



## Policy Asks : Election 2025

### First Nations Justice

- Agree that Traditional Owners must give consent to gas mining projects and infrastructure on their lands.
- Commit to funding adaptation programs for the Torres Strait Islands to support communities to adapt to climate impacts and stay on their islands.
- Commit to a Federal Heritage Act that is co-designed with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and includes:
  - a) 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;
  - b) veto power for Traditional Owners to refuse consent to projects impacting cultural heritage; and
  - c) harsher penalties for corporations who destroy cultural heritage, giving Traditional Owners the right to pursue damages.
- Audit the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, and implement the recommendations that haven't yet been implemented.
- Commit to a national First Nations Truth Telling Commission in this term of Parliament.

### Climate Justice

- Deliver 100% clean electricity from sun, wind & other renewable power and storage by 2030.
- Commit to cutting carbon pollution to 75% below 2005 levels by 2030.
- Commit to reaching zero emissions by 2035.
- Commit to no new approvals of coal, oil or gas projects.
- Commit to a permanent ban on shale gas fracking.
- Rule out new subsidies for coal, oil and gas, including new subsidies for carbon capture and storage (CCS) linked to coal, gas or oil projects and fossil-fuel derived hydrogen.
- Phase out all existing public funding for coal, oil and gas.
- Oppose the development and public funding of nuclear energy in Australia.
- Oppose any proposal for uranium mining, nuclear power reactors, or radioactive waste dumping.
- Deliver a national plan to clean up transport – prioritising public and active transport, and replacing fossil fuel vehicles with electric vehicles.
- 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.

## Equality & Democracy

- Increase funding to Medicare and expand access to bulk billing.
- Add dental care to Medicare or otherwise implement plans for universal dental care.
- Permanently expand the number of subsidised mental health sessions claimable under Medicare.
- Commit to regulations that limit the influence of big property speculators, stabilise housing prices and improve access to affordable housing.
- Increase access to affordable, fresh food in remote Aboriginal communities, by cracking down on price gouging, shortening supply chains, and supporting community-owned food stores.
- Increase the rate of JobSeeker and Disability Support Pension to the Henderson Poverty Line or above.
- Commit to actively opposing racism in our communities and institutions and defending the freedom of political expression.
- Protect voting rights for all Australians by blocking any attempt to introduce voter identification laws.
- Guarantee our public broadcasters are fully funded, including a stable five-year funding cycle that increases to meet the needs of our communities.
- 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.

## Global Peace & Justice

- Rule out the possibility of Australia funding, acquiring, or facilitating the use of nuclear weapons - including via the AUKUS deal.
- Advocate for a reduction in spending on military and defense programs such as AUKUS, shifting these resources towards community wellbeing initiatives like healthcare, education, housing, climate action and social services.
- Support a complete and permanent ceasefire in Gaza.
- Support efforts to ensure the unhindered flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza, in line with international humanitarian law.
- Introduce and enforce robust transparency measures for Australia's arms trade, clearly disclosing all exports including weapons, weapon components, dual-use technologies, and related goods.
- Ensure a human-rights based due diligence process in the sale and transfer of weapons, imposing arms embargoes where required to prevent Australian complicity in war crimes and violations of international law.