

FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE



A FUTURE FOR ALL OF US

In February 2020 Adam Bandt became Leader of the Australian Greens and announced a renewed push for a Green New Deal — a government-led plan of investment and action to fight the climate crisis and inequality.

Over the last 12 months, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions on travel, the Greens have conducted a widespread consultation of members and supporters on what they would like to see in a Green New Deal.

Many of those ideas and suggestions are reflected in this roadmap for the next decade, which also builds on the Greens' *'Invest to Recover'* plan that set out our policies to respond to the pandemic and the recession. Taken together, these policies form some of the key planks of our Green New Deal.

In the coming months we will release more detail of our plan for a future for all of us, which we will implement by kicking the conservatives out and putting the Greens in balance of power at the next election.

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GREEN NEW DEAL

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We face a critical decade.

The global pandemic presented Australia with a chance to solve long-term problems.

Instead, inequality has skyrocketed and the climate crisis has gotten worse.

As millions of Australians struggled to keep their head above water, billionaires and big corporations received massive taxpayer handouts, and made record profits.

The virus especially threatened older Australians, but the cost of lockdowns has also been borne by women and young people, who have lost jobs, income and even a place to live.

The pandemic presented an opportunity to tackle the climate crisis, but instead we saw millions of dollars in public money handed out to coal and gas companies.

Billionaires and big corporations have too much power.

The Liberal and Labor Parties can't tackle these long-term problems, because they rely on millions in donations from the big corporations.

But we can solve these long-term problems.

The next election is a lot closer than you think.

If just 828 people changed their vote from the last election, the Greens would be in the balance of power.

In the balance of power, we can push the next government to tackle the climate crisis.

We can make big corporations and billionaires pay their fair share of tax.

And we will phase out coal and gas.

This is the plan. A government-led program of action across the country to solve long-term problems and set us up for the future.

But we cannot move forward until we face our past. Sovereignty was never ceded by First Nations people. We need a Treaty.

We need to fight for the future. This plan outlines some of the key social and economic reforms the Greens will fight for at the next election.

These policies represent the Greens' values of equality, the public interest and services for everyone.

Our plan will create more than a million jobs and underpins our commitment to a national jobs and income guarantee, where there's a decent job for everyone who wants it and no-one lives in poverty. If billionaires and big corporations pay their fair share of tax, we can achieve these bold, far-reaching policies, affordably.

Together we can build the power we need to make this change at the next election.

Join us in our fight for the future.



ADAM BANDT,
Leader of the Australian Greens

**WE WILL MAKE THE BILLIONAIRES AND THE
BIG CORPORATIONS PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE**



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TREATY NOW



White Australia has a Black History. This country was founded on the invasion and dispossession of First Nations peoples. Until we are honest about that fundamental injustice and its ongoing impacts, we can't move together into the future.

A Treaty, or Treaties, would address that injustice, reframe how we operate as a society, change the course of this country's history and set us on a new path.

A Treaty is a written agreement between the Sovereign First People of these lands – people who have been here from time immemorial – and the colonising state, that imposed its authority upon First Nations people without negotiation or consent. To do this, we first need truth-telling about the historical and ongoing injustices faced by this country's First Nations people. Treaty would end the suffering and heal the wounds, bringing about much-needed peace and justice.

Currently Australia lags behind other Commonwealth countries in failing to pursue a Treaty process with its First Nations Peoples. If we write a Treaty together, it can be the means to tell the story of who we want to be as a country, creating a national identity that celebrates what unites us, protects the rights of First Nations people and acknowledges the injustices, both past and present.

Treaty will ensure Aboriginal people's voices are counted. It can be a process that benefits all Australians, and be a platform to address many of the pressing issues we face as a country – protection of land and water, tackling the climate crisis, and addressing growing economic inequality.

With the Greens in shared power after the next election we will keep Treaty on the national agenda. We cannot change the past, but we can build a better future and that starts with bringing people together.

