essential to provide a safe and trusted forum for centre-right politicians to advance their climate policies and ideas.

This year, we will continue to build on the foundation for uniting the Coalition on issues of energy, climate and environment, especially now that we have established a formal mechanism for debate through the **Coalition Climate Network**. Our ambition and action will be accelerated with the support of our vast network of domestic and international partners, our projects and campaigns, and through our policy recommendations. We now have the critical responsibility of working with the network to create its mission statement, vision and goals for the year ahead.

These are challenging tasks for an organisation that is still fairly young and limited in resources. However, with the hard work of our passionate team and Board members and the support of our Ambassadors, we are confident that we will continue to kick goals and grow sustainably.

We count on your support to achieve our objectives, encouraging the Coalition towards smart climate policies that cut emissions while fostering economic growth. By advocating that conservative values and conservation work in tandem, we strive to ultimately remove climate change from the political agenda by creating bipartisanship.

We look forward to working with you in the new financial year.

Best wishes,



Cristina Talacko
Chair, Coalition for Conservation





About C4C

Coalition for Conservation (C4C) is the platform for conservatives and centre-right legislators who support conservation and decarbonisation, advancing policies, ideas and market-based solutions that reduce emissions while protecting the environment.

Our purpose is to protect and enhance the natural environment and combat climate change by raising awareness within communities and the government.

We are a registered charity with DGR status that promotes and supports solutions that address environmental challenges and builds bipartisan support to tackle climate change. We believe in science and evidence-based approaches to sustainability.

We are the only centre-right organisation in Australia that liaises with the Coalition to advocate for more action on climate, utilising our network to influence the Liberal and National Party agendas.

MISSION STATEMENT

C4C's mission is to promote and support the development of policy and strategies for a Net Zero economy across Liberal and National policymakers at all levels of government, by advocating that conservative values and conservation work in tandem.

VISION

C4C envisages an outcome in which Liberal and National policymakers are knowledgeable, inspired, and united in addressing climate change.

Our Values

We are inclusive, transparent and open to diverse views.

Unlike other environmental organisations, we have a "pro-growth" philosophy economically rather than anti-growth, and support the continuous growth of Australia's economy by enabling opportunities in future-focused green industries.



Our Priorities

Influence legislators to meet and beat the Paris Agreement targets

Promote a sustainable economic recovery post COVID

Support policy, investment and strategies for a Net Zero economy and environmental protection

Create change and shift the narrative by engaging politicians, businesses, experts and communities

Engage with international Conservative governments, think tanks, experts and businesses to create support and global voices on climate

Our Strategy

Goals



INFORM: To raise awareness about the detrimental effects of climate change and future-focused solutions



SUPPORT: To support Coalition legislators to reclaim environmentalism and reconnect the lost link between conservatism and conservation



UNITE: To create bipartisanship on climate action



ADVISE: To assist Coalition legislators in putting forward a conservative national strategy on climate and environment



INSPIRE: To position Australia as a leader on climate action and conservation

Strategic Approach

C4C works to reshape the way our decision makers think and act on climate.

How do we do this?



By **building relationships** and **trust** with policy makers and demonstrating a clear understanding of their fundamental values and goals



By **raising awareness and informing** to provide politicians with the evidence they need for sound climate decision-making. Through exposure to science and future-focused solutions, we can influence ideology on climate



By providing opportunities for the community to participate in climate-led bipartisan **experiences and events** that can powerfully influence policy commitment to climate action



By supporting the creation of **Environmental Champions** at state and federal levels to project a strong voice on climate for the Coalition



By connecting policymakers with **international conservative climate leaders** to build confidence in taking a bolder stance on climate in Australia



By **liaising and engaging** with legislators to promote bipartisanship

International Engagement at COP26

In November 2021, C4C led a delegation of Australian MPs to attend COP26 in Glasgow. Alongside COP, we partnered with the UK Conservative Environment Network (CEN) and the American Conservation Foundation to host the Global Conservative Climate Summit (GCCS) gathering prominent politicians and thought leaders from around the world to discuss and advocate for a conservative approach to climate change.



There are over 300 legislators from across more than 50 centre-right political parties in 46 countries that have signed the climate action declaration.



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DAMIAN DRUM
NATIONALS MP



LARRY ANTHONY
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NATIONALS MP



KEVIN HOGAN
NATIONALS MP

"This conference will provide a great opportunity to engage with climate change experts and leaders from all around the world."

