



ENERGY SECURITY AND ELECTRICITY POLICY



WHAT WE BELIEVE

NSW families, farmers, manufacturers and small businesses are paying more for electricity than ever before while governments continue dismantling the reliable energy system that built this country.

For too long, energy policy has been driven by ideology, political targets and activist pressure instead of engineering, economics and common sense.

The result is higher power bills, increasing pressure on households, growing uncertainty for industry and a grid that is becoming less reliable every year.

Regional communities are being asked to carry the burden of massive energy projects while receiving little benefit in return. Productive farmland is being carved up, transmission corridors are being forced onto communities and billions of dollars are being spent on projects that still cannot guarantee reliable electricity when it is needed most.

Electricity is not a luxury. It is an essential service.

The first responsibility of any government is to keep the lights on, keep power affordable and ensure Australia remains energy secure.

We believe NSW should utilise its abundant coal, gas and uranium resources to deliver affordable, reliable long-term energy security.

We believe energy policy should be judged by three simple measures: reliability, affordability and security.

We believe Australia should stop exporting its strategic advantages while importing uncertainty.

We believe reliable baseload generation remains the backbone of a modern economy and that nuclear energy should form part of Australia's long-term



energy future.

Most importantly, we believe Australians deserve an energy system that works for households, businesses and regional communities — not one designed to satisfy political ideology.



OUR ACTION PLAN

- Put reliability back into the electricity grid by legislating reliability and dispatchability standards that must be met before any generation capacity is removed from the system.
- Stop the reckless closure of reliable power stations by supporting the continued operation of existing coal-fired generation until genuine replacement capacity is available.
- Back modern high-efficiency low-emissions coal generation to strengthen grid stability and deliver affordable electricity.
- Protect domestic gas supplies by reserving Australian gas for Australian households, manufacturers and electricity generation before export markets.
- Fast-track investment in firming generation, grid stability infrastructure and practical technologies that improve reliability rather than simply increasing nameplate capacity.
- Require every major energy policy and project to publicly demonstrate its impact on power prices, grid stability and long-term energy security before approval.
- Rebuild Australia's fuel security by maintaining strategic fuel reserves above international minimum standards and legislating enforceable reserve targets.
- Restore domestic refining capability by supporting new refining infrastructure and protecting critical fuel production capacity.
- Remove legislative barriers preventing the development of a civil nuclear energy industry in Australia.



OUR ACTION PLAN - Continued

- Establish a clear regulatory pathway for nuclear power generation, including Small Modular Reactors and future emerging nuclear technologies.
- Unlock Australia's uranium advantage by supporting the full nuclear supply chain from mining and processing through to domestic energy production.
- End market distortions by requiring all electricity generation technologies to compete on reliability, affordability and performance rather than political favouritism.
- Scrap policies that artificially increase electricity prices without delivering measurable improvements in reliability or energy security.
- Oppose any form of carbon tax or emissions trading scheme that increases the cost of living and drives up power prices.
- Force transparency into the energy market through stronger reporting requirements on electricity pricing, network costs and market regulation.
- Protect productive agricultural land by preventing large-scale energy developments and transmission corridors from being imposed on farming communities without genuine consent.
- Guarantee fair compensation for landholders and regional communities hosting major energy infrastructure.
- Strengthen regional consultation requirements so local communities have a genuine say over major energy projects affecting their land, livelihoods and future.
- Rebuild sovereign energy capability by prioritising Australian energy



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production, Australian jobs and Australian-owned strategic infrastructure.

- Put consumers first by making lower household power bills, stronger energy security and reliable electricity supply the primary objective of government energy policy.
- Ensure every dollar spent on energy transition policies is publicly reported so Australians can see the true cost of government energy decisions.
- Build an energy system that delivers affordable, reliable and secure electricity for future generations instead of gambling Australia's prosperity on political experiments.