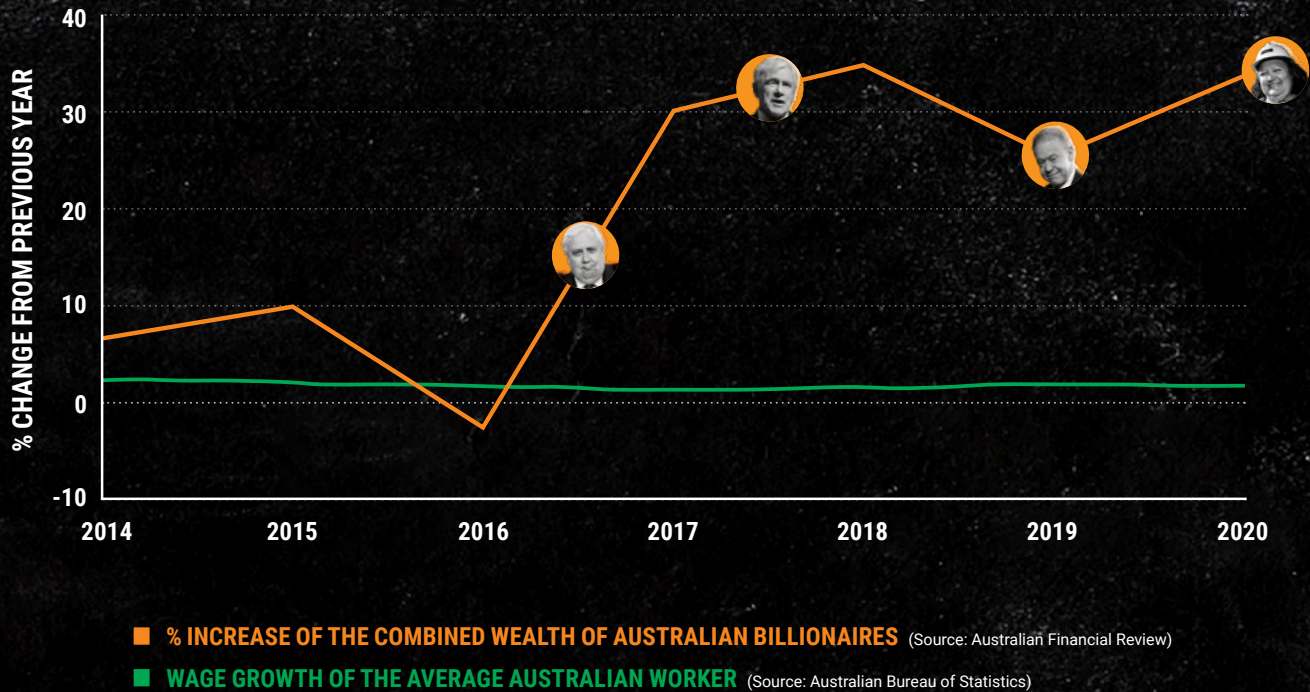


#BLACKLIVESMATTER

The opening of the decade has seen the explosive power of the global Black Lives Matter movement begin to overturn systemic racism around the world. Here in Australia, by committing to a national Treaty, we can begin to address the root of racism in this country that undermines and distorts the promise of a genuine multicultural nation.

In the coming decade our movement must also continue to fight the rise of the racist far-right and white nationalism, and continue to challenge racism in our institutions and throughout society. Victories against the far-right in the United States and across the world have shown that when we organise and work together, we can win.

BILLIONAIRES ARE GETTING RICHER



\$8.6B

profit made by
65 CORPORATIONS
which received tax-payer
funded JobKeeper payments



1 IN 3

BIG CORPORATIONS
PAY NO TAX



\$55B

total income of
28 GAS COMPANIES
from Australia that paid
no tax last year

MAKE THE BILLIONAIRES & BIG CORPORATIONS PAY



Economic inequality in Australia is out of control, because big corporations and billionaires have too much power.

