

Victorian 2010 election environment scorecard. Scorecard 3. Correct as at Thursday 18th November.

This scorecard will be publicly released on November 23. A final on-line scorecard will be released on November 26.

Methodology:

1. Only public commitments and survey responses made on behalf of parties are included in this table for scoring purposes.
2. Environment Victoria, Friends of the Earth, The Wilderness Society and the Victorian National Parks Association (the environment groups) assess parties policies against the *'Turning it Around: A 2010 State election agenda to safeguard Victoria's environment'* document which was released in November 2009 and provided to all parties. Points may be awarded for policy commitments that differ from the *'Turning it Around'* agenda if the environment groups deem that the party's policy commitments will deliver a similar environmental benefit. In some instances policy asks from the *'Turning it Around'* document have been combined into a larger ask or further developed. This document should be read in conjunction with *'Turning it Around'*.
3. Partial scores will be given for commitments that partially meet the policy objective in *'Turning it Around'*.
4. A negative score may be given where a Party's policy position is to reverse or cut an existing measure or otherwise has the effect of setting back the achievement of a *'Turning it Around'* agenda item. For example a party may propose to cut budgetary allocations to policy measures that would support an outcome. Equally bonus points may be awarded for policy commitments that exceed the *'Turning it Around'* agenda item.
5. The maximum number of points available for each policy initiative is shown in the second column. Parties will get a score for each of the seven sections and an overall score out of 100.
6. Environment Victoria, Friends of the Earth, The Wilderness Society and the Victorian National Parks Association do not endorse any party or candidate. The scores in the election scorecard reflect the environment groups assessment of party policies against environmental outcomes outlined in *'Turning it Around'*. Parties have been judged on their level of commitment to the policy measures in *'Turning it Around'* and any detail on their plan to deliver each policy measure. Readers should be aware that in developing the scorecard environment groups have not made a subjective assessment of the ability of each party to deliver on their election commitments in the next term of Parliament.

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1. MAKE SUSTAINABILITY CENTRAL TO ALL GOVERNMENT DECISION MAKING

'Turning it Around' Agenda	Points available for this initiative	Greens	Labor Party	Liberal and National Parties - Coalition
1.1 Implement all recommendations of the 2008 State of the Environment Victoria Report by the end of 2011.	2 points	2 Support full implementation	1.5 Support implementation of most recommendations, though some received only in-principle support	1 Have supported some recommendations (including some not supported by Govt) but unclear whether many of the recommendations are supported.
1.2 Apply a 'climate test' to all new government policies, programs, investments and future infrastructure decisions to ensure they do not increase greenhouse gas pollution and instead contribute to its reduction.	2 points	2 Support extending Climate Change Act to strengthen climate test and require decision makers to consider the least emissions option. Also promise to develop a 4 yearly abatement plan with annual updates.	1.5 ALP's Climate Change Act 2010 introduced a climate test for decision making and the White Paper adds further tests. However under these processes it is not clear if there would be a requirement for decisions to deliver least emissions result and Act currently only applies to some pieces of legislation.	1 Support a 'climate test' but no details on content or how it would be applied.
1.3 Review subsidies for fossil fuel and energy use by June 2011 and redirect subsidies from polluting activities to non-polluting activities from the 2011-2012 budget onwards	1 point	1 Support subsidy review and will use every available opportunity to deliver	0.75 ALP has committed to an inquiry into subsidies which reports on their impact, however had not committed to redirecting subsidies to non-polluting activities	0.75 Support subsidy review and some re-balancing.
1.4 Develop a comprehensive strategy and investment package for engaging all Victorians in sustainability, climate mitigation and adaptation programs	2 points	2 Support extending Climate Change Act to require such a strategy.	2 Significant commitments in White Paper and Implementation Plan, through climate communities funding program and web resources, and an	1.75 Clear commitment to developing strategy and investment package, though no indication of scale.

