



CLIMATE
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ALLIANCE

The Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA) is an alliance of health sector organisations working together to raise awareness about the health risks of climate change and the health benefits of emissions reductions.

This federal election, CAHA's focus is on two key issues, advocating for:

1. Emissions Reductions Strategies to Protect and Promote Health
2. National Strategy for Climate and Health and Well-being

1. In terms of emissions reductions, CAHA is advocating for:

- Australia to commit to emissions reductions targets of 50% by 2020,* and 80% by 2050
- Expansion of the Renewable Energy Target (RET) to 60% by 2020
- Expansion of the carbon price to include more industries and a wider scope of emissions
- Removal of fossil fuel subsidies and redirection of funds towards clean, renewable energy technologies
- Development of sector specific incentives to encourage emissions reductions in all sectors, including health
- Complementary measures to promote renewable energy, such as loan guarantees for financing renewable energy projects, green energy options for consumers, and consistent, fair feed in tariffs for investing in energy generation technologies
- Develop a national plan for Australia's transition away from fossil fuels including scaling back and cessation of coal exports from Australia
- A moratorium on unconventional gas

*Of 1990 levels. See den Elzen, M. et al. Analysing the greenhouse gas emissions reductions of the mitigation action plans by non Annex 1 countries by 2020, *Energy Policy*, 2013, 56, pp.633-643).

2. To create a National Strategy for Climate, Health and Wellbeing, CAHA is seeking:

- The development of national strategy to outline Australia's response to the health risks from climate change and the carbon intensive national economy
- Development of strategies to improve the preparedness and ability of the healthcare sector to respond to climate threats to health, including from extreme weather events.
- Establishment of a national sustainable healthcare unit in the Department of Health and Ageing to drive change towards low carbon operations in the health sector
- The nomination of or establishment of a national agency with responsibility for developing and coordinating policy and research consistent with the National Strategy for Climate, Health and Wellbeing
- For its functions to include:
 - evaluation and reporting on risks to health from climate change and on health benefits from reducing emissions
 - development and monitoring of health impact assessment processes to evaluate the health impacts of policies, plans and projects across sectors, in particular in relation to energy and transport infrastructure projects
 - implementation of an evidence-based climate and health-in-all-policies approach to all policy development
 - the development and delivery of educational campaigns to inform the community on links between climate change, emissions and health and wellbeing

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