

# Campaign Information

## Why Bonner?

- We are focusing on key electorates that the political parties will focus on and pay attention to in the next federal election.
- Bonner has a history of swinging between the major parties. This makes it a great place to demonstrate that people care about climate damage, because the parties will be paying attention.
- As a coastal electorate, Bonner will face significant impacts from sea-level rise.<sup>1</sup>
- Coal trains travel through the electorate and there has been local concerns about coal dust.<sup>2</sup>
- Demographically, constituents of Bonner are slightly younger than the national average, making them statistically more likely to be receptive to taking action to stop climate damage.<sup>3</sup>

## Useful facts

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### CLIMATE DAMAGE IS HERE, NOW

- Australia has 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.<sup>4</sup>
- From black lung to asthma, firestorms to floods – digging up and burning **coal is killing people** in Australia and around the world.<sup>5</sup>

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### SOLUTIONS ARE HERE, NOW

- We have the technology to power Australia with **100% clean electricity** within the next 12 years.<sup>6</sup>
- Queensland rooftops make more electricity than Gladstone, the state's biggest coal-burning power station.<sup>7</sup>
- Australia's ageing **coal power stations and gas plants** failed 53 times in the summer of 2017/18.<sup>8</sup>
- Proper climate and energy policies can create **one million new jobs** while reducing Australia's climate pollution by 80 percent from 2005 levels by 2040.<sup>9</sup>

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### 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.<sup>10</sup>
- 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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