

LEAN's proposed NPF 2022 additions and edits, December 2022

Current text is in black. LEAN's proposed strikeouts are in blue and additions in green. The paragraphs referred to are all in Chapter 3 of the current National Platform which can be read [here](#).

Gas

~~34. Labor recognises and supports the critical role that gas plays in the Australian economy. Labor recognises and supports the critical role that gas plays in the Australian economy.~~ Labor recognises that gas ~~has an important role to play in achieving~~ ~~must be phased out to achieve~~ ~~has an important role to play in achieving~~ ~~Labor's Australia's~~ ~~Labor's~~ target of net zero emissions by 2050. Labor's policies will support Australian workers ~~and communities~~ in the gas extraction industry ~~during this transition.~~ ~~building on Labor's legacy of supporting sufficient and affordable gas supply for Australian industry and consumers. This includes support for new gas projects and associated infrastructure, subject to independent approval processes to ensure legitimate community concerns are heard and addressed.~~ ~~Labor does not support new gas projects or associated infrastructure.~~ In the interim, Labor will ensure the industry assesses and manages environmental and other impacts, including on water reserves and co-existence with other agricultural activities, and engages constructively with landholders. The Federal government must also institute policies like more rigorous use-it or lose-it conditions for offshore gas resources, a price related export control trigger, and domestic reservation policies to ensure environmentally approved gas projects are developed for the benefit of Australians, including as a feedstock to crucial strategic manufacturing industries including chemical and fertiliser production. Labor recognises the critical role gas-power generation ~~currently~~ plays in firming the National Electricity Market (NEM) and will have regard to the advice of the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) in continuing to ensure reliability and price affordability as the NEM transitions to net zero emissions. ~~and as other technologies emerge and as other technologies emerge~~ Labor recognises that AEMO forecasts ~~declining gas usage until at least 2033, and there is no need for additional gas capacity in the NEM.~~ Labor recognizes that gas price volatility is contributing to rises in energy prices, and the best way to reduce energy costs in the long- run is to boost supply of firmed renewable energy.

35. Working with industry, workers and states, Labor will ensure access to affordable gas to support Australian households, power generation and industry ~~during the transition~~, including through measures designed to ensure Australia's energy security.

Add new par 36:

36. Labor recognises that electrification and fuel switching are critical to meeting our emissions reduction targets, and present significant opportunities to reduce energy costs and improve household health outcomes. Labor's policies will support industry and households with gas substitution, whilst coordinating with industry and unions to maintain manufacturing output, and ensure quality jobs for licensed workers and apprentices in the process. Labor will support targets and support programs for the electrification of household dwellings, with a particular focus on social housing and low-income households.

Independent Environment Institutions – Environment Protection Agency (EPA) and National Environment Commission

We are not currently proposing specific words on these issues as the Minister is set to make announcements in December 2022. But please flag the importance of the National Environment Commission in all engagement with the National Policy Forum processes.

Delivering our emissions targets – ending logging and landclearing

Add new paragraph 57

57. Labor is committed to delivering the Glasgow Leaders Declaration on forests and land use which commits Australia to “halt and reverse forest loss and land degradation by 2030.” Labor reconfirms the link between the biodiversity and climate change crises: nature stores and sequesters carbon and healthy ecosystems underpin planetary health. Labor acknowledges it will be impossible to deliver our emission reduction commitments without ending forest loss and degradation.

58. Labor will address environmental and climate change impacts of land clearing in the nations environmental laws in order to address biodiversity loss and climate change. As part of a comprehensive plan to build a carbon sink of scale and size, Labor will cooperate with the states, territories, local government and landholders to achieve a net increase in Australia’s vegetation cover to improve its management and to end broad-scale clearing, including through conditional funding. Labor will implement a best practice national vegetation mapping and monitoring program to support these aims. In doing so Labor will consult broadly with stakeholders

63. ~~Labor will harness the social, economic and environmental benefits that flow from the sustainable management of Australia’s forests.~~ In recognition of the climate change impacts, the increased fire risk and the impacts on Australia’s wildlife, including the koala, Labor will end native forest logging. Labor will:

- Expand the plantation estate to deliver Australian self-sufficiency in wood products. With plantations already supplying over 75% of Australia’s wood outputs, this will deliver long term regional jobs and a vibrant sustainable industry.
- Provide generous support to impacted workers and communities
- Manage native forests to enhance the biodiversity and generate carbon credits.