

CLIMATE JUSTICE SCORECARD

Climate justice recognises that the impacts of climate change will be felt disproportionately by already vulnerable populations. Across the Northern Territory, these impacts are already being experienced in the areas of water security, energy security, housing, and human health, particularly by those living in remote Indigenous communities. A climate justice lens prioritises solutions led and supported by these communities, that simultaneously work to reduce existing vulnerabilities and inequalities.

In order to achieve climate justice, will your political party commit to?

Caring for country

1. Increasing the capacity of ranger groups by **doubling funding** for the Aboriginal Ranger Grants program and making it available to support employment and traineeships for school leavers and school/community 'learning on country' cultural programs.

Stronger action on climate change

2. Introducing a *Climate Change Act* that

- Legislates a target of net zero emissions by 2050 and interim 5 yearly targets for each Ministerial portfolio;
 - Embeds climate policy objectives across government decision-making, including all policy, legislative, regulatory, budgeting, procurement and capital-works decision;
 - Embeds the requirement for detailed regional adaptation planning, prioritising planning for health, sustainability and liveability of remote Aboriginal communities, low-income households and other vulnerable groups.
3. **No new fossil fuel developments**, including a permanent ban on oil and gas fracking recognising that the industry's emissions profile is incompatible with a safe climate future and poses unacceptable risks to our water security and human health.

Protecting water, our most precious resource

4. **Introducing stronger water laws** that prioritise ecosystems and communities over other consumptive uses, and do not privilege urban populations over remote populations, including the following measures:
 - Legislating a *Safe Drinking Water Act* in the Northern Territory to provide regulatory protection and accountability for the provision of safe and adequate drinking water for all Territorians;
 - Creating enforceable minimum standards for drinking water quality for all Territorians under legislation;
 - Amending the *Water Act* to include a power to reserve/secure drinking water supply above other consumptive uses across the Northern Territory;
 - Legislating for a right to potable and adequate drinking water for all Territorians;
 - Strengthen the *Water Act* to include protections for environmental and cultural flows and establish an allocation decision making framework, across the NT, based on science, and
 - Developing an overarching Water Strategy for water security, sustainable use and resilience, to protect our most precious resource.

A just economic recovery for a more sustainable future

5. **Repowering the Northern Territory with renewable energy** in line with the Repower NT 10-Point Plan, providing public investment in renewables that supports local jobs, stimulates regional economies and provides clean, affordable energy for all Territorians.
6. Investing in a **more resilient community** by ensuring that public stimulus funding is directed to projects that positively impact the most disadvantaged communities, generate sustainable local employment, and promote a healthy environment and reduced emissions.

Healthy, safe and liveable housing in an increasingly extreme climate

7. **Committing to healthy, safe and liveable housing** for all Territorians that responds to the unfolding climate crisis, including the following measures:
 - Commit to spending \$1.1B to address overcrowding and homelessness over the period 2018-2028 under Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes program;
 - Commit \$426M over the period 2018-2023 to improving infrastructure and creating new serviced lots in remote communities;
 - Invest in HealthHabitat's 'Survey and Fix' program across all remote NT communities;
 - A managed transition from the current public housing system to a community housing model consistent with the principle of self-determination and local decision making.
 - Invest in a comprehensive program of tree plantings, and landscape maintenance for environmental health and climate resilience on all remote housing, including town camps and homeland/outstation communities, by using trees to increase shade, reduce dust, and create cooler temperatures, and to create jobs in tree planting and maintenance.
 - Allocate at least \$30 million per year to enable the repair, replacement and maintenance of ageing remote water infrastructure; identification of new potable water supplies; and, installation of technological solutions to better utilise non-potable water
 - Installing solar power (with battery storage) for all remote housing over the next 4 years to ensure that every household has reliable and affordable clean energy;

Reducing the health harms of climate change

8. Urgent action to **reduce the health harms of climate change**, recognising the strong evidence that heat causes morbidity and mortality. Priority actions include:
 - Acknowledging that climate change is already directly harming human health;
 - Alleviating health impacts by securing adaptive infrastructure such as improved housing and energy security, and urgently address extreme levels of homelessness, to enable all people to have access to safe environments in extreme heat periods;
 - Providing national health leadership by improving efficiencies of Northern Territory Government health infrastructure and dis-investment in all greenhouse gas related industries and acknowledging that the healthcare sector currently contributes 7 per cent of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions.