

LOBBY YOUR STATE MP ON CLIMATE CHANGE



HOW TO START?

Introduce yourself and talk about why you're concerned about climate change.

For example:

I've requested this meeting because I'm really concerned about the climate crisis. It was so great to see young people leading the climate strike and demanding action. Now I want action from those in Parliament.

Climate change is happening now and it will get drastically worse unless we do more.

Here in Victoria, we're experiencing more deadly heatwaves, our farms are crippled by drought and bushfires are getting more catastrophic.

Add your own personal touch (e.g. concerns about):

The future for your children or grandchildren and family.

Places in Victoria under threat from climate change, like the high country or coastal communities.

Impacts for communities on the front line, like first nations people, climate refugees and native species like the speckled flying fox.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Talk about why you think the Labor Government and Liberal Opposition need to do more on climate change.

For example:

I'm concerned that our Victorian Parliament is not taking climate change seriously, and here's why:

Coal

Around 40% of Victoria's power still comes from burning coal, which is the biggest cause of climate change. Our three power stations are scheduled to run until 2048. This is far beyond when international climate scientists say we need to act.

Yallourn coal power station in the Latrobe Valley is Australia's dirtiest, most polluting coal power station. Yallourn needs to urgently be retired and replaced with new renewable energy, like the proposed *Star of the South* offshore wind farm.

Gas

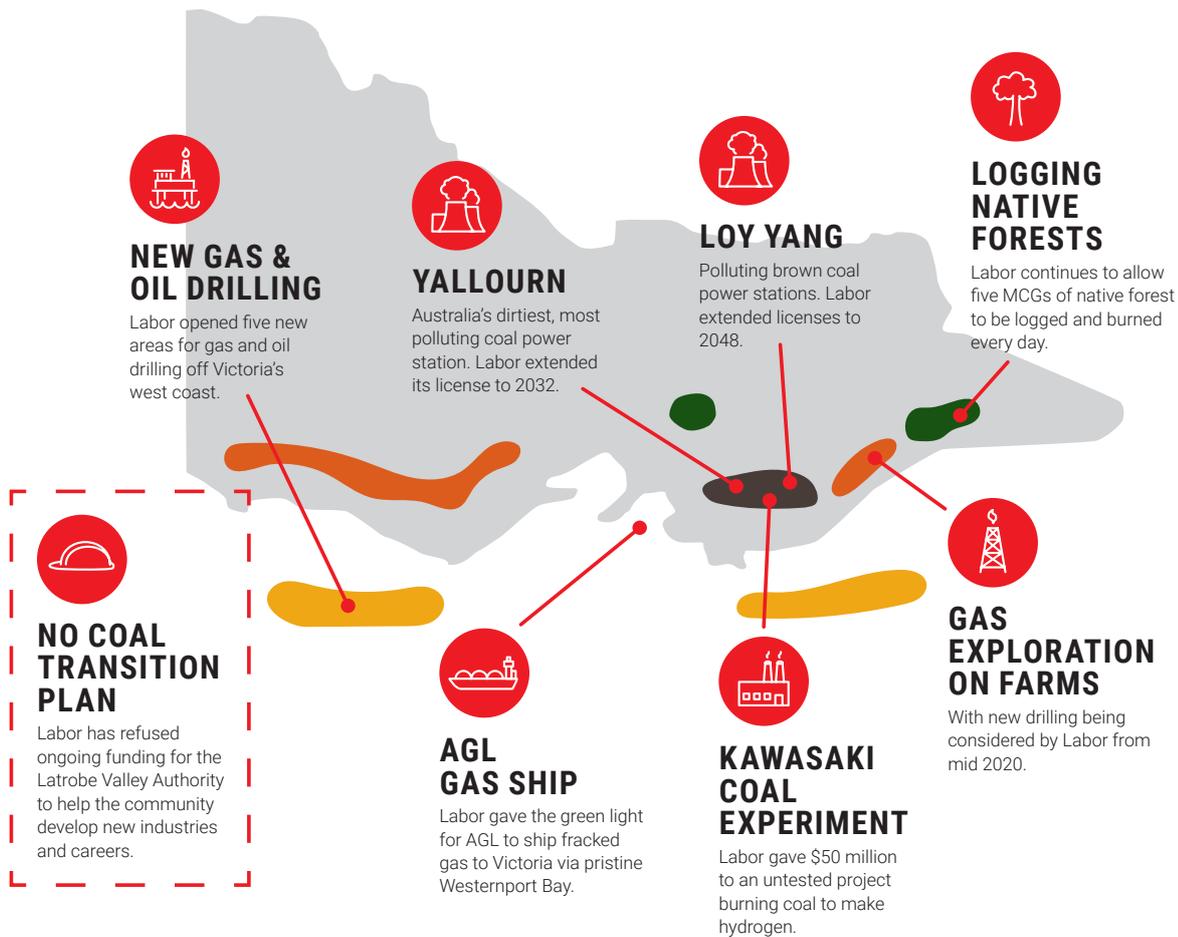
AGL is being supported by the Labor Government to build a gas import ship in pristine Westernport Bay. This would bring new gas into Victoria, possibly from fracking in the NT or Queensland, while Victoria is exporting the gas it already produces. It makes no sense.

The Labor Government is allowing new gas drilling in our oceans and on the land. They have opened up new sensitive ocean areas to drilling in the Otway and Gippsland basins, and also exploring for new gas along Victoria's west and east coasts.

Logging

The Victorian Government is allowing logging of our native forests in the Central Highlands and East Gippsland. These forests are home to endangered species like the Leadbeater's possum, but are also the most carbon-dense forests in the world.

WHAT'S WRONG IN VICTORIA WHEN IT COMES TO **CLIMATE ACTION?**



WHAT DO I WANT FROM YOU, MY MP?

The Labor Government has committed to a 50% Renewable Energy Target by 2030 and is keen to talk about new wind farms and rebates for solar on homes. But in fact, even if we introduced no new policies, we're already on track to reach 50% renewables by 2029, so this promise is really just smoke and mirrors.

While the Labor Government talks big on renewables, they're supporting many terrible coal and gas projects around Victoria which will be disastrous for our climate (see the map above).

The Liberal Government is no better – they want to rip up our renewable energy target, support coal plants to stay open, and continue logging.

Tell your MP what you'd like to see them do instead. Here are our suggestions:

I'd like to see all parties in the Victorian Parliament commit to:

1. Support the Greens amendment for 100% Renewable Energy by 2030 when parliament debates the Victorian renewable energy Bill in October.
2. Long-term funding for the Latrobe Valley Authority to deliver a planned transition out of coal by 2030, starting with replacing Yallourn, Australia's dirtiest power station.
3. Stop all new gas developments in Victoria – including the planned gas import ship at Westernport Bay and new gas drilling along Victoria's coasts and oceans.
4. Support the crossbenchers' 'Extinction Inquiry' in the Upper House on 30th October. This will look at ways to save threatened species and protect our planet for future generations.
5. Stop logging Victoria's native forests.

HOW TO FINISH UP?

Ask your MP directly if they will support your policy asks.

Ask your MP what specific action they will take now they've met with you.

Ask them to follow up with you to tell you how that action went.

Thank the MP for their time.