

Campaign information: Chisholm.



Electorate information

WHY CHISHOLM

- We are focusing on the places that decide elections – where there is a close contest between parties on issues their constituents care about.
- Chisholm was the only electorate in Victoria which changed hands at the 2016 federal election! So all parties will be paying close attention to what people here care about.
- The margin in Chisholm is less than 2%! That means every conversation counts.¹
- The sitting member is Julia Banks, who quit the Liberal Party in Nov 2018 and is now an independent MP.
- We chose to work in this seat before Ms Banks quit the Liberal Party. ACF campaigns on policy, not personalities.
- ACF has more than 4,000 supporters in Chisholm.
- Chisholm is a very multicultural electorate with people from all over the world, particularly China and other parts of South-East Asia.

Useful facts

CLIMATE DAMAGE IS HERE, NOW

- Australia has had the largest increase in deaths from climate damage in the developed world. **Heat waves** are the number one killer of all natural disasters and they're getting worse.²
- From black lung to asthma, firestorms to floods – digging up and burning **coal is killing people** in Australia and around the world.³

SOLUTIONS ARE HERE, NOW

- The technology exists now to power Australia with **100% clean electricity** within the next 12 years.⁴
- Queensland rooftops make more electricity than Gladstone, the state's biggest coal-burning power station.⁵
- Australia's ageing **coal power stations and gas plants** failed 53 times in the summer of 2017/18.⁶
- Proper climate and energy policies can create **1 million new jobs**, while reducing Australia's climate pollution by 80 percent from 2005 levels by 2040.⁷

WE ARE HERE, NOW

- There's **massive community support** for stopping climate damage and switching to clean energy. 86% of Australians understand climate change is happening. 87% think we should invest in clean energy. 63% say they are an environmentalist at heart. Only 4% say coal is their preferred energy source.⁸
- The community campaign against **Adani's polluting mine** stopped private and public funding – with all four Australian banks and 28 big international banks ruling out financing the mine. Together we successfully pushed the Queensland government to block a \$1 billion publicly-funded loan

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