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Health groups release climate policy scorecard: Coalition earns 0/8 Media Release 3 May 2019

The national coalition of health groups working for climate action, Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA), has released a Federal Election Scorecard after analysing the parties' policies on climate change and health.

The health impacts of climate change are the cause of deep concerns among health and medical professionals worldwide. The British Medical Journal and the World Health Organization Director General have both described climate change as a "health emergency" and the Medical Journal of Australia has said that inaction on climate change is "costing lives" in Australia.

CAHA Executive Director Fiona Armstrong said: "We welcome the leadership from the Australian Labor Party and The Greens, who have both committed to tackling the health impacts of climate change through a National Strategy on Climate Change and Health. The members of the Alliance hope the Liberals and Nationals don't leave it too much longer to put themselves on the right side of history in developing policy to tackle this issue."

CAHA's membership includes over 30 health and medical groups, representing hundreds of thousands of nurses, midwives, doctors, public health, health promotion, rural and remote health, as well as schools of public health and research institutions and health services.

CAHA assesses the policies of the three main political parties in relation to their commitment to: emissions reduction targets recommended by the national Climate Change Authority; 100% renewable energy by 2030; supporting a sustainable and climate-resilient healthcare sector; an economy-wide carbon price; a national moratorium on new coal or gas; a just transition for fossil fuel workers; strong air pollution laws, as well as the national strategy.

The Australian Labor Party scored 4.5 / 8, while The Greens scored 8/8.

See the Scorecard below and online: https://www.caha.org.au/federal_election_2019

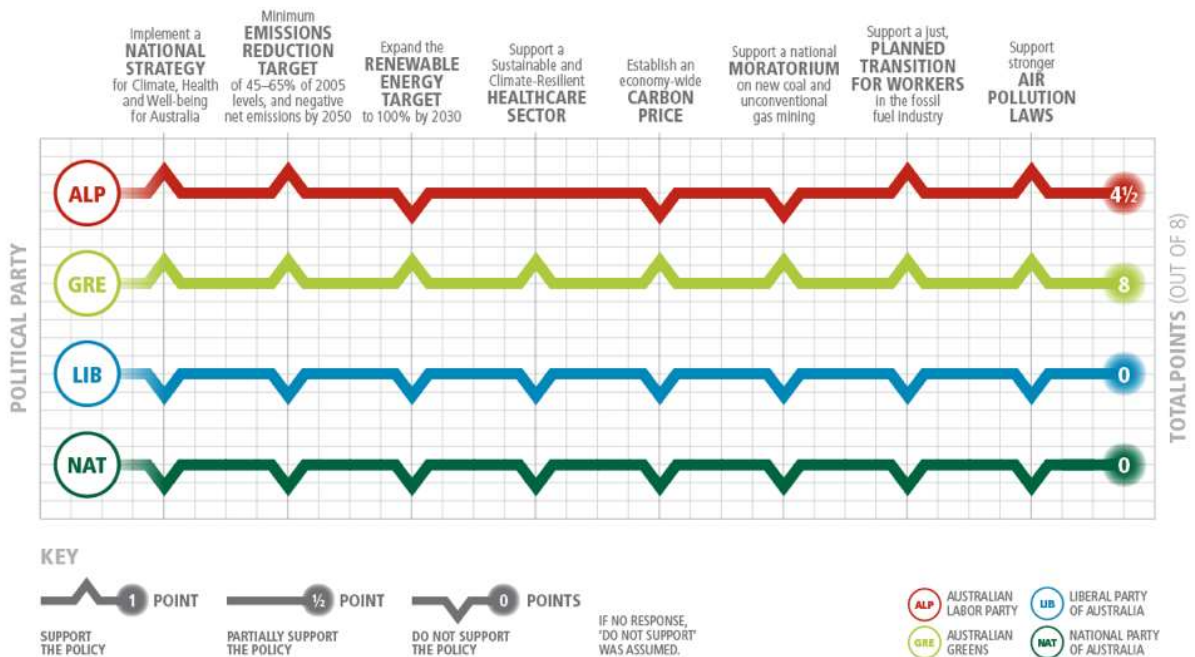
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People in Australia face serious health risks from climate change. This election, how can you use your vote to ensure we tackle climate change and promote a healthy future? We analysed the policies of the main political parties in Australia, and these are the results.



For more information, visit www.caha.org.au/federal_election_2019

Want to see Australia develop a National Strategy on Climate, Health and Well-being?
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