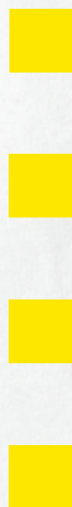


**GetUp!**

# Climate Leadership Pack 2022

*We make the future*



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**My beautiful home burnt  
to ash and debris. I want a  
government with a climate  
plan, not marketing spin.**

**– Janet, bushfire survivor**



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## To: Candidates for election

No matter where we're from, we all want a safe home and a future for our kids. We care about our neighbours and we'll roll up our sleeves to help them out.

With extreme weather and devastating floods, communities are facing the consequences of decades of delay from governments and corporations. The stakes are high for all of us.

This election GetUp is campaigning for **climate justice in marginal seats** where communities are on the frontlines of climate disasters, and where the major parties face a voter backlash for failing to provide strong climate leadership.

Every election from here on is a climate election. Every candidate must decide if they make the floods and fires worse through their policy decisions, or if they protect people from losing their homes, towns, and their lives.

Policy decisions to support more pollution are choices to harm people. There have been enough warnings.

**The good news is that a majority of voters in every electorate in the country want our government to take responsibility and take fast action, according to Australia's biggest climate poll.**

This election, voters are looking for representatives who will take responsibility to protect communities from climate damage. Renewable energy is ready now, so they want to vote for people who will get on with the job.

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**As a movement of one million people across Australia, it is no surprise stopping climate damage consistently ranks as a top issue for GetUp members, thousands of whom live in your electorate.**

We are calling for parties and candidates in the election to commit to:

- Replace burning coal and gas with 100% clean, renewable energy this decade.
- Fund the future, not public subsidies for coal, oil and gas corporations.
- Support people and communities impacted by climate damage.

**Specific actions under these three headings are laid out in this Climate Leadership Pack. We are calling for fast, specific, proactive action from all parties and candidates standing for election.**

GetUp members are campaigning for climate leadership this election by having conversations with voters, putting up yard signs, organising local events, and handing out how to vote cards on polling day. How to vote rankings will be based on these policies.

"We know how to deal with floods in Lismore. But this flood is different. The scale is beyond all records or memories.

Burning coal and gas is heating our planet, supercharging extreme weather. The people who are losing everything right now are the people who can't afford a house on the hill.

My neighbours and I have shown up to help each other. But the scale of this problem is huge. We can't deal with it alone.

We need a government that will urgently cut coal and gas pollution. We need to elect politicians who will represent us, not the fossil fuel industry."

**– Aidan, Lismore resident**





"In just a few weeks, I'll be voting for my first time ever. I'll be voting for a government that doesn't give billions of dollars in fossil fuel subsidies to a dying industry.



I'll be voting for a future where climate justice is at the forefront, where kids don't have to grow up with summers filled with bushfires and floods – like I did.



This might be my first time voting, but lots of young people can't vote yet. And it's us who will be affected by climate change the most."



**– Varsha, student**



On behalf of GetUp members in your local electorate, and across the country, we call on you as a candidate in the upcoming federal election to commit to replacing burning coal and gas with clean, renewable energy this decade.

We know how to solve the climate crisis. Politicians must represent people, not polluters. With a rapid transition to clean, renewable energy, pollution will drop. We can breathe healthier air. Communities can share in the opportunities for new industries, creating hundreds of thousands of future-proof jobs. Acting fast will save lives.

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Kathryn".

Kathryn McCallum  
Climate Justice Campaign Director

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## WHAT'S WRONG?

Burning coal and gas is heating our planet, making floods and fires worse for people.

## HOW DO WE FIX IT?

Let's replace burning coal and gas with 100% clean, renewable energy this decade.

### Clean energy

- Deliver 100% clean electricity from sun, wind, and other renewable power and storage by 2030.
- Reach zero emissions by 2035.
- Reduce climate pollution by 2030 with targets that at least match major economies like the United States, the United Kingdom and the European Union.
- Deliver a national plan to clean up transport – prioritising public and active transport, and replacing fossil fuel vehicles with electric vehicles.







## Back affordable power

- Create **energy independent communities** – funding a community renewable energy program and powering schools, hospitals, government offices, public and social housing, remote First Nations communities, sporting clubs, halls and libraries with affordable, clean energy by 2025.
- Roll out a national **household energy upgrades program** to older homes to support electrification, solar, EV chargers, batteries, better appliances, heat pumps, and insulation – so people can live comfortably in low pollution homes that are cheap to run.
- Reform the **National Construction Code** to make new buildings all-electric, gas-free, well insulated and designed so they are liveable, affordable to run and less polluting. And implement **minimum energy efficiency standards** for rental properties.



**[W]e don't have to be perfect to solve climate change. We just need to be electric. If we go hard and go early... we have everything to win... The average household will probably save \$5000 a year or more on energy and car expenses.**

**– Saul Griffith, engineer and author**



# Plan for the future

- Establish a **National Transition Authority** to: coordinate economic diversification for communities formerly reliant on fossil fuels; ensure communities share in the benefits of new renewable energy projects; and support thousands of well-paid jobs in local manufacturing of clean infrastructure.
- Commit to **no new approvals** of coal, oil or gas projects.
- Join over 100 countries in the **Global Methane Pledge** and commit to capping and reducing methane emissions to rapidly reduce heating.
- Permanently **ban shale fracking**.

