



Crossbench calls for smart solutions to snap Australia out of energy shocks.

The latest turmoil in the Middle East shows Australia remains dangerously exposed to fossil-fuelled cost of living crises, having failed to learn from the price shocks caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the global financial crisis.

Today, the crossbench will call on the Albanese government to strengthen Australia's economic and energy security, as the escalating conflict involving Iran highlights the urgent need for decisive action to protect the energy supplies fundamental to our national security and economic resilience.

As powerful nations initiate conflict unilaterally—sometimes without consulting longstanding allies—Australia can't continue to rely on imported fossil fuels or outdated assumptions about global energy reliability.

The crossbench has consistently argued that a more ambitious transition to cheaper, cleaner, and more reliable renewable energy is essential to achieving genuine energy sovereignty. To deliver the economic and strategic benefits of this transition, the crossbench now calls on the government to adopt the following practical, future-focused solutions without delay:

- Dr Monique Ryan MP will call for an extension of EV tax incentives to encourage more Australians to buy clean, cheaper-to-run cars;
- Nicolette Boele MP will call for an orderly phase-down of the fuel tax credit scheme for the mining sector, alongside investment in electric infrastructure for farms and transport;
- Dr Sophie Scamps MP will call to accelerate active transport;
- Zali Steggall MP will advocate for household electrification; and
- Senator David Pocock will call for a 25% tax on revenue from the sale of exported Liquefied Natural Gas, and propose a Senate inquiry to examine why Australians pay more excise on beer than gas companies pay through the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax.