



# PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT POLICY



## WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe protecting Australia's natural environment is non-negotiable. Every Australian deserves clean air, clean water, and healthy, thriving ecosystems—but achieving this requires action, not ideology.

We reject the failed “lock it up and leave it” approach. Decades of restricting access and sidelining practical land management have not delivered better environmental outcomes. In too many cases, they have led to neglect, increased risk, and declining environmental health.

We believe environmental policy in this country has been hijacked by extreme, city-based activism that ignores science, dismisses local knowledge, and refuses to learn from past failures. Australians deserve better than policies driven by ideology instead of results.

We stand for active, evidence-based environmental management. Real conservation means managing the land—not abandoning it. It means reducing fuel loads, controlling pests, improving habitats, and enhancing biodiversity through practical, proven methods.

We believe in sustainable use, not blanket bans. Forestry, fishing, and hunting—when properly managed—are not threats to the environment; they are part of the solution. These industries depend on healthy ecosystems and have a direct stake in maintaining them.

We believe Indigenous land management practices, developed over tens of thousands of years, demonstrate the value of active stewardship. These lessons must be taken seriously and applied where appropriate.

We believe local communities must be put back in charge. Farmers, fishers, hunters, and regional Australians are the true custodians of the land. They live it, work it, and understand it—far better than distant bureaucracies ever



will.

Environmental management is not about feelings—it's about outcomes. And right now, the outcomes are not good enough.

We will fight for a system that delivers real environmental protection through practical action, local leadership, and sustainable use—ensuring Australia's natural environment is not just preserved but strengthened for generations to come.

## OUR POLICIES

### **End Failed “Lock It Up” Policies**

Reopen access to public lands where appropriate. Replace neglect with active, on-ground management. Tackle fuel loads, pests, and environmental degradation

### **Put Science Before Ideology**

Base environmental laws on evidence and measurable outcomes. Scrap policies that prioritise activism over results. Ensure accountability for environmental performance. Publish environmental performance metrics (fuel loads, pest numbers, biodiversity).

### **Back Sustainable Use**

Support responsible forestry, fishing, and hunting. Recognise these industries as partners in conservation. Promote active habitat and wildlife management.

### **Put Locals Back in Charge**



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Give regional communities a central role in decision-making. Empower landholders and local groups to manage their environments. Recognise practical, on-ground knowledge.

### **Support Real Environmental Outcomes**

Invest in biodiversity improvement and habitat restoration. Expand the use of Indigenous land management practices. Deliver measurable improvements—not empty promises. Annual reporting on outcomes, not funding.