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**Will you rule out any direct or indirect public subsidies to Adani?**

Yes

6. **Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The Greens want to end the subsidy for fossil fuels including those used by mining companies.

7. **Will you stop the Adani coal mine and the exploitation of the Galilee coal basin, as a first step in a moratorium on new coal mines and expansions?**

Yes

8. **Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The Greens' plan is for a transition to 100% renewables, providing cleaner, cheaper and reliable power for everyone. This plan will also create the jobs in manufacturing, trades and research that we need. This plan is ambitious, forward-looking and takes the action we need today. Not in five, ten or twenty years.

9. **Will you implement policies in line with the Paris Agreement to limit dangerous global warming to 1.5 to 2 degrees?**

Yes

10. **Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

We actually need to aim for the 1.5 degree target and try to do better. Australia should be setting the example for other industrial countries, not lagging.

11. **Will you reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40-60% on 2000 levels by 2030?**

Yes

12. **Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The Greens policy is for net zero or net negative Australian greenhouse gas emissions by no later than 2040. We believe that this goal is achievable with current technology but will require leadership and investment by governments.

13. **Do you accept that carbon pollution must be reduced faster in the electricity sector than in other sectors of the economy?**

Yes

**14. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

Renewables are already the cheapest option for electricity generation and getting cheaper. Electricity generation is the most greenhouse gas intensive sector of the economy so should be the main target for emissions reductions initially.

**15. Will you oppose public subsidies to new or existing coal-burning power plants?**

Yes

**16. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

Building new coal fired power stations would be madness. Greens policy is to remove all fossil fuel subsidies.

**17. Will you implement a national plan to phase out all coal-burning power stations by 2030, making sure that affected workers and communities are supported in the transition?**

Yes

**18. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The Greens policy is for a 90% renewable energy target for electricity generation by 2030. This can only be achieved by phasing out coal-burning power stations. We believe that 100% renewable electricity generation is feasible by 2030.

We would create a \$250 million Clean Energy Transition Fund to assist coal workers and communities with the transition.

**19. Will you unleash investment and jobs in renewable energy by protecting ARENA, ensuring that the renewable boom continues to accelerate, supporting the development of a clean energy exports industry, and helping businesses seize the benefits of low-cost renewables and energy savings?**

Yes

**20. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The Greens will start by reversing the cuts to ARENA made by the Turnbull government with ALP support.

**21. Will you ensure that all households, especially low-income households, renters and indigenous communities, can access the benefits of clean energy and energy efficiency?**

Yes

**22. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The Greens acknowledge also that people with existing disadvantage will suffer disproportionately from the impacts of climate change and that the policy implications extend beyond removing barriers to obtaining clean energy and improved energy efficiency.

**23. Will you establish a new national Environmental Protection Agency and pass a new generation of environment laws that includes binding National Standards on Air Pollution (including from vehicles and coal-burning power plants) to protect the health of all Australians, make polluters pay for the health impacts of their pollution and create strong and transparent reporting, compliance and enforcement mechanisms with sufficient penalties to ensure that requirements are met?**

Yes

**24. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The Greens don't (as yet) have a specific policy to establish a national Environment Protection Agency but the listed objectives are all consistent with our policy platform.

**25. Will you stand against privatisation of the ABC?**

Yes

**26. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The ABC is a vital part of Australia's democracy. It's independence from commercial interests must be protected - as well as from political pressure from government.

**27. Do you support full funding by reversing all ABC budget cuts from 2014 budget onwards?**

Yes

**28. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The cuts to the ABC have been driven by the hatred that the Coalition has for public services despite the fact that their own supporters value the ABC highly.

**29. Do you support caps on political donations?**

Yes

**30. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The Greens want to ban political donations from for-profit entities and have modest caps on all other donations. The Greens have been agitating for donations reform since the 1990s.

**31. Do you support caps on political campaign expenditure?**

Yes

**32. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The need for parties to fund increasingly expensive election campaigns with large donations from corporations and others with a vested interest is a key factor in public disenchantment with politics. Capping donations alone is not sufficient - expenditure on campaigning must also be subject to reasonable but modest caps.

**33. Do you support calls from medical professionals for all children seeking safety and their families currently detained on Nauru to be evacuated to Australia?**

Yes

**34. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

Asylum seekers, but especially children, should never have been sent to Nauru or Manus Island.

**35. Do you support the evacuation of all refugees and people seeking asylum held on Manus Island and Nauru?**

Yes

**36. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

It is legal to seek asylum. This is an issue of basic human rights that should never have been used for political point scoring. The Greens will close the camps and create a system that fairly and efficiently helps people find safety.

**37. Are you concerned by and will you take action to combat the rising racism, including Islamophobia, in Australian society?**

Yes

**38. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The Greens have been actively campaigning against racism of all kinds and in support of the anti-discrimination laws.

**39. Will you stand up for multicultural and Aboriginal communities who are under attack on the grounds of so-called 'cultural compatibility' with 'Australian values'?**

Yes

**40. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

We will legislate a federal Multicultural Act. Australia is one of the most culturally diverse countries on earth and we are a stronger nation because of this. Our multiculturalism is something to be proud of, and to celebrate. We also need to make sure that the right resources, tools and opportunities are available to make sure all Australians are empowered to participate in Australian society.

41.

**Do you agree that Newstart is too low and must be raised?**

Yes

**42. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

People don't want to be on Newstart - they want work. People seeking work deserve to be supported adequately, and living in poverty is a barrier to work. Those seeking work should be able to afford the essentials, the current payment of less than \$40 a day doesn't cover that.

43.

**Will you commit to raise Newstart by \$75 a week?**

Yes

**44. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The Greens moved a Senate motion calling for a \$75 increase in Newstart in February this year. Unfortunately both the Coalition and Labor voted against it.

**45. Are you committed to full employment?**

Yes

**46. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

Unemployment and under-employment are a symptom of a dysfunctional economic system. Meaningful work should be available to all who want it.

**47. Do you support a trial of a guaranteed job provided by the Federal Government at proper pay for all that ask for one?**

Yes

**48. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The Greens do not (as yet) have an explicit policy relating to guaranteed jobs, or alternatively providing a universal basic income. Our support for full employment includes the direct intervention of the government to support the creation of meaningful jobs with proper pay.