

Campaign information: Macnamara



Electorate information

WHY MACNAMARA

- We are focusing on the places that decide elections – where there is a close contest between parties on issues their constituents care about. We don't tell people who to vote for.
- The sitting member is Michael Danby (Australian Labor Party), who will retire at the upcoming election. The new Labor candidate is Josh Burns. We chose to work in this seat before Mr Danby announced that he was retiring from politics. ACF campaigns on policy, not personalities.
- The margin in Macnamara is only 1.2%!¹ That means every conversation counts. At the last federal election, both the Liberal Party and the Greens came close to winning the seat. So it is unique in being a three-way contest between our three biggest political parties, meaning we can put pressure on all of them to step up.
- There are more than 7,500 people in the ACF community living in Macnamara.
- Compared to Australian averages, residents of Macnamara are slightly younger, have a higher weekly household income, and are likelier to have finished school. The electorate also has the nation's highest proportion of Jewish residents.

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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