



A FUTURE FOR ALL OF US

THE GREENS' POLICY PLATFORM, ELECTION 2019



RIGHT NOW MORE THAN EVER, POLITICS NEEDS A SHAKE-UP

**People are fed up with politics.
Can you blame them?**

The gap between the rich and the rest of us grows wider, and both Liberal and Labor governments have repeatedly failed to address it. We're staring down climate change, the biggest threat humanity has ever faced, and the major parties are pretending it doesn't exist.

The truth is, with so many vested interests, neither of the old parties are able to represent the values of our diverse and progressive community.

**Australians are crying out for real leadership
and the Greens are delivering.**

I couldn't be more proud of our record in leading the way on some of our biggest national issues - we introduced marriage equality to Parliament, and pressured the government into establishing the Banking Royal Commission. We've led the campaign to evacuate sick refugees from

off-shore detention, and helped patients access medicinal cannabis.

We've given people a genuine alternative and shown the leadership that's been missing from the Liberal and Labor parties.

This election voters are demanding a positive plan to tackle the big challenges we're facing as a community. One that looks after everyone - not just those who can buy influence. They want to know there is bold political vision and policies based on science, to fight for a fairer, more equal community, for world-class public education, health care and social services.

**That's what this is: our plan to create a better
future for all of us.**

Richard Di Natale





THE CASE FOR CHANGE

Over the last decade, selfish and power-hungry Labor and Liberal governments have knocked off four sitting Prime Ministers and have been more committed to fighting each other than planning for our future.

They've taken over \$100 million from big corporations since 2012¹ - including big polluters, mining giants and the big banks - and in the process, created an economy that works for their rich mates and donors, instead of doing what's best for all of us.

Big donations mean big influence. They mean inaction on the mining, burning and exporting of coal - the biggest contributor to climate change - and a failure to keep public services working for everyone. They mean less money for our schools and hospitals, increased cost of living and rising inequality.

We need to shake up politics because time is running out to avoid climate disaster and the major parties don't have a plan to deal with coal. And if you don't have a plan to end coal, oil and gas you don't have a plan to take action on climate change.

¹ democracyforsale.net



A FUTURE FOR ALL OF US

Politics should give you something to believe in. That's why the Greens have bold plans to build a future for all of us, not just the wealthy few.

While the major parties are listening to their big donors and failing to address the major issues facing our society, the Greens are listening to the community.

Our plan would raise billions of dollars by making corporations pay more tax and ending the \$11 billion per year tax avoidance industry.

By making corporations pay their fair share, we can fund the things that benefit everyone: action on climate change, free TAFE and uni, dental care covered by Medicare and 500,000 affordable community homes.

These are some of the bold, evidence-based plans in our platform for this election - a platform that shows the Greens are leading the way on the big issues in the national debate.

Unlike the major parties, the Greens give you a voice in parliament, and we will work with the community, not big donors, to deliver a future for all of us.

RENEWABLE ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Creating a renewable economy that tackles climate change, creates jobs, makes bills cheaper and energy more reliable.

This election is the climate election, because we are in a global race against time on climate change. We're seeing its effects all around us: severe drought, more intense and longer bushfire seasons and rising sea levels.

The mining, burning and exporting of coal is the world's biggest cause of climate change - and Australia is the world's biggest exporter of coal. But both Liberal and Labor governments take millions in donations from the coal industry and don't have a plan to deal with coal.

Australia has the capacity to be a world leader in climate action and renewable energy, phasing out coal, oil and gas and building a renewable energy economy that exports clean energy to the world.

The Greens have a strong and evidence-based plan for a rapid, managed transition to a renewable energy economy - one that will replace coal, oil and gas with renewables, build a new clean-energy export industry and create 180,000 new jobs.

Our plan for a renewable economy that tackles climate change:

- Renew Australia 2030: our blueprint to phase out coal, no new oil or gas, move to 100% renewables and deliver cheap, clean and reliable energy for homes, businesses and industry
- 180,000 new jobs in renewables, including a renewable energy export industry to replace coal and gas exports
- Support for coal workers and communities as we phase out coal
- Create Power Australia, a not-for-profit, public energy retailer for renewables
- Prioritise and properly fund clean, safe, affordable public and active transport
- Kick start the electric vehicle revolution





CLEAN UP POLITICS

Building a democracy that works for everyone, not just the wealthy few.

All of us should have our voice heard and have the values of our community represented in parliament. Our democracy should be the best tool we have to care for people, plan for the future and protect the environment. It has to work for all of us.