Wages have flatlined. Work is more insecure. And the cost of living keeps going up.

Young people in Australia now earn less than they would have a decade ago.

It's because billionaires and big corporations have too much power, making massive profits, not paying their fair share of tax and getting politicians to write the rules in their favour.

1 in 3 big corporations pays no tax.

Australia's top ten billionaires increased their wealth by 68% during the pandemic.

Corporations received billions of dollars of public money and some funneled it into profits and executive bonuses.

It is time to make the billionaires and the big corporations pay their fair share.

The Greens will introduce the first ever 'billionaires' tax' in Australia and make the billionaires pay their fair share.

By making the billionaires pay an extra 6% of their wealth back each year, we can help get dental care into Medicare, ensure our public schools are genuinely free and give a job to everyone who wants one.

We will also introduce a super-profits tax on big corporations, so that big corporations making super profits pay their fair share too.

The major parties can't tackle inequality, because they rely on millions in donations from billionaires and big corporations.

With the Greens in shared power after the next election, we can tackle inequality and bring down the costs of the essential services you rely on.



**WE WILL PUT A 'BILLIONAIRES TAX'
ON THE WEALTH OF THE SUPER RICH**



A NATIONAL JOBS AND INCOME GUARANTEE



In a wealthy country like ours, everyone who wants a decent job should get one and no-one should live in poverty.

Instead, unemployment is high and insecure work is out of control. Many of the jobs on offer are crappy jobs with low wages and unpredictable hours, making it hard to plan your life and make ends meet.

To make things worse, the government has said that when we hit 6% unemployment — which still means two million people without enough work — they will start their ‘trickle down’ spending cuts again, which will plunge even more people into poverty.

But there is more than enough work for everyone. There is so much that needs to be done to tackle the long-term problems we face. If we make the billionaires and big corporations pay their fair share, we can give a job to everyone who wants one on nation-building, planet-saving government projects.

Only a government-led national jobs and income guarantee can solve the unemployment and wages crisis over the next decade.

From clean energy to aged care, Greens’ policies will create more than a million jobs, forming the bedrock of our national jobs and income guarantee. Additional government programs will be established in habitat restoration, energy retrofits and community services, restoring the country to full employment.

At the same time, the national job and income guarantee will mean a livable income of at least \$80 a day for everyone, by lifting JobSeeker and other government payments and making payments available to everyone who needs them.

By moving to full employment and a universal liveable income, wages will begin to rise again, further boosting economic recovery.

We know the billionaires and the big corporations will fight a national jobs and income guarantee with their political donations to the Liberal and Labor parties, but with our movement in shared power after the next election, we can make our plan for full employment a reality.



**PEOPLE WILL BE GUARANTEED A JOB
ON NATION-BUILDING, PLANET-SAVING
GOVERNMENT PROJECTS**

**BY SETTING A GOAL OF 700% RENEWABLE ENERGY
WE BECOME A RENEWABLE ENERGY SUPERPOWER,
EXPORTING CLEAN ENERGY TO THE WORLD &
FIGHTING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY**



700% RENEWABLE ENERGY



We are in a climate emergency that threatens to catastrophically overwhelm our society and economy.

We now have no choice. Over the next decade, we need to rapidly transition our power grid to wind and solar backed by storage, and electrify our transport, businesses and homes to run on clean energy. If we protect our environment and restore the land, farms and forests as well, we will draw down pollution and play our part in turning the climate crisis around.

700% renewables means not just 100% renewable electricity as we replace coal and gas power stations, but switching transport and industry to clean energy too, as well as becoming a renewables superpower, exporting our renewable energy to the rest of the world through renewable hydrogen, solar electricity and green metals. We will attract massive new international investment in clean manufacturing and industries to Australia.

This clean energy revolution will create hundreds of thousands of well-paid, long-term jobs, enabling workers in fossil fuel industries to transition and farmers to be paid to farm carbon and protect the land.

