

BATMAN BY-ELECTION 2018

The Australian Conservation Foundation's independent assessment of each parties' policies.

How do the parties' policies compare?

The detail 



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HOW DID WE CALCULATE THESE RESULTS?

We have independently assessed the official policy documents and statements of the major Australian political parties who may contest the federal by-election for the seat of Batman (i.e. Australian Labor Party, the Liberal Party of Australia, The Australian Greens) to determine their policy positions.

Where a formal policy document was not available, we have assessed the party's position against other public statements, including media releases, press conferences and interviews.

Where the party's candidate for Batman has a position that is different from their party, we have assessed the party's position, not the candidates.

On the scorecard, we have rated each party's position against a policy benchmark.

The policy benchmarks that parties have been rated against are:

1. Has the party publicly committed to stop public money funding Adani's mine?

2. Has the party publicly committed to stop Adani's mine from going ahead?

A green tick indicates the party's position meets our policy benchmark.

A red cross indicates the party's position does not meet our policy benchmark.

Party policies assessments will be finalised at 5.00 PM Wednesday 21 February 2018 and no changes will occur to the scorecard after this time.

ABOUT US

The Australian Conservation Foundation is Australia's national environment organisation. We are nearly half a million people across Australia who speak out for reefs, people, forests and wildlife. We are proudly independent, non-partisan and funded by donations from the community.

1. WHICH PARTY HAS PUBLICLY COMMITTED TO STOPPING PUBLIC MONEY FUNDING ADANI'S MINE?

PARTY	PARTY POLICY	RESULT
AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor does not support public funding for Adani. This includes funding from the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF), Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC) or other government funding agencies. • No official party policy document. • See SBS News (20 Feb 2018) at www.sbs.com.au/news/no-no-no-shorten-s-message-to-adani-on-possible-federal-funding • See also Australian Financial Review (6 Dec 2016) at www.afr.com/business/bill-shorten-says-no-to-adani-coal-loan-20161206-gt55au 	✓
LIBERAL PARTY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Liberal Party supports public funding for Adani's mine. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull called the Queensland Premier's veto of Adani's proposed \$1 billion NAIF loan "an absolutely disgraceful abdication of responsibility on her part". • No official party policy document. • See The Australian (7 Nov 2017) at www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/queensland-election/turnbull-calls-adani-veto-an-absolute-disgrace/news-story/558de0d2802bd5708cdf3888542d9461 	✗
THE AUSTRALIAN GREENS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Australian Greens do not support public funding for Adani. The Greens have an official party policy of removing subsidies to the fossil fuel sector. The Greens publicly opposed Adani's proposed \$1 billion NAIF loan. • See official party policy (Nov 2017) at www.greens.org.au/policies/climate-change-energy and party website (May 2017) at www.greens.org.au/news/qld/greens-have-plan-stop-adani-getting-billion-dollar-handout 	✓

2. WHICH PARTY HAS PUBLICLY COMMITTED TO STOPPING ADANI'S MINE FROM GOING AHEAD?

PARTY	PARTY POLICY	RESULT
AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor has not committed to stop Adani's mine from going ahead. Labor have instead stated that Adani's mine needs to "stack up commercially and environmentally." • No official party policy document. See The Guardian (19 Feb 2018) at www.theguardian.com/business/2018/feb/19/bill-shorten-says-theres-a-role-for-coal-and-adani-mine-just-another-project and National Press Club Address Q&A (30 Jan 2018) at www.billshorten.com.au/transcript_press_club_address_q_a_tuesday_30_january_2018. 	
LIBERAL PARTY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Liberal Party strongly supports Adani's mine being built. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has stated that Adani "is vitally important to Queensland's future, to Australia's economic future." • No official party policy document. See The Australian (12 Apr 2017) at www.theaustralian.com.au/business/mining-energy/shorten-lacks-conviction-over-adani-jobs/news-story/dd29ea9585448b39cb2fda29549db91b 	
THE AUSTRALIAN GREENS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Greens strongly oppose Adani's mine. The Greens have an official party policy of no new coal mines. Greens leader Richard Di Natale has said "if we can't stop it in the Parliament, we'll stop it by standing in front of those bulldozers. It won't go ahead." • See official party policy (Nov 2017) at www.greens.org.au/policies/climate-change-energy and the Sydney Morning Herald (15 Oct 2017) at www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/greens-leader-richard-di-natale-prepared-to-risk-arrest-to-stop-adani-20171014-gz15oo.html 	