

Voluntary Euthanasia Party

2014 WA By-Election

Party Survey Responses



3. Environmental Sustainability

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?

Conditional yes

Comments: The issue of carbon emissions need to be taken much more seriously if the planet is to survive

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

Conditional yes

Comments: either as a carbon tax or as a trading scheme

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

Yes

Comments:

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

Comments: Again, serious public discussion is needed along with parliamentary leadership

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

Yes

Comments:

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

Yes

Comments:

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

Conditional yes

Comments: If this is possible without major social disruption

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

Conditional yes

Comments: to reach targets with minimal social disruption, much greater spending on renewable R&D is required

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

Yes

Comments:

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

Yes

Comments:

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

Yes

Comments:

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?

Conditional yes

Comments: We need to phase out fossil fuel energy sources if we are to reduce carbon emission

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

Yes

Comments:

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

Yes

Comments:

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

No

Comments: The particulars of such proposed policies would need to be examined

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

Yes

Comments: the science on this needs to be respected

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

Yes

Comments:

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

No position yet

Comments:

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

Yes

Comments:

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?

Yes

Comments:

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

No

Comments: Details of the particular proposal would need to be seen

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: This is the only relevant authority for this national asset

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

Yes

Comments:

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

Yes

Comments:

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

Yes

Comments: there is NO case for indefinite detention for anyone, not just children

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

Conditional yes

Comments: The question needs review. Some areas of employment may benefit with removal, but others certainly not

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

Yes

Comments: Fundamental for the protection of workers