Elizabeth Lee MLA,
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Senator Dean Smith



National Conservative Climate Conference

In June 2022, we hosted our inaugural National Conservative Climate Conference (NCCC) at the Taronga Zoo's Wildlife Retreat in Sydney, which united climate thought leaders with conservatives from across Australia and the UK to exchange ideas and debate solutions to climate and environmental challenges.

Our special guest at the event was the Rt Hon David Cameron, who inspired the audience by sharing how he championed the environment into his leadership and successfully positioned climate as a bipartisan issue in the UK, as well as learnings for conservatives to consider post-election defeat.



“The significance of bringing together Federal and State Liberal National Party legislators with international climate experts for the inaugural National Conservative Conference could not have been more poignant following the outcome of the May 2022 Federal election.

Former UK Prime Minister David Cameron inspired the audience on how centre right politicians must own the space for our low-emissions future along with sensible conservation policies. In the past Liberal National Party positions on climate and conservation policies have often been drowned out by the left and those in the media wishing to rewrite history.

The National Conservative Conference provided a unique opportunity for like-minded climate experts and right-centre politicians to come together, to work together and together build a sustainable low-emissions future for all Australians.”

Hon. Larry Anthony AO, former Federal President of the Australian National Party and C4C Director



Connecting with Climate Leaders

Though the recent Australian Federal Election and change of leadership has presented a challenge to the conservatives, the timing for Rt Hon David Cameron's visit could not have been more propitious. He highlighted: *"when you rebuild, rebuild from the values before the policies" and that "this is the perfect time to set up for future success."*

With climate clearly being a primary concern to voters, the opportunity arises to debate how Liberal and National policymakers can address climate and environmental challenges in a way that better resonates with Australian communities and supports a new era of conservative climate policy in Australia. The Rt Hon David Cameron further accentuated that during this time, *"if the [opposing] government does something sensible, don't try to wedge them, agree with them."* Success is heightened by national cooperation and consensus in the right direction.



C4C engages with both the community and government via local events, media articles and regular newsletters to raise this awareness and interaction on all sides to rebuild in the strongest and most future-focused way possible.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2022-2023:

1) ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

C4C will continue to run a **Parliamentary Engagement Program**, which involves doing work publicly and behind closed doors engaging closely with conservative policymakers to raise their awareness on climate issues, influence their agenda and produce sound climate policy.

This program includes:

Private roundtables

We will continue to host private roundtables amongst Liberal and National MPs, linking them with think tanks, climate experts and international conservative climate thought leaders to empower conservatives to optimise climate policy and give them the safe space to engage on climate concerns and challenges. We have already hosted a private roundtable on Campaigning and Climate Issues with Stonehaven and UK MPs in the lead up to the federal election. We also hosted a National Security and Fuel Security roundtable in April.

Public events

We will continue to host educational webinars and face-to-face events bringing Coalition MPs together with speakers from the public and private sectors to discuss climate issues. Recently, we hosted the NSW Minister for Environment, James Griffin, to discuss the NSW State of the Environment Report on biodiversity.

National Conservative Climate Conference 2023

After the success of our first NCCC, we will once again host a stellar line-up of international climate experts from Europe, Canada and the United States in 2023 to focus on the way forward for centre-right climate policies. Our Conference will provide a unique opportunity for legislators and policy makers to engage and collaborate with climate experts on key environmental issues.

Face to face meetings with MPs

We are constantly updating our mapping of MPs and their position on climate, building relationships and meeting with MPs. Since the election, we have been working closely with MPs to put forward our recommendation for the development of a National Strategy for Climate. Over the past 12 months, C4C has significantly expanded its network with conservative MPs, building momentum post-COP26 and NCCC. With the assistance of these political leaders (who assist with introductions to colleagues and endorsement of C4C) we have the potential to engage productively on climate policy with a wide range of Coalition decision makers.





COP27 delegation

Following the success of COP26, we are planning on raising funds to attend COP27 in Egypt with a group of Coalition MPs in partnership with CEN.

Creating Coalition Climate Champions

We have been supporting a core group of MPs that are championing climate, motivating, and incentivising them to become recruits of our organisation and to be more vocal on climate within the Coalition.

Coalition Climate Network

Our Parliamentary was created during the NCCC, announced by Rt Hon David Cameron, proposed by Senator Dean Smith, moved by Senators David Van and Andrew McLachlan and joined by 30 MPs. C4C strives to bring many more MPs to join and develop a robust agenda of meetings and events, and put forward policies on climate and environment for discussion with members. Following the CEN UK model, C4C aims to create a formal vehicle within the Coalition for the discussions and commitment to climate and environmental policies.