To unlock this revolution, the government will need to lead the way with public investment in renewable generation, storage and transforming the power grid.

Liberal and Labor are holding back this brighter future because they want to protect their political donations from the billionaires and big corporations that mine and burn coal and gas.

But with the Greens in shared power we will be able to set a goal of 700% renewable energy and have a government-led clean energy revolution over the next decade to fight the climate emergency.





BUILD A MILLION HOMES



In a wealthy country like Australia, no one should be without a roof over their head.

But over the last few decades, Australian governments have created a housing system that actively impoverishes people and makes inequality worse.

Instead of guaranteeing everyone's right to a safe home, the Liberals and Labor give billions of dollars in tax breaks to wealthy investors and property speculators and make sweetheart deals with their big billionaire developer donors.

House prices and rents have skyrocketed, squeezing the most vulnerable into extreme housing insecurity and homelessness and putting home ownership out of reach of young people.

Our plan to build a million affordable, accessible, high-quality homes will end homelessness and slash public

and social housing waiting lists and provide options for young people seeking affordable, secure, quality homes.

Public housing shouldn't simply be a safety net, but a universally-accessible alternative to private renting or home ownership.

At the same time we will ensure high national renters' rights standards, implementing rent controls and ensuring security of tenure by backing in European-style long-term leases.

Investing in a million homes will create tens of thousands of construction and services jobs and support Australia's economic recovery over the next decade.

With Greens in shared power, we can push back against the billionaires and the big corporations and make the next government take action on the housing crisis.





MANUFACTURING REVIVAL



Decades of neo-liberalism and failed energy policies have decimated our manufacturing.

The billionaires and big corporations have been happy to shift jobs offshore, along with their profits, while unemployment rises and wages flatline.

The Greens will drive a jobs-rich manufacturing revival by investing \$12 billion in a new Manufacturing Australia Fund to modernise and expand Australian manufacturing, including establishing green steel hubs in Queensland and NSW, backing the advanced manufacturing processes of the future and our shift to 700% renewable energy making clean energy cheap and abundant.

In 1993 Labor privatised Australia's only public pharmaceutical company — now it's one of the biggest corporations on the stock exchange. With the need for a publicly-owned manufacturer of the most flexible and effective COVID-19 vaccines, now is the time for the government to take the lead.

We also need new government procurement policies that prioritise Australian products in Commonwealth-funded projects and support the shift to clean, green manufacturing through multiple green industry programs, including re-establishing the \$200 million Clean Technology Innovation Program scrapped by Tony Abbott.





INVESTING IN SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE



Over the next decade, we need infrastructure investment to set us up for the next thirty to fifty years. By investing in sustainable, productive infrastructure, we create jobs and set Australia up for the future.

The Greens will push for key investments including:

- ▲ a \$20 billion publicly-owned Grid Transformation Fund to lay the basis for a shift to 700% renewable energy;
- ▲ a \$25 billion investment in public transport, spent on rail and new bus services;
- ▲ the creation of the Australian High Speed Rail Authority to construct a publicly-owned High Speed Rail link between Brisbane and Melbourne; and
- ▲ \$250 million annually to make cycling and walking safer and more accessible.

Liberal and Labor are influenced by their big corporate political donations when they make infrastructure decisions. With the Greens in shared power we will force the next government to make infrastructure decisions based on what is good for the country, not the billionaires.



**BY INVESTING IN SUSTAINABLE,
PRODUCTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE,
WE CREATE JOBS AND SET
AUSTRALIA UP FOR THE FUTURE**





DEFEND AND EXTEND MEDICARE



Our strong public health programs have protected us from the global COVID-19 pandemic, but we must continue to protect and strengthen Medicare and our public hospitals, the backbone of the health system.

Every day the billionaires and the big corporations are looking for ways to profit from the health threats we face. It is critical that we don't continue down the American path.

We must protect and extend Medicare by bringing dental and mental health under our universal public insurance system. We need to get dental into Medicare for everyone and ensure your access to mental health services isn't determined by your wealth.

Liberal and Labor give billions of dollars in handouts to the big corporations that run the private health system. Instead of giving public money to big corporations and billionaires, the Greens will invest that money in our public health system, supporting our hospitals, staff and patients.

This pandemic is not over and we must prepare for future pandemics over the coming decade by establishing a National Centre for Disease Control and establishing a publicly-owned mRNA vaccine manufacturer.

With the Greens in shared power, we will wind back handouts to the billionaires and big corporations and use the money for all of us, funding health reforms like bringing dental into Medicare.



**WE MUST PROTECT & EXTEND
MEDICARE BY BRINGING IN
DENTAL & MENTAL HEALTH**



UNIVERSAL FREE CHILDCARE



Early learning and childcare are essential services and should be free and guaranteed to everyone, no matter what you earn, where you live or how much you work or study.

The cost and difficulty of getting childcare make inequality worse, with women bearing the brunt.

With the Greens in shared power after the next election, we will make permanent the pandemic-era shift to free childcare for all, and ensure that services are properly funded to deliver world-class education and strong conditions for workers. Key to funding this shift to free childcare is ensuring the billionaires and big corporations pay their fair share.

We will also extend universal access to early childhood education to 24 hours a week for all three and four-year-olds as a critical part of a child's early development.

Free and well-funded childcare and early learning will not only help young families with the pressures of daily living, but will also ensure ongoing, stable employment for our early childhood educators. Within a decade, we will start to see a major shift in educational outcomes for young people and a transformation in gender roles in our workplaces and homes, meaning a big step forward in equality for women.



**WE WILL MAKE PERMANENT
THE PANDEMIC-ERA SHIFT TO
FREE CHILDCARE FOR ALL.**



RESTORE FREE EDUCATION



Education is a right, not a privilege.

Everyone has the right to a world-class education. No one should go into decades of debt just to get a degree. We had free education before, and we can have it again if we are willing to make the billionaires and the big corporations pay their fair share.

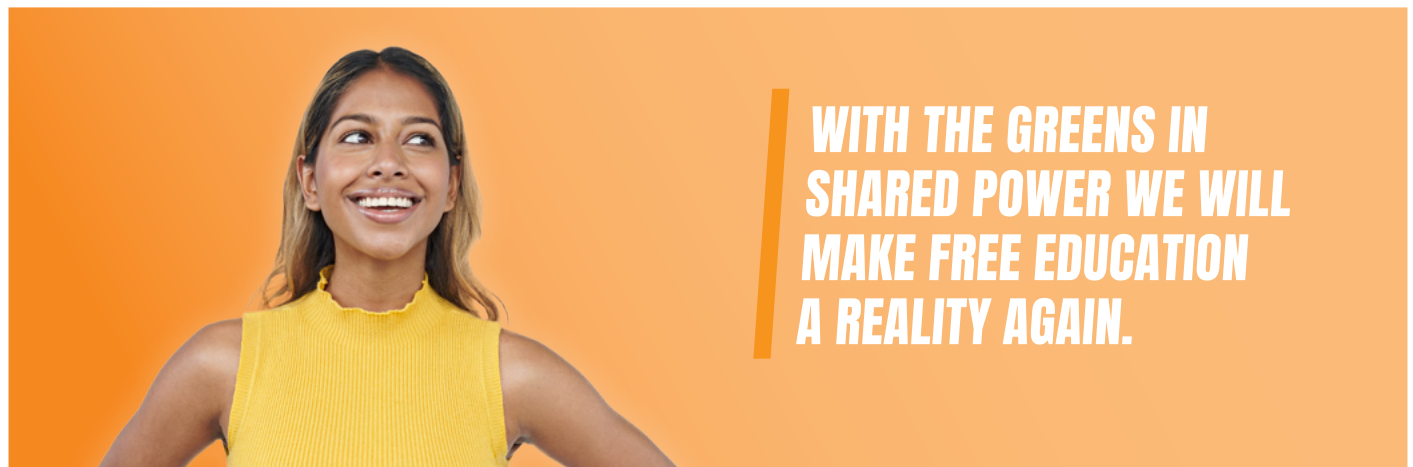
It starts with free, universal early childhood education. We also need to end the out-of-pocket fees for our public schools, with parents currently paying hundreds of dollars a year per child on so-called 'voluntary' fees. Public funding for public schools means that school is genuinely free so that parents can put this money towards their other financial pressures of daily living.

