

Independents Policy Tracker

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The science shows us we must slash climate pollution by at least half this decade to secure a safe future for us all. A responsible government will ramp up climate and nature solutions that are here and ready to make our lives better, create new jobs and be good for people and nature. This policy tracker lists the related policies of high profile independents.

The Independents tracker provides an overview and comparison of the policy positions of incumbent independent MPs and micro parties in the House of Representatives and a select group of high profile independent candidates. Their policies are assessed against ACF's [Renew Australia Agenda](#). It does not include micro parties and candidates running for the Senate.

	Climate target/emissions reduction plans	Clean Energy and Exports	Clean Transport	Integrity	Save our Big Backyard
Zali Stegall, Member for Warringah	Introduced the "Climate Change Bills" in 2020 to provide a climate change framework, lock net zero into law as well as an interim goal of 60 percent reduction on 2005 levels by 2030.	<p>Supports an orderly transition to 80 percent renewable energy to 2030, with no new coal or gas developments</p> <p>Supports ending federal subsidies for coal or gas.</p> <p>Supports energy and storage projects to allow community participation in transition.</p> <p>Supports modernising industry by incentivising the production of green steel, aluminium and hydrogen for industry and establishing a transition fund to support communities.</p> <p>Supports expanding and tightening the "Safeguard mechanism" to reduce emissions in the highest polluting sectors.</p>	Supports a minimum of 76 percent of new vehicle sales to be electric by 2030 with tax incentives, investment in charging networks and improving emissions and fuel standards.	Supports a strong, independent Federal Integrity Commission. Supports policies and actions to enforce truth in political advertising. Introduced Stop the Lies Bill in October 2021 to make it an offence to publish misleading or deceptive content. Supports strengthening integrity and transparency of political donations and advertising	Supports strong environmental laws and a Federal Environmental Protection Agency, Advocate for the State and Federal Governments to invest in our protecting wildlife Facilitate access to grant money for environmental and heritage projects Supports regenerating Australia by offering concessional loans and grants to landowners to support rolling out tree planting and soil carbon sequestration in low carbon agricultural practices

		Opposed to all offshore drilling for oil and gas. Introduced a bill to stop Petroleum Exploration Permit 11 (Pep11)			
Helen Haines, Member for Indi	<p>Supports reducing emissions to zero before 2050 and 60 percent by 2030.</p> <p>Supported Zali Steggall's bid to have Climate Change Bill debated in parliament</p>	<p>Strong support for policies and funding for community-owned renewable energy projects across regional Australia, supporting communities to lower their power bills and boost energy security. Introduced a Cheaper Home Batteries Bill which would create incentives of up to \$3000 to install a home battery, which could drive the instalment of up to 2 million batteries by 2030</p> <p>Replace our emissions-intensive exports with zero-carbon exports.</p>	Supports rapid uptake of electric vehicles and measures to decarbonise transport through electrification, including developing a network of local electric vehicle charging stations across Indi	Supports a strong, independent Federal Integrity Commission and introduced a bill in the last Parliament, that includes the power to hold public hearings and hear referrals from the public and examine past cases of alleged corrupt conduct. Supports strengthening integrity and transparency of political donations and advertising	<p>Supports overhaul of environment laws</p> <p>Proposes a scheme to set up a network of 200 agricultural extension officers to work one-on-one with farmers to help them introduce new climate adaptation techniques to their production systems.</p>
Rebekah Sharkie, Member for Mayo	<p>Supports reducing emissions by 60 percent by 2030 and net zero by 2050.</p> <p>Worked with Independent MP Zali Steggall to introduce the Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation and Mitigation) Bill 2020 into Parliament</p>	<p>Strongly supports transition to renewable energy, including financial and legislative support for regional Australia.</p> <p>Supported Dr Haines MP with her Local Energy Plan Private Members Bills and advocated for funding in the Federal Budget</p> <p>Worked to protect the Great Australian Bight from oil drilling.</p>	Supports accelerated uptake of electric vehicles, including through tax and other incentives, and roll-out of charging infrastructure.	<p>Supports establishing a well-resourced Federal Integrity Commission</p> <p>Supports strengthening integrity and transparency of political donations and advertising</p>	<p>Supports strong environmental law reform.</p> <p>Supports a fair deal for the Murray River, Lower Lakes and Coorong</p> <p>Local solutions to protect and restore nature in her electorate.</p>
Andrew Wilkie (Member for Clark)	Net-zero carbon as fast as possible, preferably by 2030 with a detailed roadmap to get there.	Supports rapid phase out of coal, gas and oil and fast-tracking to 100 percent renewables.	Supports rapid uptake of EVs through subsidised registration and other incentives, converting government fleets to EVs and actively encouraging a local EV manufacturing capability.	Supports strong, independent Federal Integrity Commission Introduced political donations reform bill that includes real-time disclosure, lowers donation disclosure threshold to \$1000, caps on donations and electoral expenditure and which prohibits donations from	Supports nature law reform - to address the extinction crisis including an independent national Environment Protection Authority (EPA). Has a private member's bill to establish an EPA.

				particular industries, including fossil fuel entities.	
Zoe Daniel (Candidate for Goldstein)	<p>60% reduction of carbon emissions by 2030 (based on 2005 levels)</p> <p>Supports legislating a binding emission reduction target that is not tied to elections</p>	<p>Commitment to 80 percent renewable by 2030</p> <p>No new coal or gas developments. Cease subsidising fossil fuels. Continue and strengthen solar rebates and subsidies and fix the grid to support more solar energy</p> <p>Supports an independent climate body to “shape, monitor and assess climate policy and effectiveness”</p>	<p>Accelerate the transition to electric vehicles through government incentives, a national charging network, reforming fringe benefit and luxury car tax, and electrify government fleets.</p> <p>Adopt fuel efficiency standards</p>	<p>Supports a strong Federal Integrity Commission. Supports strengthening integrity and transparency of political donations</p> <p>Truth in political advertising</p>	<p>Protect nature by reducing carbon emissions, including through actively driving carbon sequestration, such as genuine, monitored tree planting and support agriculture to reduce methane emissions via innovative farming practices</p>
Kylea Tink (Candidate for North Sydney)	<p>Actionable plan to reduce emissions by 60 percent by 2030.</p> <p>Supports an independent body to guide the government to net zero by 2040</p>	<p>Gradual and planned removal of subsidies for coal and gas, with no new coal and gas projects.</p> <p>Action plan that maps the decarbonisation of economy, with a focus on incentivising green products (green steel, hydrogen, aluminium)</p>	<p>Supports fuel efficiency standards to drive EV uptake</p>	<p>Supports a strong Federal Integrity Commission. Supports strengthening integrity and transparency of political donations</p> <p>Truth in political advertising</p>	<p>Protecting and enhancing green corridors</p>
Allegra Spender (Candidate for Wentworth)	<p>Supports minimum 50% reduction of greenhouse emissions by 2030</p>	<p>Supports a strong legislative framework to unleash a rapid expansion of renewables to decarbonise electricity and other sectors. Supports Zali Steggall’s Climate Bill, setting strong science-based goals that will help Australia seize the economic opportunities, create the clean export industries of the future and become a clean energy superpower</p>	<p>Supports uptake of electric vehicles to cut transport emissions, but no detail in policy</p>	<p>Supports strong Integrity Commission model put forward by Helen Haines MP. Supports strengthening integrity and transparency of political donations</p> <p>Truth in political advertising</p>	<p>Supports strengthening environment laws and full implementation of the recommendation s of Graeme Samuel independent review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act including bigger role for Indigenous Australians in preserving and restoring land and water systems .</p>
Jo Dyer (Candidate for Boothby)	<p>Supports 75% reduction in emissions by 2030 and net zero by 2050</p>	<p>No new coal mines or gasfield exploration and drilling. Phase out coal</p> <p>Supports stopping fossil fuel subsidies</p>	<p>No detail</p>	<p>Supports a strong Federal Integrity Commission</p>	<p>No detail</p>

