

# Environment Centre NT

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The Environment Centre NT has produced independent scorecards assessing the policies of the major parties ahead of the Northern Territory 2020 election. We invited major parties to complete a survey, to demonstrate how their policies stack up across different environmental issues.

You can view our election asks in detail and briefing papers provided to the main parties on our website:

[ecnt.org.au/2020\\_nt\\_election](http://ecnt.org.au/2020_nt_election)



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## ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

*Will your party implement a Climate Change Act to legislate a target of net zero emissions by 2050, including interim 5 yearly targets?*



The CLP supports the target of net zero emissions by 2050. The CLP will create a task force within the Department of Chief Minister to explore specific options to help the Territory achieve zero net emissions, including carbon offsets, such as increased utilisation of carbon-farming, carbon sequestration options and improving energy efficiency of the public and private sectors.



Territory Alliance will release a comprehensive renewables and environment policy ahead of the NT General Election, which is in addition to our Ban Fracking Policy. This policy will include legislated emissions targets for 2030 (at 50%) and for 2050 (at 90%). We will not be legislating five-year incremental targets, but we will provide significant funding into renewable energy research.

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment>



Yes, but not legislated (no Act). Territory Labor was the Territory's first – and only – party to deliver a climate change policy and set a target of net zero emission by 2050. Our Climate Change Response and Three-Year Action Plan includes undertaking detailed emissions analysis to identify a trajectory towards net zero and identification of potential suitable interim targets and timeframes. The Minister for Climate Change will also provide a progress report to parliament each year. The CLP and Mills scrapped our climate change and renewables target when they were elected. There's only one party you can



Yes.

<https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/global-heating-and-climate-crisis>



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			trust to deliver on climate change: Labor.	
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**ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

*Will your party create a whole-of-government climate strategy providing a framework for mitigation and adaptation strategies across all sectors and government departments?*



Yes.



Territory Alliance will release a comprehensive renewables and environment policy ahead of the NT General Election, which is in addition to our Ban Fracking Policy. This will include an independent coordination Office for Climate Change in the NT.

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment>



Yes, but not legislated. The Territory Labor Government is the only party that has delivered on climate change. We're delivering an economy-wide Climate Change Response that creates new local jobs, unlocks new opportunities and guides the Territory to a carbon-neutral future by 2050.



Yes.

<https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/global-heating-and-climate-crisis>



## ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

*Will your party create detailed regional climate adaptation planning, prioritising planning for health, sustainability and liveability of remote Aboriginal communities, low-income households and other vulnerable groups?*



Yes, in consultation with the appropriate stakeholders.



Territory Alliance will release a comprehensive renewables and environment policy ahead of the NT General Election, which is in addition to our Ban Fracking Policy. It is important to work methodically and in a coordinated manner to transition to a renewable energy economy and this will require recognition of the impact this will create for members of the community, and Territory Alliance recognises this.

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment>



Yes, but not legislated. In delivering our Climate Change Response, we will identify and prioritise risks to human health associated with climate change. We will work with the community services sector to develop strategies that protect Territorians from the health impacts associated with climate change. Only Labor will properly invest in Territorian's healthcare. Only Labor will invest in sustainable remote housing to keep vulnerable Territorians safe and healthy.







Yes. NT Greens' 'Livelihoods in remote Indigenous communities' policy highlights vulnerabilities in Aboriginal communities due to poor living conditions. NT Greens call for massive investment in improving living conditions and ending overcrowding. A Green NT government would ensure essential services are available to all communities, outstations and town camps, driven by investment in renewable energy. The Greens have a national construction-led recovery strategy, including building 500,000 public housing homes over 15 years; creating 40,000 jobs, 4,000 apprenticeships, improving living conditions and ensuring



				<p>people in public housing are less vulnerable.</p> <p><a href="https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/global-heating-and-climate-crisis">https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/global-heating-and-climate-crisis</a></p> <p><a href="https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/livelihoods-remote-indigenous-communities">https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/livelihoods-remote-indigenous-communities</a></p> <p><a href="https://greensmps.org.au/articles/public-housing-not-granite-benchtown-grants-should-drive-construction-stimulus-0">https://greensmps.org.au/articles/public-housing-not-granite-benchtown-grants-should-drive-construction-stimulus-0</a></p>
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## BAN FRACKING

*Will your party create a permanent ban on oil and gas fracking, including immediate legislative changes to prevent new fracking environmental management plans (EMP's) from being approved?*



No, the CLP supports a well-regulated onshore gas industry and will implement all 135 of the Pepper Inquiry recommendations.



Territory Alliance is the only major party that has announced a Ban on unconventional hydraulic fracturing.