Unfortunately, both the Liberal and Labor parties take millions of dollars in donations from big corporations, host secretive fundraising functions and organise cushy lobbyist jobs for ex-politicians, with no transparency or accountability.

Corporate influence in politics is getting in the way of progress on everything, from tackling climate change to housing affordability.

Unlike the major parties, the Greens refuse to take donations from corporations trying to buy influence. We have a plan to return integrity and transparency to the political system and hold politicians and major parties to account.

Our plan to clean up politics:

- Ban political donations from mining, property development, tobacco, alcohol and gambling industries. Cap all other donations and make sure every donation over \$1000 is disclosed publicly, in real time
- Ban MPs and senior staff from accepting lobbying jobs after they retire and require the publication of the subject of all meetings with lobbyists
- Root out corruption by establishing a federal anti-corruption commission that can undertake investigations of politicians
- Protect the rights of citizens and community groups to speak out
- Ensure all of us are represented and able to participate in our democracy
- Save the ABC and SBS because public broadcasters acting in the public interest are essential to a functioning democracy

WORLD CLASS PUBLIC EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Ensuring all of us have the basics we need to live a good life.

We should all have access to high quality, free health care, education and affordable housing. And we need a strong social safety net to look after us when we are out of work, as we age or if we have a disability.

But for decades, Liberal and Labor governments have sold us out by giving massive tax handouts and subsidies to their big corporate donors, instead of investing in the public services that we all need.

So while corporate profits are soaring and 1 in 3 of the largest corporations pay no tax, the rest of us are left paying more or waiting longer to get help. No wonder more and more people across our community are stressed and struggling to make ends meet.

The Greens will make big corporations pay their fair share of tax and put that money directly into funding public services to ensure everyone has what they need to live a good life.

Our plan for public education, health and social services:

- Medicare of the future: a truly universal health care system that includes dental and mental health
- Guarantee free or low-cost access to all essential community services, such as disability services, child care, mental health and aged care services
- Increase Newstart and Youth Allowance
- Fully fund public schools and provide free TAFE and university
- Guarantee access to aged care services and ensure there is an aged care workforce for the future







PUBLIC OWNERSHIP, NOT PRIVATISATION

**Ensuring everyone has affordable access to the services they need:
energy, banking and the internet.**

The Greens believe electricity, banking and the internet should be run as essential services, putting public good before corporate profit.

Privatisation has failed us. It's led to huge profits for big corporations but less reliable services and increased costs for the rest of us.

The Greens are the party of public ownership. We will create publicly owned energy and banking providers and stop Labor and Liberal governments from further privatising our essential services, including the electricity grid and the NBN.

Our plan will ensure you have access to the services you need, immediately reduce your bills and stop you getting ripped off by big corporations, make services more reliable and kick off a rapid, planned transition to renewable energy to tackle climate change.

**Our plan for publicly owned electricity,
banking and the internet:**

- Create a not-for-profit energy retailer to kick off the transition to renewable energy
- Cap power prices and buy back essential electricity infrastructure
- Create a not-for-profit bank to end the rorts and bring down prices
- Break up the big banks and cap executive pay
- Oppose the sell-off of the NBN, and upgrade the network to the best technology for fast and reliable services



PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Creating a future where our environment, wildlife and future generations thrive.

Australia is one of the most diverse and beautiful places in the world. But we will only continue to enjoy our lives in harmony with our planet if we support industries that protect our environment and stop those who are polluting it.

Our environment is under threat like never before. Our Great Barrier Reef is dying, the Murray-Darling is on the brink of collapse and our farmers are suffering through intense drought - all as a result of climate change caused by the mining, burning and exporting of coal and gas.

For decades, Liberal and Labor governments have let corporations get away with trashing our planet for their own private profit.

The Greens will protect and restore our environment, building a prosperous future focused on the principles of long-term sustainability and science, rather than short-term self-interest and political point-scoring.

Our plan to protect our environment:

- Overhaul outdated environment laws
- Tackle the waste crisis
- Look after our oceans, forests, rivers and reefs by introducing a network of marine parks, ending deforestation, saving the Great Barrier Reef, protecting the Murray-Darling basin and stopping oil and gas exploration in the Great Australian Bight
- Halt the animal extinction crisis by properly funding recovery plans for all threatened species and creating thousands of jobs to look after our environment
- Ban all new coal seam gas and fracking projects across Australia, including expansions to existing projects
- Protect animals from cruelty







A HOME FOR ALL

In a wealthy country like Australia, no one should be without a home.

