

# Australian Labor Party

## 2014 WA By-Election

### Party Survey Responses



### 3. **Environmental Sustainability**

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**7. Would you support increasing Australia's emissions reductions target to at least 19% by 2020, as recommended by the Climate Change Authority earlier this year?**

Yes

**Comments:** Labor has committed to a target range of 5-25% contingent on certain conditions being met. The CCA has advised that the conditions for increasing from the current 5% minimum have been met to the mid point of 15%. The CCA have also advised that the conditions for the high point of 25% has not been met. When in Government Labor committed to serious consideration of the CCA recommendations. This target is under consideration by Labor.

**8. Would you support a price and limit on greenhouse gas emissions for the biggest polluters?**

Yes

**Comments:**

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**9. Would you support Australia committing to immediate ratification of the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol?**

Yes

**Comments:**

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**10. Would you support policies that prepare Australia for the impacts of between 2 and 4 degrees of global warming scenarios, by establishing and disclosing a national plan of action?**

Yes

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**11. Would you support policies that rule out cuts to the current 2020 Renewable Energy Target (of 41,000 GWh)?**

Yes

**Comments:**

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**12. Would you support strengthening the Renewable Energy Target to at least 50% by 2030?**

No

**Comments:** Labor is committed to transitioning to a clean energy future, part of that commitment is to build the strength of renewable energy, this transition needs to be achieved in a balanced way with the aim of ensuring energy security and economic stability. Labor's Renewable Energy policies have proved to be very successful and when returned to government we will continue to drive towards a clean energy future.

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**13. Would you support Australia's commitment to a target of 100% renewable energy by 2050?**

No

**Comments:** Labor is committed to transitioning to a clean energy future, part of that commitment is to build the strength of renewable energy, this transition needs to be achieved in a balanced way with the aim of ensuring energy security and economic stability. Labor's Renewable Energy policies have proved to be very successful and when returned to government we will continue to drive towards a clean energy future.

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**14. Would you support continued funding for large-scale renewable energy and energy efficiency technology through the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)?**

Yes

**Comments:**

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**15. Would you support policies that prevent unconventional gas mining in drinking water catchments?**

No position yet

**Comments:** Labor introduced the Water Trigger into legislation in 2013, proving our commitment to protecting the environment in general, and the protection of our water resources in particular. No other Government has secured such protections in relation to Gas production.

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**16. Would you support policies that prevent unconventional gas mining in residential areas?**

No position yet

**Comments:** Labor introduced the Water Trigger into legislation in 2013, proving our commitment to protecting

the environment in general, and the protection of our water resources in particular. No other Government has secured such protections in relation to Gas production.

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**17. Would you support policies that give farmers and other landowners the right to say no to mining on their own property?**

No position yet

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**18. Would you support a moratorium on coal seam gas and shale gas mining until a scientific consensus on the environmental and health impacts is reached?**

No position yet

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**19. Would you oppose funding cuts for public broadcasters, including the ABC and SBS?**

Yes

**Comments:**

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**20. Would you oppose the partial or full privatisation of the ABC and/or SBS?**

Yes

**Comments:**

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**21. Would you rule out policies that would increase regulation of Australia's free press?**

Yes

**Comments:** Yes. Labor is committed to ensuring that Australia has both the regulatory processes and industry structures to support a strong and independent media that operates in the public interest.

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**22. Oppose the removal and killing of sharks from designated "safe zones" in WA?**

Yes

**Comments:** Labor is opposed to the arbitrary catch and kill policy in WA and does not support the Government's approach to sharks. There is no scientific research that supports the current policies on Sharks in WA and the Labor Party is standing firmly with the community on opposing these policies.

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**23. Would you support greater transparency around global trade deals, like the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement?**

Yes

**Comments:**

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**24. Would you oppose the inclusion of Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) clauses in global trade deals like the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement?**

Yes

**Comments:** In Government, Labor opposed ISDS clauses in FTAs

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**25. Would you oppose any industrial-scale dredging or dumping of dredge spoil within the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area?**

Conditional yes

**Comments:** Labor believes that the current state of the GBR should cause the Government to consider such a position

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**26. Would you support implementing the recommendations of the World Heritage Committee to avoid the Great Barrier Reef being listed as 'in danger' by UNESCO?**

Conditional yes

**Comments:** Australia should do everything in its power to avoid having the GBR listed as In Danger and all recommendations by UNESCO should be considered very seriously. Labor is committed to ensuring the GBR is protected.

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**27. Would you prevent any new port development along the Great Barrier Reef coastline?**

Conditional yes

**Comments:** Labor initiated a significant amount of work to explore the current port situation along the Queensland coast. Labor is committed to ensuring the balance of economic development and environmental protection for this vital area.

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**28. Would you support keeping the Federal Government's power to approve or reject any major developments that affect the Great Barrier Reef?**

Yes

**Comments:**

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**29. Would you support an end to mandatory offshore detention for asylum seekers who arrive in Australia by boat?**

No

**Comments:**

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**30. Do you support the closure of the Manus Island offshore detention centre?**

No

**Comments:**

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**31. Do you think children should be removed from indefinite detention?**

Yes

**Comments:**

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**32. Would you support maintaining penalty rates for Australian workers?**

Yes

**Comments:**

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**33. Would you oppose any attempt to get rid of the Unfair Dismissal laws**

Yes

**Comments:**

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