State and National Conferences Program

We will host events to engage with MPs during Liberal and National Party State and Federal Conferences, which are often regional. We plan to create a new program to promote climate and conservation by hosting our own events during these conferences, increasing the opportunity for MPs to attend our events.

2) POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

We will continue to produce important information and recommendations for MPs, partnering with like-minded think tanks, strategists, experts and scientists. In 2021-2022 we were proud to have produced:

- [A Low Emissions Future: Opportunities for Australia](#)
- [The 10 Point Plan for Clean Jobs and a Prosperous Economy](#)

These have spanned sustainable farming, clean energy and energy efficiency, electrification of transport, decarbonising heavy industry and more. The work was developed following our events with MPs, where we engaged them in conversation to build trust and understand what policies they are more prone to support.

These recommendations have been circulated to a key group of federal Coalition MPs in the lead up to the federal budget and we will continue to develop recommendations for a growing group of MPs in the coming months.

3) COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

We have worked closely with the media to release future-focused information and will continue to write opinion pieces for mainstream media to put forth our views.

We will continue to work closely with MPs to motivate them to write articles that raise the Coalition's profile on climate and support them on their positive climate developments and policies by promoting them through our channels and highlighting them to the public.

[Click here to read some of our opinion pieces.](#)

Building the Coalition Climate Network

C4C's newly formed Parliamentary group within the Coalition will have the mission of:

- Putting forward its Manifesto with a set of principles and objectives that promote conservation, protection of the environment and emissions reduction
- Promoting dialogue on Net Zero and more ambitious NDCs
- Creating closer engagement with the Labor Party and independents
- Working with the Liberals and Nationals on a national strategy to address climate change
- Continuing to grow our support-base and create more champions on climate
- Preparing submissions on legislation and budget measures
- Supporting state governments and pushing the Matt Kean approach across other LNP states



- Supporting governments in opposition to take leadership on climate
- Presenting relevant information and promoting business-led initiatives to conservative MPs
- Continuing to work with like-minded think tanks like Beyond Zero Emissions and organizations like the Australian Conservation Foundation, convincing MPs to support their projects and recommendations
- Continuing to build Australia's international voice on conservation and climate
- Ensuring the MPs participate at our Parliamentary Engagement program domestically and internationally

Advocating for Strong Policy

C4C has taken effective action to help ensure conservative legislators understand the implications of climate change and the importance of developing policies consistent with bringing down emissions.

We have successfully increased C4C's key messages in influential media and supported MPs to amplify climate-related policy and advocacy by:

Writing opinion pieces, including observations on the recent election reinforcing that Australians want climate action and that conservatives should listen

Australians want climate action. Conservatives should listen

CRISTINA TALACKO



IT WAS the climate election no one expected and which no major party wanted.

It is now loud and clear that the Australian electorate has moved beyond the climate wars. The devastating wipe-out of moderate Liberals on Saturday night sends a message that must be acknowledged: the heartland of the traditional Liberal Party will move on if the party does not keep up.

Despite poll after poll showing climate as a top concern to the electorate, some in the Coalition chose to ignore it, and both the Liberals and Nationals lost ground because of an unambitious climate agenda.

In the cities, the Coalition lost blue-ribbon seats like Mackellar, North Sydney, Wentworth and Goldstein, all held by moderate Liberals who helped negotiate the net zero target and who worked hard to keep the party room together on climate issues.

In the regions, the electorate made it clear - they have had enough of politicking for the sake of wedges and divides and want pragmatic action which looks to the billions of dollars of opportunities in transitioning

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Australia to a low-carbon economy.

The Nationals suffered a two-party-preferred swing against them of more than 5 per cent in Capricornia - where Senator Matt Canavan lives - and a similar swing in Flynn. In Cooper and Nicholls, the Nationals will have to defend both as marginal seats because climate and integrity independents have pulled huge primary votes from them.

It is even more telling when you see how positive the regional pro-climate-action National and Liberal seats did.

Bridget Archer in the regional Tasmanian seat of Bass bucked the national anti-Coalition trend by distancing herself from Mr Morrison and crossing the floor twice. She is openly supportive of climate action, and was a farmer before she went into politics.

Kevin Hogan extended his margin in Page following his response to the floods. In November last year, the Coalition for Conservation (C4C) travelled with Mr Hogan to Glasgow to attend COP26, and he was very open to media that our natural disasters are a direct impact of climate change. He recognises that the core of conservative philosophy and of the case for protecting the environment are one and the same.