Housing is a basic necessity, like health care and education. But for years, Liberal and Labor governments have treated housing like a commodity and created a system that works best for their big corporate donors.

So while the rich get richer, it's become really hard for young people to buy their first home, rents are skyrocketing and more people, of all ages, are struggling to find an affordable, secure home.

The Greens will ensure we have a housing system that puts community needs before property developer greed.

We'll invest in a vibrant social and community housing sector, give renters the dignity of an affordable and stable home and we'll make it easier for you to buy your first home than for an investor to buy their fifth.

Our plan to make sure everyone has an affordable home:

- Build 500,000 rent-controlled and well-designed public and community homes
- Give renters real rights, including long term leases, a home for your pet, and no more unfair rent increases
- Help renters defend their rights by properly funding tenant legal services
- Support first home buyers by phasing out unfair tax rules, including reforming negative gearing and the Capital Gains Tax discount
- Increase funding for temporary accommodation services so that no one is forced to sleep on the streets

JOBS AND TRAINING FOR THE FUTURE

Planning for the future of work and protecting people as our industries change.

All of us should have access to meaningful, secure work so we don't struggle to make ends meet and we have the freedom to do more of the things we love.

Some of us are stuck working too many hours, while many of us can't find enough work. Jobs are less secure, wages are flatlining and small businesses are getting squeezed by big business and their mates in the government.

Employment in Australia is changing rapidly. Advances in technology could be making everyone's lives better, but instead, economic inequality is the highest it has been for 70 years.

The Greens have a plan to educate, up-skill and invest in local communities as our industries change.

We will protect workers' rights, support small businesses and the industries of the future, create jobs, close the gender pay gap and plan for the future of work.

Our plan for the future of work:

- Increase wages and protect workers' rights by rewriting our workplace laws
- Set up the Future of Work Commission to plan for the future
- Invest in science, research and innovation
- Close the gender wage gap and better support working parents
- Grow the creative economy and support the contribution art and artists make to our society





A FAIRER, MORE EQUAL COMMUNITY

Better together: protecting diversity, championing equality and promoting peace.

All of us deserve to feel safe and to have equal opportunities in life, no matter our cultural background, ability, gender, sexuality, income or postcode.

To ensure a safe and equal world, we can't let a few powerful voices turn us against each other or divide us based on where we come from, who we love or what we look like.

But both Liberal and Labor governments have cynically pitted members of our community against each other.

The Greens will always advocate for peoples' rights, champion diversity and call out discrimination, bias and bigotry. We will make sure that everyone has the opportunity to live a good life, free from discrimination.

We recognise that this always was, and always will be, Aboriginal land and that sovereignty was never ceded. It's long past time for treaties, healing, justice and truth for our First Nations Peoples.

Our plan to create a more diverse, equal and peaceful future:

- Work with First Nations Peoples, to establish a path for sovereignty and treaties; and to close the gap
- Close offshore detention and create a safe asylum pathway for people who seek our help
- Champion diversity in our communities and stamp out systemic racism and hate speech
- Ensure equality for women in all aspects of society, including at work
- Make Australia accessible and fully fund the NDIS
- Ensure LGBTIQ+ people have full equality under the law and in our communities
- Create a charter of rights
- Make Australia a good global citizen, by supporting peace and demilitarisation

PAYING FOR OUR PLANS

If everyone paid their fair share of tax, we'd all get a fair go at living a good life.

The Greens' vision is a world where everyone has what they need to live a good life.

Our economic plan is based on a few simple premises: that a strong economy is a sustainable economy, built on a healthy environment; that it's the shape of our economy, not simply its size, that determines our nation's wealth; and that our economy should work for us, not the other way around.

Some big corporations are using their influence and their political donations to gain more and more for themselves, while many people across our communities are struggling.

Being a good economic manager should mean that your plan works for people and communities, not solely for enormous private profit. It means prioritising investment in public services for everyone – in world class accessible social services, education, health care and affordable homes.

Our plan to make our economy work for all of us, and put billions of dollars back into public services:

- Super profits tax on the oil, gas and mining giants that operate in uncompetitive markets and with huge tax advantages
- End the billions in corporate handouts from government
- Make big corporations pay for their pollution, instead of getting government handouts
- Close the tax avoidance system, to stop giant multinationals dodging their tax bill
- Reverse the big tax cuts to shareholders and the super wealthy







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