

5.

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 Adani mine may well become a stranded asset.

India is moving to renewable energy and away from coal as fast as it can.

There are reports that more than 30 international banks have declined to finance the project.

There are also reports that insurance companies will no longer insure coal fired power stations

Taxpayer money should not be used to prop up this project

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?**

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?**

The 2030 targets are not ambitious enough

I have received advice that we should be aiming for net zero emissions by 2050

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?**

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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?

It is easier and more cost effective to reduce carbon pollution in the electricity sector. However we need an overarching policy across all sectors including agriculture, transport and electricity.

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?

All existing subsidies for coal burning power plants should be scrapped.

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 government should not be putting taxpayer funding into coal-burning power plants. Industry is making decisions about the future and are unlikely to invest in future coal-fired power stations, but I would like to see this process accelerated. The future development of renewables will provide future employment.

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?

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?

This is complicated, but I would like to see substantive work on this concept.

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?

This is a complicated mix of State and Federal responsibilities. We need a genuine national approach to all environmental issues including emissions standards. It needs to be well thought through and developed. Polluters should pay.

25. Will you stand against privatisation of the ABC?

Yes

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

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?

29. Do you support caps on political donations?

Yes

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

This is fundamental to political reform.

31. Do you support caps on political campaign expenditure?

Yes

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

There should also be truth in campaign advertising

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?

I support the medical professions call for children and families to be evacuated from Nauru and Manus Island pending settlement in an acceptable third country

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

Uncommitted

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

I support the closing down of Manus and Nauru and resettlement to an acceptable third country like New Zealand within regional plan. We need to maintain strong border protection, however the conditions on Manus are a disgrace and blight on our reputation.

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?

In my role as a doctor, I have patients from many cultural and religious backgrounds There is also rising anti-Semitism in Australia. I see and respect the person.
I condemn the incitement of radicalisation and terrorism by any group and believe we should not be afraid to call out racism when we see or hear it and I support our anti-discrimination laws.
I call on the Government to appoint a Race Discrimination Commissioner following the departure of Tim Soutphommasane.

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?

I am an advocate for diversity, including multiculturalism in Australia and I support the Uluru Statement

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?

No Australian should be expected to live under the poverty line.

43.

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

Yes

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

45. Are you committed to full employment?

Yes

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

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

Uncommitted

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

This is an idea getting a lot of attention. While the aim is desirable, I am reluctant to commit to it because I doubt that as a nation we could afford it or would be achievable.

However, I would be prepared to look at the economic analysis of such a proposal.