The UK conservatives have been successful in uniting the various factions within their party championing environmental issues while maintaining their conservative values. This is the time for the Coalition to also recognise that conservative leadership is climate leadership.

The Coalition has a golden opportunity to regroup and put forward a policy platform that aligns with conservative principles, embracing economic opportunity where the international markets are shifting to, while conserving the environment for future generations.

It must not make the same mistakes of the past: investing in emissions-reduction projects but failing to develop a clear strategy and communication plan; not reaching consensus on climate policies from libertarians to social conservatives to progressives; and

presenting difficulties to the more moderate MPs who supported a stronger agenda on climate, putting them between the devil and the deep sea.

Time will tell, reviews will be done and there will be a reckoning. The real task for whoever takes over the leadership will be to bring the Coalition together and to the centre. Wedges no longer work.

Australians want a serious and reliable climate plan, and resetting the environmental agenda must be the priority over the next three years.

After all, the concept of environmental protection is intrinsic to both parties. One of the Liberal Party's core beliefs is that is "preserving Australia's natural beauty and the environment for future generations". As for the Nationals, their main mission is "to deliver future security, opportunity and prosperity for all regional Australians, through targeted policies that focus on stronger regional economies, secure communities, a sustainable environment and the highest possible standard of living".

C4C is committed to supporting the Coalition on this important mission. Better late than never.

† Cristina Talacko is chairperson of the Coalition for Conservation.



Organising and participating at roundtable discussions and webinars connecting experts with our legislators to promote robust interaction and honest discussions

Hosting site visits and educational tours



Organising and attending face-to-face meetings with industry leaders



Hosting annual conferences bringing legislators together with experts

Promoting messages through social media



"We need real solutions to tackle emissions – solutions that people can understand and that can be implemented, in the short, medium and long term. I am committed to help find the right solutions."

Chris McLean MLC, Shadow Minister for Environment and Climate Change in Victoria



"In NSW, we also aren't just setting targets. As a result of our policies, the state's emissions are projected to fall by 47-52% on 2005 levels by 2030."

Matt Ryan, New South Wales Minister for Environment and Energy



"Lurching further to the political right is a recipe for irrelevance... Our regional communities are incredibly diverse and expect us to find a balanced, mature and moderate middle ground on key issues like climate change."

Darren Chester, Nationals MP for Cleveland, VIC



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Senator Dean Smith



"That is the job of elected representatives and the job of local members is to listen to their communities and take those views and reflect them in Canberra. We need to prioritise the interests of our communities and put the ideological contest aside."

BRIDGET ARCHER, LIBERAL MP FOR BAYL, TAS

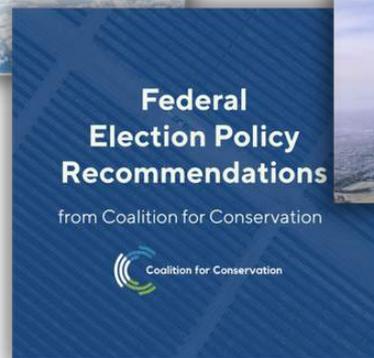


"Net-zero by 2050 is a bipartisan issue in Victoria and energy no longer needs to be a debate between lower prices and lower emissions."

MATTHEW GOFF, VICTORIAN LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Partnerships & Collaboration

C4C has continued to influence centre-right policymakers and government representatives across the political spectrum to advance our policy priorities. This included **submissions** and **fact sheets** prepared in partnership with like-minded organisations like Beyond Zero Emissions, Clean Energy Council, ClimateWorks and others on key policies such as: The 10 Point Plan for Clean Jobs and a Prosperous Economy and A Low Emissions Future: Opportunities for Australia.



C4C has facilitated the engagement between legislators and industry associations that play a critical role in advocating for climate change policy frameworks which serve the best interests of companies, like the **Electric Vehicles Council**, the **NRMA**, the **Australian Hydrogen Council**, **ARENA** and the **National Farmers Federation** to name a few. It has also created dialogue amongst politicians and corporates who are aligning their practices to net zero pledges by hosting panels and events promoting robust discussions to bridge the gap between politics and business when it comes to the climate change agenda.





As climate change is a global issue, C4C has been collaborating with our peers across the globe to deliver ambitious climate outcomes.