In the tertiary sector, we need to return to genuinely fee-free TAFE and undergraduate university degrees, replacing student debt with public investment and increasing funding to our unis. We will also move Australia on a pathway towards 4% of GDP being spent on research and development.

We also need to move away from a broken model of precarious work and corporatisation, tying further funding increases for universities to job security for educators while redirecting funding away from the broken for-profit vocational sector.

And finally, the Greens will substantially expand the number of apprentices on Government-funded projects, leveraging our investment by mandating a 10:1 apprentice ratio for all infrastructure projects that have substantial Commonwealth funding, ensuring we train the next generation of trades workers and that young people have more pathways to high-paid careers.

With the Greens in shared power after the next election, we will make free education a reality again.





ACHIEVING EQUALITY FOR ALL



The recent national debate over the toxic culture in Parliament reinforces how far we still have to go to achieve full gender equality. If we use this moment of national focus, this decade can see big steps towards equality.

Despite decades of progress towards equality, many women still experience sexism and discrimination at work, home and in the community. The Greens want all women to be safe, valued and treated as equals in private and public life, regardless of their background, ethnicity, religion, disability, gender identity or sexuality. Women have the right to be free from violence and harassment and should have the freedom to choose what to do with their bodies.

The Greens are committed to achieving equality for all women, including through housing, financial, and workplace security. We acknowledge that transgender women and gender diverse people often experience compounded sexism and discrimination.

Equality for all also means equality for LGBTIQ+ people. We will fight for an end to all forms of discrimination until that is achieved.



**WE WILL FIGHT FOR
AN END TO ALL FORMS
OF DISCRIMINATION**





A CARING SOCIETY FOR OLDER AUSTRALIANS



Aged care should not be run for profit.

Looking after our older citizens is a public service, not an opportunity for billionaires and big corporations to make super-profits.

Older Australians should have safe, affordable aged care and be able to choose whether to stay at home or move to residential care. But as the Royal Commission into Aged Care showed, privatisation has been a disaster for older Australians and their families who rely on aged care.

The COVID-19 crisis laid bare how the big corporations and super wealthy have been making millions off the misery of older Australians.

As our population continues to age, it is becoming more obvious that care should not be for profit.

We need to properly invest in our aged care system, starting with clearing the waitlist — a projected minimum of an additional 100,000 Level 3 and 4 Home Care Packages to ensure older Australians can continue living at home for as long as they wish.

And over the coming decade we need to unwind the privatisation disaster and properly invest in publicly owned and funded aged care. This will mean being willing to make the billionaires and the big corporations pay their fair share towards government investment in our care sectors.





FIXING OUR NDIS



Disabled people should be valued as equal members of our communities and provided the supports and services needed to live a good life.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme was created to give disabled people choice and control over these supports and services.

But, since 2013, successive Liberal governments have failed to adequately fund or staff the scheme and they've ignored disabled voices when we tell them what is wrong. Just seven years after coming into existence, for many disabled people the NDIS has become a source of fear, anxiety and hopelessness. But it doesn't have to be this way.

For the scheme to work, deliver on its promises and meet the needs of disabled people, it must be fully funded. We must provide adequate staff training and remove unnecessary staffing caps, improve IT systems and interfaces to ensure they are fit-for-purpose and scrap damaging, compulsory independent assessments.