			overarching commitment to developing a strategy. Some detail in Climate Change White Paper Implementation Plan.	
1.5 Develop and fund a climate change adaptation plan by end 2011	2 points	1.5 Climate Act requires development of adaptation plan and funding of climate communities. Greens would fund implementation of adaptation plan (beyond climate communities) through consolidated revenue, and establish an expert advisory group. No clear timeline for above	1.5 Clear commitment to developing a statewide adaptation plan as proposed in ALP's Climate Change Act. No mention of funding such a plan, however have undertaken significant work on planning overlays and adaptation research.	1.5 Clear support for this action, though no detail on delivery or scale.
1.6 Develop a population policy and strategy for Victoria by end 2012 .	1 point	1 Clear commitment to undertaking strategy by the end of 2012.	0.5 Some past work in this area but no clear commitment as yet this election.	0.25 Some engagement through regional development policy though no clear commitment as yet this election.
	Total points for this section: 10	9.5/10	7.75/10	6.25/10

2. SLASH VICTORIA'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND SWITCH TO A LOW-EMISSIONS ECONOMY

'Turning it Around' Agenda	Points available for this initiative	Greens	Labor Party	Liberal and National Parties - Coalition
2.1 Replace Hazelwood Power Station with clean energy by the end of 2012.	5 points	4 Clear support for full phase-out of Hazelwood in next term of government (rather than 2012). Greens have released some detail on the process that will be used to achieve the outcome, through use of Environment Protection Act, expanded energy efficiency target, renewable energy feed-in tariff and demand management.	1.75 Proposing to close the equivalent of ¼ of Hazelwood by 2014 and are putting in place a process which could secure a larger result through discussions with Federal Government.	0 No clear plan or commitment on this issue from the State Coalition (in contrast with Federal Coalition)
2.2 Set a target to halve Victoria's greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels by 2020	2 points	1.75 Greens policy aims for a minimum reduction of 40% below 1990 levels by 2020.	1 Introduced a legislated target of 20% reductions by 2020 (on 2000 levels)	1 Supported a legislated target of 20% reductions by 2020 (on 2000 levels)
2.3 Set a target for 40 percent of Victoria's electricity to come from renewable sources by 2020 as part of a State renewable energy strategy.	2 points	1.75 Greens have 30 % renewable energy by 2020 nationally and want Victoria to achieve at least 40%. Their proposed renewable energy feed-in tariff would see substantial progress towards the 40% target.	1.5 ALP anticipates that Victoria will achieve 20% under national target, and up to 5% more from their proposed large scale solar feed-in tariff. Other ALP renewable energy support measures (eg 140 GWh GreenPower purchase) will increase Victoria's % further	0 No clear commitment at this stage and anti-wind policies will make it hard for Victoria to achieve its share of the national renewable energy target.
2.4 Support community investment in renewable energy through the introduction of a gross feed-in tariff for small scale renewable energy including solar and micro wind.	2 points	2 Strong commitment and track record of advocating for this measure	1 No clear commitment to a gross feed-in tariff but some support for community and small scale renewable energy through Solar Hubs programs with some recent funding	0 No clear commitment at this stage

			announcements since scorecard 1. Have supported a gross feed-in tariff for large scale solar.	
2.5 Increase the current Victorian Energy Efficiency Target and extend it to the commercial and industrial sectors.	2 points	2 Clear commitment to this measure	2 + 0.5 (bonus half point) = 2.5 ALP has committed to increasing VEET and extending it to small and medium enterprises. It receives a bonus half point for also expanding the EREP program to increase efficiency of Victoria's largest energy and water users	0 No clear commitment at this stage
2.6 Introduce a ban on new conventional coal-fired power stations and introduce a standard for new fossil fuel generation of less than 0.4kg CO ₂ -e/kWh.	2 points	2 Clear commitment to this measure	0.75 ALP has proposed a standard of 0.8 in its Climate Change White Paper. This rules out conventional coal plant but still allows polluting baseload power stations	0 No clear commitment at this stage
2.7 Rule out a new coal allocation or brown coal exports in the next term of government.	1 point	1 Clear commitment to this measure	0 No clear commitment on this issue.	0 No clear commitment on this issue.
2.8 Support coal-dependent communities to transition to sustainable industries by bringing on-line clean energy projects in coal regions and developing new jobs and industries.	2 points	1.5 Clear support for this measure though little detail on how it would be delivered.	1.25 points minus 1 point for new coal-fired power station = 0.25 points ALP has delivered some work in this space, including the Regional Development Plan for Gippsland. However much of the existing work assumes the growth of coal-based industries and lacks significant funding for new Gippsland-based industries. ALP loses 1 point for funding and supporting a new coal-fired power station in the	1 minus 0.5 for supporting new coal-fired power station = 0.5 General support for this principle though no specific commitment or detail as yet. Coalition loses 0.5 for supporting a new coal-fired power station in the Latrobe Valley, which delays the necessary transition away from coal.