		<p>Supports wholesale electrification of the economy with renewables</p> <p>Supports development of clean hydrogen for economic activity where direct electrification is technologically challenging or financially prohibitive.</p> <p>Establish a Just Transition Commission to ensure equitable transition to decarbonised economy</p>			
Dr Monique Ryan (Candidate for Kooyong)	<p>Reduce emissions by at least 60% by 2030, in line with Zali Steggall's Climate Change Bill</p>	<p>Accelerate electrification and decarbonise our electricity supply</p> <p>Empower households to make the shift to clear energy.</p>	<p>Speed up the uptake of electric vehicles and strengthen emissions standards</p>	<p>Supports strong Integrity Commission model put forward by Helen Haines MP</p> <p>Supports strengthening integrity and transparency of political donations.</p> <p>Truth in political advertising</p>	<p>No detail</p>
Dr Sophie Scamps (Candidate for Mackellar)	<p>50 percent reduction by 2030</p> <p>Legislating 2050 net zero target.</p> <p>Supports Zali Steggall's climate bill</p>	<p>End public funding of fossil fuels</p> <p>Support Australia's electricity regulator to deliver 80-94 percent renewable by 2030</p> <p>Driving transition to clean energy and storage by supporting R&D in clean technologies and delivering interconnected grid</p> <p>Support renewable energy zone development and microgrids</p> <p>Increase funding for ARENA and CEFC and protect their integrity</p> <p>Protect Australia's coastline by supporting policies to stop the off-shore drilling for fossil fuels</p>	<p>Develop a National EV Strategy that includes incentives, investment in public EV charging and other infrastructure, abolishing stamp duty and fringe benefits tax (for fleets) and registration, and by introducing emissions ceiling and fuel efficiency standards</p>	<p>Supports strong Integrity Commission</p> <p>Supports strengthening integrity and transparency of political donations and advertising</p> <p>Increase protection for charities and other civil society organisations so they don't face funding cuts for engaging in advocacy</p>	<p>Protecting and investing in natural environment to regenerate nation.</p> <p>Better coordinate and resource wildlife recovery efforts</p>

Kate Chaney (Candidate for Curtin)	<p>Supports at least 50 percent reduction in emissions by 2030</p> <p>Supports passage of Zali Steggall's bill (targets, emissions, budgets).</p>	<p>Supports phasing out fossil fuel subsidies and tax breaks and shifting this to the renewable sector</p> <p>Supports funding solar and batteries for all schools and childcare centres</p> <p>Reskilling petroleum industry workers to propel renewable energy developments.</p>	Increasing affordability of electric vehicles.	Supports strong Integrity Commission Supports strengthening integrity and transparency of political donations and advertising	No detail
Katter's Australia Party (KAP)	Does not support net zero	<p>KAP has expressed support for introducing a scheme for grants and subsidies loans for primary producers to install solar pumps for irrigation and stock watering, and rooftop solar on homes and workshops on properties that are not connected to the electricity grid and rely on diesel</p> <p>KAP has expressed support for the scrapped Copperstring 2.0 which would see the North West Minerals Province connected to National Electricity grid</p>	No policy	Supports Federal Integrity Commission	<p>KAP supports culling of flying foxes.</p> <p>It will also introduce the Safer Waterways Bill which "aims to eliminate crocodiles from our waterways that pose a threat to human life, while protecting crocodiles from becoming endangered as a species"</p>
United Australia Party	Does not support net zero	<p>No policy on renewable energy</p> <p>Supports nuclear energy</p> <p>The UAP's downstream processing policy calls for downstream processing of minerals in States such as South Australia and Victoria that are not resource-rich</p>	No policy	No policy	No policy