We participated in several different initiatives and partnerships, including hosting events with international climate experts and other conservative policymakers from the USA, UK, Scotland, Denmark, Sweden, Germany and Canada. Our cooperation with the Conservative Climate Network in the UK, the American Conservation Coalition, Clean Prosperity, the Conservative People’s Party, the British Conservation Alliance amongst others has optimised our international standing as an organisation and enabled our MPs to have conversations with like-minded legislators who are leading on climate.

Most importantly, we have hosted the first-ever Global Conservative Climate Summit (GCCS) last year alongside COP26 gathering 100 legislators and experts on climate at a first class conference.

We have been successful in bringing speakers from international think tanks to meet our MPs and present their reports and surveys like **Stonehaven**, **Policy Exchange** and **Bright Blue**.



This financial year has finished on a positive note with the historic launch of the **Coalition Climate Network** following the signing of our climate and conservation declaration by more than 30 Liberal and National MPs.

As the momentum grows, C4C will continue to advocate for effective climate change and environmental policies in support of the transition to a resilient net zero emissions economy by mobilising the centre-right of politics to debate, devise and put forward sensible solutions that align with conservative values.



With the support, expertise and reliable source of information from other like-minded organizations, we have been able to engage our MPs at meetings, events and discussions on:

- The importance of sensible centre-right climate policies and solutions
- Understanding the risks, challenges and opportunities in a net-zero economy
- The effects of climate change on financial markets
- Innovative finance mechanisms to unlock investment
- Nature-based solutions
- Conservatives and conservationism
- Accelerating emissions reduction through technological solutions
- The role of clean free trade in human prosperity and technological progress
- The future of international collaboration



Our Theory of Change

C4C believes that education and transformative experiences are key to creating the necessary shift in climate policy by Liberal and National decision makers.

Our organisation is known for providing education and advocacy that is listened to by the Coalition and its constituents, through our ability to link policymakers with credible experts and likeminded international political leaders. Through the presentation of information, educational sessions, and roundtables on climate policy, C4C offers timely and sought-after insight and information to a conservative audience, from the voices they are most likely to hear from and engage with on climate.



"C4C Bridging the Climate Gap" with climate champions Rt Hon David Cameron, Hon Robert Stokes MP and Felicity Wilson MP - Sydney Harbour Bridge

Our trip to COP26 , the Global Conservative Climate Summit (GCCS) in Glasgow and our recent National Conservative Climate Conference have had a transformative effect on the MPs who participated. These Liberal and National members are now key allies in endorsing C4C's climate policy recommendations and altering perceptions on policy amongst their colleagues. The recent formation of the Coalition Climate Network is testimony that our work and engagement with MPs is proving successful.

We understand the power of exposure to science and solutions in creating ideas and influencing ideology on climate, as well as the potential for this in the conservative realm. For Australia to reach long term bipartisanship on climate policy, it is crucial that we convince centre-right parties and conservative legislators to support a positive and ambitious agenda on climate change and conservation. C4C is the only organisation engaging with the Coalition to make this shift.



Our Team

We have a solid governance structure that enables us to deliver our mission. We are governed by an independent Board with diverse skills and expertise that define and maintain our goals and values.



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QLD DIRECTOR



TAMAHRA KIERATH

WA DIRECTOR



ANNA CAROLINA SANTOS

STRATEGY & OPERATIONS
DIRECTOR

C4C is run by a high-level executive team that implements our strategy and activities. Our financial resources come from donors and like-minded institutions who share our vision of removing climate action as an issue of partisan divide by enabling Liberal and National policymakers to become more knowledgeable, inspired, and united in addressing climate change.

Our partners are conservative think tanks, policy research institutions, businesses and climate experts that provide us with regular reports and updates on relevant areas of industry and environmental issues.

Our aim for the upcoming financial year is to grow our team to be able to support the achievement of our expanding goals and activities.

Our Ambassadors

We have a high profile group of Ambassadors comprising of current and former policymakers who are instrumental in underpinning our credibility and consolidating our profile in the conservative realm.



HON. NICK GREINER AC
Australia's Consul-General in the
US and former Premier and
Treasurer of NSW



HON. ROBERT HILL AC
Former Federal Liberal Minister
for the Environment, former
Leader in the Senate, former
Ambassador to the United Nations



HON. PHILIP RUDDOCK AO
Former Minister for Immigration,
Multicultural & Indigenous
Affairs and former Attorney
General



CHRIS MCDIVEN AM
Former State President of the
NSW Liberal Party, first female
Federal President of the Liberal
Party



HON. MATT KEAN
NSW Treasurer and Minister for
Energy



HON. ROBYN PARKER
Former NSW Minister for the
Environment and Minister for
Heritage



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