			Latrobe Valley, which delays the necessary transition away from coal.	
2.9 Establish a sustainable production and consumption taskforce to develop a policy framework for reducing greenhouse emissions and other impacts from the way that we produce and consume things, by end 2011.	1 point	1 Clear commitment to establish task force	1 Clear commitment on this issue with taskforce to report in 2011.	0 No clear commitment on this issue
2.10 Improve vehicle emissions standards. Advocate for national mandatory efficiency standards for new vehicles of at least 5 litres per 100km (130g CO2/100km) for all cars sold in Australia by 2015. Introduce state incentives for efficient vehicles through registration, stamp duty and government fleet purchases.	1 point	0.75 Clear commitment to this measure (though slight difference in targets). Greens also support complementary measures for fuel efficiency (eg registration discounts, government fleet etc)	0.5 The ALP's Climate Change White Paper is unclear on what our national standards should be, and therefore what Victoria will advocate for nationally. ALP supports complementary measures for fuel efficiency (eg registration discounts, government fleet etc)	0.25 Coalition supports continuation of registration discounts. No clear policy as yet on vehicle emissions standards.
	Total points for this section: 20	17.75/20	10.25/20	1.75/20

3. RESTORE OUR RIVERS AND WETLANDS TO HEALTH

'Turning it Around' Agenda	Points available for this initiative	Greens	Labor Party	Liberal and National Parties - Coalition
<p>3.1 Create a high reliability environmental water reserve for the Goulburn, Ovens and Murray River Red Gum parks for delivery of environmental water from 2012. Secure enough high reliability water to meet the scientifically recommended environmental flows for northern Victorian rivers by 2014 (around 700 GL).</p>	<p>4 points</p>	<p>3.75 Clear commitment and process for delivering this commitment, though relies on Federal Government co-operation. Commitment to state water buyback and dropping of 4 % rule which would assist in delivering environmental flows</p>	<p>1.75 No clear commitment around securing water for Red Gum Parks. ALP has committed 75GL through NVIRP stage 1 and facilitated federal government purchase of 220GL to date. NVIRP stage 2 recently confirmed securing 100 GL for the environment (though unclear if it will reach Red Gum Parks) . The state ALP has not committed to any water purchase. Major environmental works to increase efficiency of delivery also remain unfunded.</p>	<p>0.5 No clear plan to deliver this measure, though will hand over 75 GL NVIRP stage 1 savings to Environmental Water Holder</p>
<p>3.2 Improve the <i>Water Act 1989</i> to provide greater security for rivers and wetlands in a time of climate change by end 2011. (See Environment Victoria's briefing "Bringing the Victorian Water Act into the 21st century" for detail.)</p>	<p>3 points</p>	<p>3 Clear commitment to reforming the Act, and past record of attempting such reforms.</p>	<p>1 ALP is establishing an Environmental Water Holder to manage entitlements, but these constitute only 6% of the environmental water reserve. Processes to reduce qualification of environmental water not legally binding and yet to be tested.</p>	<p>1.5 No clear commitment on this measure but do guarantee that environmental entitlements will be treated equally with other entitlements and supported creation of Environmental Water Holder. Have also asked VEAC to investigate the condition and management alternatives for freshwater-dependent ecosystems, such as rivers, wetlands, estuaries and groundwater.</p>

3.3	Deliver existing environmental flow commitments to the 15 Victorian rivers that are still awaiting their promised entitlements by allocating high-security environmental entitlements by 2012. (for the full list of rivers see “A Victorian River Rescue Package: 2010 state election policy priorities”)	3 points	3 Clear commitment and mechanism to deliver this measure	2 Approximately half of promised environmental entitlements have been created. Recent addition of new entitlement for Moorabool River, and lifting of qualifications for a number of rivers. Additional allocation of 100 GL for environment via NVIRP stage 2.	0 No clear commitment on this measure
3.4	Help irrigation communities adapt to reduced water availability and transition to low water-use industries.	1 point	1 Clear commitment to structural adjustment, and some detail on processes to deliver this measure.	0.75 Commitment to further irrigation modernisation but no transition package for those leaving the industry	0 No clear commitment on this measure
3.5	Rule out major new dams and new or increased water storages.	2 points	2 Clear no new dams policy	2 Clear no new dams policy	0 Do not rule out new dams or increased storages and are funding studies into expanding existing storages.
3.6	Reduce household water use to 100 litres per day per person through retrofit and behaviour change programs.	1 point	1 Clear commitment to retrofit programs and permanent water saving rules.	0.25 Target 155 remains and is supported by some rebates, though water restrictions being eased. No clear pathway to 100 litres target.	0 No clear policy at this stage. Policy yet to be released
3.7	Boost water conservation targets for commercial and industrial water users, lower the EPA’s Environment and Resource Efficiency Plans threshold to 10 million litres per year by 2012 and increase incentives for stormwater capture and recycling.	1 point	1 Specific commitment to reducing EREP threshold to 10 million litres by 2012	0.5 Climate Change White Paper commits to an expansion of EREP though no detail on thresholds as yet.	0 No clear policy at this stage. Policy yet to be released
		Total points for this section: 15	14.75/15	8.25/15	2/15

4. PROTECT BIODIVERSITY BY MANAGING AND RESTORING ECOSYSTEMS AND RE-LINKING AREAS OF HABITAT

'Turning it Around' Agenda	Points available for this initiative	Greens	Labor Party	Liberal and National Parties - Coalition
<p>4.1 Manage fire to protect nature and people. Develop a series of regional and local planned burn targets, allowing local accountability for fuel reduction, protection of communities and biodiversity. Establish a \$40 million ecological research and monitoring program over 4 years to a) monitor fuel reduction burn program impacts on biodiversity; b) implement a science-based program to refine local burn targets and programs in the years ahead; c) establish a national centre for bushfire research.</p>	2 points	<p>2 Clear support for evidence base fire management and recognition of need for significant expenditure on ecological monitoring and research e.g 10% of allocated fire budget</p>	<p>0.75 Recognition of need for science based program, but inadequate funding for monitoring and research.</p>	<p>0 Policy announcement ignored Commission recommendations for monitoring and science</p>
<p>4.2 Protect and connect natural environments. Complete a representative protected area system while dramatically increasing funding to address threats. Build habitat corridors to improve landscape connectivity by establishing a \$15 million initiative over 4 years to support landscape scale projects such as <i>Habitat 141</i> in the South West and in Central Victoria.</p>	3 points	<p>2 Clear funding commitments, more detail on implementation required.</p>	<p>1 Some existing initiatives, no additional or specific funding proposed.</p>	<p>Minus 0.25 Negative score due to commitment to overhaul native veg framework , which is a core strategy to retain native habitat</p>
<p>4.3 Protect riparian vegetation by: a) increasing expenditure to \$20 million per year for four years for public riparian land programs, including creating 10 new state-wide Riparian Land Officers charged with assessment, enforcement and management of public riparian land; and b) By 2012, scrap Victorian Crown water frontage licences and introduce a Riparian conservation licence to protect priority river reaches and remove all unauthorised activities from unlicensed frontages. Bring all riparian land up to the new standard</p>	2 points	<p>2 Clear commitment with good detail on implementation</p>	<p>0.5 Some existing initiatives in place but timeline far too long, no additional funding proposed.</p>	<p>0 No commitments, delayed until after VEAC investigation complete</p>

	with robust licences or landholder agreements in place by 2016.				
4.4	Develop statewide targets for biodiversity and land health that drive investment in resilience in the face of climate change, including setting targets with timelines for the recovery of threatened species and communities with a \$10 million per year earmarked for the next for years for a threatened species and communities recovery program.	2 points	2 Clear commitment for binding targets	1.25 Some existing initiatives, but no new commitments, more clarity required regarding what the target look like.	0.25 Partial commitment to a Climate Change Adaptation Plan, no clear commitment to targets
4.5	Increase investment in on ground protection and restoration of ecosystems across the landscape including; a) Stewardship payments to private landholders to manage their remnant bushlands using a range of tools including landcare grants and individual stewardship payments: \$40m over 4 years; b) one off loan to Trust for Nature for their revolving fund, \$50m; c) \$16 million to support local community coordinators and community capacity over 4 years; d) \$10 million fund for targeted community education programs across Victoria to increase awareness and encourage actions that improve land, water and biodiversity outcomes, over 4 years.	2 points	1.75 Clear commitment, further clarity on delivery required	1 Some important existing initiatives, but no new money for thing such as the revolving fund, or increase in investment for stewardship etc.	0.25 Support for landcare, no additional commitments.
4.6	Strengthen our public institutions by retaining an independent Victorian Environment Assessment Council (VEAC), expanding the Victorian Coastal & Marine Council, and a strengthening the <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act</i> to deliver real measurable improvements in ecological health.	2 points	2 Clear commitment	1.5 Clear commitment to retain an independent VEAC. While there is a proposal to reform FFG Act, it is not clear what direction the amendments are heading in. Future of Victorian Coastal Council still uncertain.	1.5 Clear commitment to retain VEAC and Victorian Coastal Council, no commitment on FFG
		Total points for this section: 13	11.75/13	6/13	1.75/13