## SOLUTIONS

According to the experts at Climateworks, we can transition our polluting economy and energy system to net zero by 2035, not 2050.

In just five years, a government with vision who invests just \$12b in home infrastructure could create \$300 billion in household savings on energy and vehicles, saving each household an incredible \$5000 per year and making a huge difference to people's lives – according to Rewiring Australia.

We can create hundreds of thousands of future-proof jobs, according to think tank Beyond Zero Emissions – and communities can share in the opportunities of action.





## WHAT'S WRONG?

Politicians represent corporations, not communities, by accepting donations and handing out subsidies

## HOW DO WE FIX IT?

Fund the future, not public subsidies for coal, oil and gas corporations

### Don't pay polluters

- Rule out **new subsidies** for coal, oil and gas.
- Rule out new subsidies for carbon capture and storage (CCS) linked to coal, gas or oil projects and **fossil-fuel derived hydrogen**.
- **Review all federal fossil fuel subsidies** by the end of 2022.
- End subsidies for drilling, pipelines or infrastructure for fracking methane gas in the **Beetaloo** in the NT.
- Phase out all existing public funding for **coal, oil and gas**.
- **Refuse donations** from fossil fuel corporations.







## Fund climate solutions

- Reform the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) to explicitly ban it from investing in new fossil fuel infrastructure.
- Ensure the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) and the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) only fund renewable energy, and double their funding.



**It's a stupid investment – leading to billions in stranded assets. And it's time to end fossil fuel subsidies and stop the expansion of oil and gas exploration.**

**– António Guterres,  
UN Secretary General**

Just 100 companies caused 71% of global climate pollution, including major fossil fuel corporations like Chevron and ExxonMobil. Instead of changing their business model to clean energy, they want to expand fracking, shipping and burning gas and disguise this with dodgy offsets and failed "carbon capture".

Multi-national corporations make Australia the third largest exporter of fossil fuels in the world after Saudi Arabia and Russia.

Our government's decisions are critical.



## WHAT'S WRONG?

Communities are left to  
clean up after land, water,  
and climate damage

## HOW DO WE FIX IT?

Support people and  
communities impacted by  
climate damage

### Listen to Traditional Owners

- Ensure that if Traditional Owners **do not consent** to gas mining projects and infrastructure on their lands, the projects will not proceed.
- Commit to a **Federal Heritage Act** that includes veto power for Traditional Owners to refuse consent to projects impacting cultural heritage.







## Support people facing climate damage

- Invest in **community-level disaster** preparedness and response – including permanent, funded, **community resilience hubs** in every local government area in vulnerable parts of the country; and prioritise funding for building resilience **before** a disaster strikes.
- Increase the **accountability** of the National Recovery and Resilience Agency and the Emergency Response Fund, so that they deliver **community-led**, trauma-informed, people-centred solutions commensurate with the scale of repeat climate disasters.
- Urgently implement the recommendations of the **Royal Commission** into National Natural Disaster Arrangements.



**We rescued our neighbours in a tinnie. Fires, floods. What's next? We need a government that's for communities, not coal and gas."**

**– Aidan, Lismore resident**

- Create a **climate compensation fund** to help communities recover from climate disasters, paid for by coal and gas exporters.
- Double Australia's current **climate finance** to \$3 billion over 2020-2025, and scale up Australia's contributions to global climate finance to provide a fair share by 2030.
- Fund adaptation programs for the **Torres Strait Islands** to support communities to adapt to climate impacts and stay on their islands.



## Protect water & wildlife

- Create strong national **nature protection laws** that stop Australia's worsening extinction crisis, and support nature as a climate solution.
- Commit to amending the **'water trigger'** under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 to include protection for water sources from shale gas projects.



**We're trying to stop [fracking] because it's going to pollute the water in the area. We got new generations growing up and they want to live in the land free of fracking.**

**– Aunty Stephanie Roberts,  
Alawa Traditional Owner**

### CASE STUDY

The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) says strong national nature protection laws are effective in reversing the decline of species threatened with extinction. For example, over 40 years, the United States' Endangered Species Act prevented extinction for 99 percent of species under its protection. And saw a 90 percent recovery rate in more than 100 species – including grizzly bears, humpback whales and bald eagles – throughout the United States.





# About GetUp

By combining the power of one million members, movement partners and a central team of expert strategists, we work to have extraordinary impact on the issues that matter.

GetUp members come from every walk of life, coming together around a shared belief in fairness, compassion and courage. It is GetUp members who set our movement's agenda on the issues they care about, in the areas of Climate Justice, Human Rights, First Nations Justice, Economic Fairness and Democratic Integrity. Our work is driven by our shared values, not party politics.

GetUp is an independent, not-for-profit, community campaigning organisation, incorporated as a company limited by guarantee. GetUp receives no political party or government funding, and every campaign we run is entirely supported by voluntary donations.

GetUp's purpose is set out in our constitution – to advance progressive public policy in Australia. We do this by empowering everyday people to have their say.

**Our team acknowledges that we meet and work on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. We wish to pay respect to their Elders — past, present and future — and acknowledge the important role all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play within Australia and the GetUp community.**