We also need to see additional investment for those who've fallen through the cracks of the NDIS rollout, including an additional \$450 million for community psychosocial services, bridging the gap in essential services for people experiencing mental illness who cannot access the NDIS.

With the Greens in shared power after the election we can make the billionaires and big corporations pay their fair share towards fixing our NDIS so that it works for disabled people and provides the supports and services needed to live a good life.

**WE CAN FIX OUR NDIS
SO THAT IT PROVIDES
THE SUPPORTS AND
SERVICES NEEDED TO
LIVE A GOOD LIFE**



**WITH OUR MOVEMENT IN SHARED POWER WE WILL
BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH A STRONG ENVIRONMENT
WATCHDOG & INVEST IN PROTECTING NATURE**



CARING FOR NATURE



Our incredible country and oceans are dying. Our rivers are drying, our forests are burning and being cleared, and thousands of species, including our koalas, are facing extinction. First Nations people are losing their totems and important sites are being damaged.

We can turn this around by establishing a \$6 billion Nature Fund, which will create thousands of jobs to restore and protect the biodiversity of our forests and lands, and make our rivers and lakes swimmable again.

We have the next decade to make a difference. If we bring people together with sufficient resources and the best environment laws we can start to face this challenge.

Protection programs for our land and environment will include jobs and training programs in park and

forest management, pest and weed control, visitor infrastructure, bushfire management, revegetation, ecological research and monitoring, and management to protect threatened species and other wildlife. The Fund will also create more jobs for First Nations land and sea rangers to care for country.

Biodiversity protection, forest, land and ocean restoration will also play a critical part in solving the climate crisis as we need to draw down carbon pollution to return to a safe climate.

So far, the billionaires and the big corporations have been able to weaken our environment protection laws, but with our movement in shared power after the next election we will be able to establish a strong environment watchdog and invest in protecting nature.





A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD



If we are to recover and grow over the next decade, Australia must become more self-reliant.

We must make things locally again and not rely on the rest of the world for everything from imports of flowers to medical equipment and vaccines.

Now is also the time to reevaluate the Free Trade Agreements that have decimated our manufacturing sector and led to an erosion of our labour standards. This will mean pushing back against the billionaires and big corporations that use trade agreements as a weapon against workers and government regulation.

But becoming more self-reliant does not mean cutting ourselves off from the rest of the world; cooperation with the rest of the world will be more important than ever as we face increasing global threats including the climate emergency.

In particular, Australia's overseas aid is more critical than ever, especially as COVID-19 hits poorer countries. Yet in the face of global need, Australia's aid budget has reached its lowest ever levels and continues to decline. We must increase our foreign aid to at least 0.7% of Gross National Income by 2030 and bolster our aid to the Pacific in the form of humanitarian assistance and grants and forgiving their debts.

Our new relationship with the world also means ending our draconian treatment of refugees and asylum seekers and recommitting to human rights.



IT'S CLOSER THAN YOU THINK!

Recent elections have seen a Green wave sweeping through Parliaments around the country. In the ACT Greens numbers tripled, putting Greens into the driver's seat in important ministries, such as climate, energy and housing. In the recent Queensland election we doubled our representation in Parliament and in Melbourne for the first time Greens hold a majority on the inner-city Yarra Council.

The federal Parliament is on a knife-edge, with the conservatives having only a one-seat majority. So many seats around the country are so close that if as few as 828 people changed their vote, the Greens would be in balance of power! That means the government would need the Greens' support to stay in power, putting us in a strong position.

Shared power is closer than you think!

We could kick the Liberals out, put the Greens in balance of power and ensure the next government goes further and faster on tackling inequality and the climate emergency. We can implement this roadmap for the next decade.

We know the billionaires and the big corporations will not sit on the sidelines. They will try to use their political donations and power to stop the changes that people need.

But as our movement continues to grow and with the Greens in shared power, our fight for the future becomes even stronger and we will win.



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THEIR VOTE, THE GREENS WOULD
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