5. INCREASE AND RESOURCE THE PROTECTED AREA SYSTEM

'Turning it Around' Agenda	Points available for this initiative	Greens	Labor Party	Liberal and National Parties - Coalition
5.1 Increase marine and coastal protection by protecting in marine national parks an additional 20-30% of Victoria's marine and coastal areas by 2014.	3 points	3 Clear, unequivocal commitment	0 No commitment	0 No commitment
5.2 Enhance protection of Victoria's marine and coastal environment by: a) Undertaking a state-wide Victorian Environment Assessment Council (VEAC) investigation or similar science based investigation into values of and threats to marine habitats; and b) completing a state-wide marine plan and introducing new ecosystem based marine planning legislation to manage marine areas by 2014.	3 points	2.75 Clear commitment, further clarity on planning legislation and timeline provided	0.75 Existing commitment to marine plan, but no new commitments regarding comprehensive state wide assessment or marine legislation	1.25 Commitment to undertake VEAC investigation into marine parks and ongoing biodiversity threats, though scope of investigation unclear. No commitment to marine planning.
5.3 Significantly increase funding to improve on-ground management of protected areas, by increasing annual allocations to ecological management of parks and reserves to \$50 million per annum to deliver clearly defined nature conservation outcomes including better management of pest plants and animals, fire and climate change impacts.	2 points	2 Clear commitment	0.25 Existing inadequate budget No new commitments	0 No commitment, policy yet to be released
5.4 Create new jointly managed parks around the state by a) finalising co-management agreements over Barmah National Park and Nyah-Vinifera Park by 2011; b) fully implementing the native title settlement framework by mid-2011 including enacting adequate legislation; and c) settling ten native title claims by 2020.	2 points	2 Clear commitment	2 Clear commitment	0 No commitment, policy yet to be released

<p>5.5 Protecting the following special places:</p> <p>South West Victoria: Complete a comprehensive landscape reserve system of National Parks, State Parks, Nature Conservation Reserves within the remaining 180,000 ha of public land in the far South West of Victoria.</p> <p>Central Victoria & Goldfields: Increase protection & management of 115,000 ha of 20 high conservation values areas in Central Victoria as building blocks for a larger landscape biolink project.</p>	4 points	4 Clear commitment	1 Recognition of significance of area and creation of Cobboboonee National Park a positive move. VEAC Native Vegetation Study, will not be making specific land recommendations in current form.	0 No commitment, policy yet to be released
<p>5.5 Protect endangered grasslands on Melbourne’s fringe by creating 14,000 ha grassland and 1200 ha grassy woodland reserves, while retaining and funding the management of high quality sites as part of an urban grassland network by 2014.</p>	2 points	2 Clear commitment	1.25 Clear commitment to establish reserves, but no commitment to urban grassland networks or timeline for implementation.	0.25 Recognise support for grassland network but need clear articulation of policy.
<p>Party policy announcements which undermine progress on protected areas.</p>			<p>Minus 1 point for “Pursuing the Great Outdoors” policy released by Joe Helper, which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cuts \$4 million from Park Victoria budget for hunting, fishing. - Promotes hunting in new red gum parks - 30% increase in deer hunting areas, likely to include parks - Commits to on-going duck shooting 	<p>Minus 1 point for regressive policy commitment to return cattle grazing back into the Alpine National Park, which undermines sound protected area and park management</p>
	<p>Total points for this section: 16 points</p>	<p>15.75 /16</p>	<p>4.25 /16</p>	<p>0.5 /16</p>

