



Policy Asks : Election 2022

First Nations Justice

Protect Country

- Agree that Traditional Owners must give consent to gas mining projects and infrastructure on their lands.
- Double the funding for Indigenous Rangers - Working on Country Programs.
- Amend the 'water trigger' under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 to include protection for water sources from shale gas projects.
- Fund adaptation programs for the Torres Strait Islands to support communities to adapt to climate impacts and stay on their islands.
- Meet with Torres Strait Traditional Owners to witness the impacts of climate change first hand within the first 100 days of being elected.
- Commit to a permanent ban on shale fracking.
- Implement all 135 recommendations from the 2018 Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory (the Pepper fracking inquiry).
- Co-design a Federal Heritage Act with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, that includes:
 - a review of all Aboriginal Heritage areas that would turn into a national register of tangible and intangible cultural heritage sites including those already destroyed;
 - veto power for Traditional Owners to refuse consent to projects impacting cultural heritage; and
 - harsher penalties for corporations who destroy cultural heritage, giving Traditional Owners the right to pursue damages.
- Review of the Native Title Act 1993.

Reduce the harm of incarceration

- Audit the recommendations from the 1987 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, and implement the recommendations that haven't yet been implemented.
- Abolishing Mandatory Sentencing.
- Divert funding away from the police, and towards increased social services.
- Invest in community based initiatives and alternatives to detention for juveniles.
- Commit to more Community Liaisons.
- Commit to having unarmed police patrols in Aboriginal communities.
- Implement all 227 recommendations from the 2017 Royal Commission into Detention and Protection of Children in the Northern Territory.

End the housing crisis

- Restore critical funding partnerships between state and federal governments for remote Aboriginal community housing.
- Spend \$5 billion over 10 years to address overcrowding and homelessness in Aboriginal communities by:
 - Building new public housing
 - Providing training for local communities in trades for home upkeep
 - Ensuring all new builds are climate adaptable housing
 - Ensuring air conditioning and insulation is mandatory in existing and new homes
 - Removing reliance on diesel in communities for housing energy use
 - Ensuring all homes have rooftop solar or community powered renewables
 - Ensuring safe drinking water for all remote communities
 - Investing in upgrades for roads in remote communities

Secure and affordable renewable energy

- Establishing a Community Renewables Program to support solar in regional and remote communities.
- Review the current training programs to ensure they are focused on growing the skills of the local labour force.
- Initiate a reverse auction process for renewable energy power purchase agreements in Aboriginal communities.
- Support Torres Strait Islander communities to build community-owned renewable energy.

Truth Telling

- Establish a national First Nations Truth Telling Commission in this term of Parliament.

Better healthcare for all

- Commit to significant funding to address the suicide and mental health crisis, including:
 - Increasing the number of mental health workers in communities
 - Increasing youth programs.
- Make the health system more resilient for communities by:
 - Significantly investing in health centres outside of the major centres, including aged care and mental health services
 - Increasing the number of permanent staff and beds in communities.
- Work with Aboriginal communities and peak organisations around the current COVID-19 crisis, and future crises.
- Increase funding for COVID-19 support in remote communities.

End the Northern Territory Intervention

- Abolish the Northern Territory Intervention (Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Act 2012).

Real jobs for our community

- End the racist and punitive Community Development Program.
- Investing in real jobs for remote communities.
- Abolish the Cashless Debit Card.

Affordable food and essential items

- Address the food shortages in remote communities by shortening the supply chain.
- Implement a watchdog to monitor and crack down on price gouging in remote communities.
- Invest in communities' ability to create their own food supply, through initiatives such as community gardens.
- Support Aboriginal communities to own, control and operate food stores.

Inequality

Better healthcare for all

- Will you support permanently increasing federal funding to healthcare from 45% to 50% (compared to state funding) in order to boost staffing and resources?
- Will you commit to making rapid antigen tests free for everyone?
- Will you permanently expand the number of subsidised mental health sessions claimable under Medicare?

A fairer future

- Increase the rate of JobSeeker and Disability Support Pension to the Henderson Poverty Line or above.

Media & Democracy

Cleaning Up Our Democracy

- Support a Federal Integrity Commission with proper funding, public hearings, strong investigative powers, a broad scope, and the ability to make public findings of corruption.
- Protect voting rights for all Australians by blocking any attempt to introduce voter identification laws.

Free & Fair Media

- Guarantee our public broadcasters are fully funded, including a restoration of government budget cuts since 2013, and a stable five-year funding cycle that increases to meet the needs of our communities.

- Champion the independence of the ABC and the SBS by fighting political interference, including an end to politicised board appointments, tied-funding grants, and indexation freezes.
- Support a Royal Commission into media concentration, regulation and NewsCorp's power and influence.
- Support an overhaul of media regulation laws that have entrenched media concentration, including restoring caps on media ownership, a fully funded media regulator and an investment in independent and local news journalism.

Climate Justice

Replace burning coal and gas with 100% clean, renewable energy this decade

- Deliver 100% clean electricity from sun, wind, and other renewable power and storage by 2030.
- Reduce climate pollution by 2030 with targets that at least match major economies like the United States, the United Kingdom and the European Union.
- Reach zero emissions by 2035.
- Commit to no new approvals of coal, oil or gas projects.
- Deliver a national plan to clean up transport – prioritising public and active transport, and replacing fossil fuel vehicles with electric vehicles.
- 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.
- 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.

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

- 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.
- Phase out all existing public funding for coal, oil and gas.
- 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.

Support people and communities impacted by 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.
- Ensure that Traditional Owners must give consent to gas mining projects and infrastructure on their lands.
- Commit to a Federal Heritage Act that includes veto power for Traditional Owners to refuse consent to projects impacting cultural heritage.
- Will you 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?

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