

Climate Policy Assessment

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PARTY	Climate a Campaign Focus	Attitude to Polluters	Emissions Target	Renewable Energy	Fossil Fuels	Coal Seam Gas	Forests	Policies
Australian Greens	✓✓✓ Emergency	Phase out	63-80% by 2030, zero by 2040	100% by 2030	✓✓✓ Phase out by 2030	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	Acknowledge the climate emergency and call this “the climate election”. Have the most detailed climate plan and by far the strongest climate policies of the major parties. Want to stop all new coal, oil and gas. Oppose emissions accounting tricks. \$1 billion transition plan for coal communities. However, one concern is that in the past the Greens have pushed for compromises with Labor rather than their own stated policies.
Independents for Climate Action Now	✓✓✓✓ Emergency	Phase out	50% by 2030, zero by 2050	100% by 2030	✓✓✓ Phase out		✓✓	“A threat that could annihilate most people on earth.” Promote carbon sequestration and drawdown. ICAN sets the standard for climate messaging, though some policies could be more detailed.
Animal Justice Party	✓✓ Emergency	Phase out		Rapidly transform	✓✓✓ 15-20 year transition	✓✓✓	✓	Acknowledge a “climate emergency requiring immediate and substantial action”, though priority is animal welfare.
Australian Workers Party		Ban new, tax, & cut subsidies	Zero by 2030 (electricity)		✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	“Climate change is real and poses a threat to our planet” Climate policies are good but not their priority.
Group Z	✓	Phase out & cut subsidies		Subsidize	✓✓		✓	Detailed rail-focused transport policy. Stop Adani, oil drilling in Bight, and new motorways. “Advertising blitz” for energy conservation and family planning. Oppose infinite growth.
Pirate Party Australia		Partial ban & tax	50% by 2030	70 TWh by 2025	✓	✓		Some good climate policies, but with concerning concessions like free permits to coal-fired power stations “where grid stability is at stake”.
Sustainable Australia	✓	Ban new & cut subsidies		50% by 2030	✓	✓	✓	Some good climate policies including opposing Adani, but some concerns, eg. carbon price not to penalise Australian industry.
Secular Party of Australia		Tax		Utilise all	✓			Good attitude to climate eg. “A full mobilisation of the world economy as if for war”, but little policy detail.
Health Australia		Partial phaseout		Subsidise	✓	✓✓	✓	Some positive policies but unclear if their fossil fuel phaseout include exports, and a bit vague on acceptance of climate science.
Socialist Equality Party	✓ Urgent action	Bring under democratic control						Make a persuasive case that real climate action is impossible within the current system, but are light on policy detail.
Climate Action! Immigration Action! Accountable Politicians!								An online vote by public/members will determine the party's position. The party name reflects issues raised in a recent survey. This process could be good or bad for climate.
VOTEFLUX.ORG Upgrade Democracy!								Will support whatever people vote for via a smartphone app. This process could be good or bad for climate.
Australian Labor Party	✓	Work with polluters	45% by 2030	50% by 2030	✗	✗✗		Promote gas as a transition fuel, with \$1 billion to subsidize fracking plus new gas pipelines. Refuse to rule out new coal mega-mines, though propose possible triggers to do so. Would extend the government's “baseline and credit” market mechanism with stricter targets, but baselines to be determined by consulting polluters. Will count international offsets, albeit not carryover credits.

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Australian Democrats			Substantial	Support				Broad support for climate action/renewables, vague on details
Help End Marijuana Prohibition Party								Claim marijuana is a wonder drug for everything including climate change. Propose burning cannabis for fuel as it is "a renewable resource and carbon sink"
The Great Australian Party	✘					✓✓		Have almost no environment policy, except to oppose fracking.
Christian Democratic Party	✘				✘✘	✓		Oppose fracking in agricultural areas, forests and water catchments. In favour of limited coal fired power stations.
Derryn Hinch's Justice Party	✘			✘	✘	✓	✓	No environment policies. Assessment is based on voting record.
Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party	✘			✘✘	✘✘	✓		Inclined to see environmentalists as the enemy Oppose coal seam gas.
Democratic Labour Party	✘							No policy on energy or environment. Traditionally they've opposed the Greens.
Republican Party of Australia	✘✘			✘	✘			No climate policy. Focus on Energy security and oppose emissions trading as "rorting".
The Small Business Party	✘			✘	✘			Claims to support "sustainable and practical" action to "protect the planet", but only if they protect small businesses. Reduce energy prices rather than "appeasing climate change believers".
Yellow Vest Australia	✘✘			✘✘	✘	✘		Claim to be "neither 'believers' nor 'deniers'" in climate change, but use denialist talking points
Liberal Party of Australia/ National Party of Australia	✘✘	Pay polluters	26% by 2030	✘✘	✘✘	✘✘✘	✘	Plan to fund Adani and underwrite new coal power plants. Their climate policy is voluntary, will spend only \$2 billion over 15 years, and will count carryover credits from past years toward future emissions targets. Tend to oppose any climate action.
Rise Up Australia Party	✘✘✘	Deny CO2 is a pollutant		✘✘	✘✘	✘✘	✘	Energy policy is so badly written it is difficult to understand, but it prioritizes electricity prices and seems to more or less keep the status quo. In favour of coal.
Fraser Anning's Conservative National Party	✘✘✘	Support polluters		✘	✘✘	✘✘	✘	"Enthusiastic supporter of mining, including coalmine development in the Galilee Basin" Assessment partly based on voting record.
Citizens Electoral Council of Australia	Denialist	Deny CO2 is a pollutant		✘✘✘	✘✘✘			Have an extreme fear of environmentalism.
Liberal Democratic Party	Denialist	Support polluters		✘✘✘	✘✘		✘✘✘	If they become convinced human-caused global warming is real, they favour market-based responses.
Australian Conservatives	✘✘✘	Support polluters		✘✘✘	✘✘✘	✘✘✘	✘	Describe climate change, emissions targets, and renewable energy as "ideological obsessions". Assessment partly based on voting record.
Pauline Hanson's One Nation	Denialist	Support polluters		✘✘✘	✘✘	✓	✘	Proudly denialist, but oppose coal seam gas exploration on farmland. Assessment partly based on voting record.
United Australia Party	✘✘	Owned by a polluter himself		✘	✘✘✘	✘	✓	Led by mining magnate Clive Palmer, who has a history of supporting his own coal mining interests over environmental considerations. Anyone who wants climate action would be mad to vote for this conman.