6. PROTECT OUR NATIVE FORESTS

'Turning it Around' Agenda	Points available for this initiative	Greens	Labor Party	Liberal and National Parties- Coalition
6.1 Protect the high conservation value forests of eastern Victoria by immediately and permanently removing logging from all high conservation value, old growth forests and domestic water catchments. Manage these areas to maximise their value for carbon sequestration, water production and biodiversity conservation.	5 points	5 Clear commitment to protect HCV forests & remove industrial logging from all native forests. Forests will be managed to maximise carbon and biodiversity outcomes.	1.5 45,000 ha forest protection commitment is a small but positive step but is a 2006 election commitment so has been previously assessed. Committed to RFA's logging HCV forests.	Minus 1 Policy of no reduction in native forest resource available to logging industry. Propose to replace native forest ecosystems with monocultures of Mountain Ash resembling plantations on reduced rotations from 80 to 50 years.
6.2 Support timber dependent communities transition into sustainable industries. Working closely with communities, industry and local stakeholders, develop transitional arrangements to assist the native forest sector either exit the industry or use plantation logs for all suitable applications.	2 points	2 Commitment to package to assist worker transition from native forests to plantations and support for communities to diversify their economic base.	1.25 Will establish a 'Tasmanian-style' environment/union/industry stakeholder driven process. Expectation that this process will deliver greater old growth forest protection and. plantation transition.	0 Commit to Regional Forest Agreements and long term access to native forests for the logging industry.
6.3 Abolish VicForests and reconfigure its role to manage public native forests for ecosystem services which maximise water production and carbon carrying capacity and minimise the frequency and intensity of firestorms.	2 points	1.5 Commitment to collapse VicForests into DSE and manage forests for ecosystem services.	1.75 Will abolish VicForests and replace it with a commercial agency which will place greater emphasis on non-timber values – carbon, water and biodiversity. Policy lacks specific detail on how this will be achieved	Minus 0.5 Committed to putting industry stakeholders on VicForests board, removing transparency and independence.
6.4 Maximise wood supply and value from plantations by committing to immediately move native forest commodity production into plantations particularly in Western Victoria, and assist Victoria's	2 points	1 Committed to removing market distortions which favour the native forest sector. No specific commitment on value-	0 Policy that existing plantations cannot largely substitute for native forests is incorrect & outdated.	0.5 Commitment to support plantation sector including the development of further downstream processing

plantation sector to supply current purchasers of native forest pulpwood and sawn timber. Encourage the development of value-added processing of Victoria's plantation estate.		adding plantation sector & native forest substitution.		initiatives, but no detail.
6.5 Improve management of plantations by committing to undertake water quality testing for toxicants in all domestic water catchments containing broadacre plantations and making results publicly available. Ensure new plantations are rigorously assessed for their likely surface and groundwater usage, with caps on plantations put in place in overutilised catchments.	2 points	2 Full commitment to water testing & public release of data.	1 Policy states that water authorities have responsibility in this area but no clear commitment that testing will be undertaken or that data will be made publically available.	0.5 Commitment to assess new plantations but no further detail. No commitment on the assessment of existing plantations.
	Total points for this section: 13 points	11.5/13	5.5/13	-0.5/13

