


# Climate change is Core Labor Business



Climate change threatens our way of life. It is impacting our weather, our environment and our economy. These escalating impacts will be felt unevenly by Australians. It can be hard to contemplate this challenge when the world is experiencing the upheaval of a global pandemic and so many Australians are exposed and feeling uncertain.

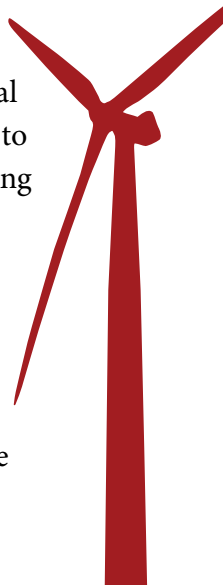
**The good news is that acting to arrest climate change will create unprecedented economic opportunity for Australia.** In a world shifting toward cleaner sources of power, we could be a Renewable Energy Superpower. We have the best renewable energy resources on the planet. Our wind and sun and natural resources could underpin the creation of world leading new industries and manufacturing – including innovations like clean aluminium and steel. Read more about this here. [https://www.lean.net.au/rebuilding\\_australia](https://www.lean.net.au/rebuilding_australia)

Climate action can be the bedrock of a more equal, prosperous and just Australia, our key competitive advantage in the global economy.

**But only Labor can deliver this vision. It requires the leadership of a smart, compassionate and active government.** Public investment will be essential, as will fine-grained regional planning. It will require real investment in skills and training. Public investment and ownership of key sections of the economy genuine cooperation between government, business, unions and communities. And an active trustworthy government that guarantees communities they will be protected through economic change.

**The Liberal-National Government is not up to the task.** Our Federal Government doesn't care about jobs and continues to leave Australia exposed to climate change with no protections against the economic and physical impacts. A significant minority of the Coalition do not even believe climate change is real. They do not support meaningful international cooperation and undermine renewable and clean energy at every step. On climate change they have consistently put short term political interests ahead of the national interest. What's more they do not believe in leading through strong and ambitious policies to transition the economy, they somehow believe that the market will sort out the mess, leaving workers and their communities behind.

**Australians need a Labor Government.** While the politics of climate change are still complicated, Labor has a history of strong action and policy to address climate change. We need to maintain this leadership and build confidence that the party of great reform – Medicare, the NDIS and affordable higher education for all – will deliver ambitious climate policy in order to build economic opportunity and target inequality. We can inspire Australians with this vision.



Let the Federal MP's and Senators know you think that...

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### Good for our environment and Good for jobs

LEAN has shown that when the Party membership raises its voice, the Labor Party listens. Last time we worked together we ensured the Labor party adopted ambitious climate change policy. It is time for us to once again back the Federal Labor party, supporting our leaders to adopt ambitious, compassionate policy to ensure Australia responds to climate change creating jobs and economic opportunity.

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### Labor Member Statement or Branch Motion

I/we call on the Federal Labor Party to adopt a plan that cares for the environment, takes real action on climate change and creates secure jobs. We want Australia to be a Renewable Energy Superpower and government action to make it so.

I/we believe climate action is core Labor business. Only Labor can lead Australia through this.

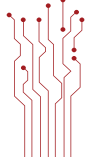
We call on Labor to:



**1. Create a pathway to net-zero emissions by 2050** including interim targets to measure progress and drive innovation. We need strong and sustainably-funded institutions to support the pathway.



**2. Commit to Australia becoming a Renewable Energy Superpower**, rebuilding our manufacturing industries and restoring their competitive advantage.



**3. Intervene in the economy** to fast track the creation of the Renewable Energy Superpower through public investment and public ownership of key sections of the economy. And delivery of new skills and training required to deliver it.



**4. Protect our natural environment** with stronger environment laws & an Environment Protection Authority. We must end land clearing and create a local land carbon industry, providing opportunity in regional Australia.



**5. Invest to combat increased severe weather**, protecting communities from a changing climate. This includes investment in local firefighters, rangers and emergency services.



**6. Invest in sustainable infrastructure** including electrifying transport and retrofitting the built environment.



**7. Support our regional communities** to develop localised and region-specific plans to prosper in a low carbon future. Make sure new jobs and new industries are secure, well-paid and include ongoing training and support union jobs.