7. MAKE OUR CITIES MORE SUSTAINABLE AND LIVABLE

'Turning it Around' Agenda	Points available for this initiative	Greens	Labor Party	Liberal and National Parties - Coalition
7.1 Create green jobs by developing regional green economy plans beginning with 'Just Transition' plans for those areas likely to be most affected by climate change and climate change responses such as the Latrobe Valley and northern Victorian farming communities.	1 point	0.75 Clear commitment to this measure though only a little detail on how it would be achieved.	0.75 ALP released strong Green Jobs plan. While it makes no specific commitment to regional green economy plans it has developed a regional plan for Gippsland. More work needed in northern Victoria.	0.5 Commitment to develop energy transition plan and use Regional Growth fund to support green jobs
7.2 Build better new buildings. Set a goal of achieving 'climate safe' (zero net emission, water-efficient) new homes by 2020. Take substantial steps towards this goal by requiring all new homes and renovations to install greenhouse-efficient hot water by mid-2011, and meet 7-8 star energy and 40 percent water efficiency standards by end 2011. Introduce 5-star standards for new commercial buildings by the end of 2011.	2 points	1.5 Strong commitments on current standards for new homes and commercial buildings and rental properties . No clear commitment to 'climate safe' homes by 2020. Clear commitment to 7-8 star houses by end 2011.	1.25 ALP has delivered 6 star standard (from next year) with commitment to efficient hot water. No clear commitment to 'climate safe' homes or 5 star commercial building standards as yet, though some useful supporting programs to improve commercial buildings performance	0 Coalition policy yet to be released
7.3 Green our existing buildings. Commit to upgrading the energy and water efficiency of Victoria's entire building stock by 2020, with a coordinated '1 million homes' retrofit program to be delivered by 2015.	4 points	4 Clear commitment on this measure, and track record in advocating for minimum standards for rental properties. Commitment to 1 million homes program, including commitment to necessary funding.	3 Strong ALP commitment to achieve goal of 5 star equivalence for houses by 2020, which actually exceeds 1 million homes target, though little detail as yet on how this will be achieved. Some funding for low income houses (\$30 million) though far short of what will be required for 1 million homes. Some strong supporting programs to improve commercial and government	0 Coalition policy yet to be released

			buildings performance.		
7.4	Build livable suburbs by ruling out expansion of Melbourne's urban growth boundary and consolidating existing urban areas. Require that new housing developments are adequately served by public transport and local services, make effective use of sustainable water sources, contain a minimum of 30-35 dwellings per hectare, and ensure housing orientation allows for best possible use of passive energy design features.	1 point	1 Clear commitment on this measure and strong track record of advocacy.	0.25 No clear commitment on this measure, though have some useful 'flagship' programs in place.	0.25 Coalition policy yet to be released, however stated commitment that new housing developments should be adequately serviced by public transport and other services
7.5	Introduce an immediate moratorium on new major road projects. Re-focus annual transport expenditure in the state budget to allocate at least two-thirds to public and active transport and one third to roads.	2 points	2 Clear commitment and policy to boost public transport and reduce new road projects	0.75 No clear commitment on moratorium. However last state budget did see more funding for public transport than roads, so progress towards second part of this ask. Large public transport projects also in the pipeline which will require spending in future budgets.	0.75 No clear commitment on moratorium. Coalition proposing feasibility study into a number of new rail links including Doncaster, Avalon and Tullamarine, as well as major purchase of new trains and creation of new Transport Authority.
7.6	Reduce waste. Set a target to recover 80 percent of total solid waste by 2014. Raise the landfill levy to increase recycling rates and reduce landfill. Ban the disposal of organic material to landfill and build dedicated organic waste treatment facilities.	2 points	1.75 Greens propose strong waste package. While they make no clear commitment to ban organic material from landfill, they deliver strong policies on packaging.	1.5 Labor delivered an increased landfill levy which will see progress towards target. No clear commitment on organic material in landfill.	1.25 Coalition supported increase to landfill levies in Parliament. Investigating methane capture from organic waste
7.7	Encourage producer responsibility by expanding the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme for televisions and computers to include other priority products such as all other electronic waste, batteries, mobile phones, and compact	1 point	1 Clear commitment and track record on this issue.	0.5 No clear commitment to expand EPR schemes and the Victorian ALP has been a lukewarm supporter of national EPR schemes	0.5 No clear commitment on EPR schemes except for via container deposit scheme which Coalition has track record in supporting.

fluorescent lightbulbs. Ban the disposal of any product covered by an EPR scheme to landfill. Support the introduction of a national container deposit scheme.				
	Total points for this section: 13	12/13	8/13	3.25/13

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3. RESTORE OUR RIVERS AND WETLANDS TO HEALTH	14.75/15	8.25/15	2/15
4. PROTECT BIODIVERSITY BY MANAGING AND RESTORING ECOSYSTEMS AND RE-LINKING AREAS OF HABITAT	11.75/13	6/13	1.75/13
5. INCREASE AND RESOURCE THE PROTECTED AREA SYSTEM	15.75 /16	4.25 /16	0.5 /16
6. PROTECT OUR NATIVE FORESTS	11.5/13	5.5/13	-0.5/13
7. MAKE OUR CITIES MORE SUSTAINABLE AND LIVABLE	12/13	8/13	3.25/13
Final scores	93/100	50/100	15/100
	93%	50%	15%