No. Territory Labor are implementing all 135 recommendations of the Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing to develop the most comprehensive onshore gas regulation in Australia, if not the world. We will always protect the rights of Traditional Owners to determine what activities occur on their land. The CLP's plan for fracking is weak and dangerous and Terry Mills keeps changing his mind about whether he supports fracking. There's only one party you can trust when it comes to protecting the environment: Labor.



The NT Greens support a legislated ban on fracking and would immediately cease the approval of any further EMPs. The NT Greens support a rapid transition away from fossil fuel production and use, Australia wide. The implementation of this transition would be legislated by a Climate Change Act

<https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/mining-and-resource-extraction>

<https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/energy>

<https://greens.org.au/campaigns/renew-australia-2030>



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**BAN FRACKING**

*Will your party commit to no public (government) funds for the fracking industry, including no new gas or oil pipelines?*



Public funding to ensure proper regulation in line with the Pepper Inquiry recommendations is necessary and prudent.



Territory Alliance is the only major party that has announced a Ban on unconventional hydraulic fracturing. Territory Alliance have been clear that no public funding will be used to support the unconventional fracturing industry.



Yes. Labor is delivering a cost recovery model, per Recommendation 14.1 of the Pepper Inquiry, meaning the Territory taxpayer will not be out of pocket for the costs associated with our world leading regulations.



The NT Greens support a legislated ban on fracking and would immediately cease any public funds being delivered to fossil fuel developments. Now is the time to decommission and phase out fossil fuel infrastructure

<https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/energy>



**BAN FRACKING**

*Provide a link or details of your party's fracking policies here.*



<https://www.countryliberal.org/goforgas.html>



<https://www.territory-alliance.org/no-fracking-in-the-nt>



<https://hydraulicfracturing.nt.gov.au/action-items>



<https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/mining-and-resource-extraction>

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**PROTECTING WATER,  
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PRECIOUS RESOURCE**

*Will your party implement a Safe Drinking Water Act to provide regulatory protection and accountability for the provision of safe and adequate drinking water for all Territorians, including enforceable minimum standards for drinking water quality?*



Territorians deserve clean, reliable and secure access to water. We are outcome-focussed and will focus on improving accessibility to clean water, rather than legislating targets.



Territory Alliance recognises that much more needs to be done to lift the standard of drinking water and we have announced taking steps to lift these standards. This will include higher levels of accountability in terms of ensuring safe drinking water.

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/aboriginal>



Other. Only Labor can be trusted with the Territory's water. Over the last three years, our Government has made significant progress in cleaning up the mess that Terry Mills and the CLP left behind – including many aquifers that were over allocated and in some instances, huge volumes of water being given away to CLP mates. If re-elected Labor will continue to invest more on water and work with communities to develop a long term Water Strategy that prioritises water for drinking, growing and making valuable products (Policy attached). Our Government has: · reformed the Water Act 1992 to protect people and communities by making water use more



Yes. The NT Greens have outlined this strategy in our 'Livelihoods in remote Indigenous communities' policy.

<https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/livelihoods-remote-indigenous-communities>



			<p>sustainable and ensuring the mining and petroleum industry now have to apply for water licenses; · reinstated the Aboriginal Water Reserves Policy to ensure water is reserved for Aboriginal economic development; · re-established the Water Advisory Committee to ensure water allocation and management meets community expectations; and · developed a number of Water Allocation Plans across the Territory. The public also have more access to information online that helps increase the transparency of water use.</p>	
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**PROTECTING WATER,  
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*Will your party strengthen the Water Act to include a power to reserve/secure drinking water supply above other consumptive uses across the Northern Territory?*



<https://www.countryliberal.org/water-security.html>



Territory alliance have announced direct funding to subsidise the purchase of tanks to significantly lift domestic rain water capture tanks. Territory Alliance has also announced funding of the interconnect between Manton dam and Darwin Dam which includes upgrading of the filtration system.

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/water-security>



Yes, but not in legislation. Under Labor, water for people and communities comes first. 3 The Territory Labor Government has strengthened the Water Act 1992 and will develop a comprehensive sustainable Water Strategy that will ensure water for people, families and communities comes first.



Yes.



**PROTECTING WATER,  
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*Will your party 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?*



The CLP has previously supported legislative amendment to enable Strategic Aboriginal Water Reserves. We believe that current policy does already allow for these outcomes.



Territory Alliance has addressed this commitment in both its Aboriginal Prosperity and Rights policy and its Water Security policy, which is in addition to our Ban Fracking policy.



Yes, Labor has already done this. The Territory Labor Government has:

- reformed the Water Act 1992 to protect people and communities by making water use more sustainable and ensuring the mining and petroleum industry now have to apply for water licenses;
- reinstated the Aboriginal Water Reserves Policy to ensure water is reserved for Aboriginal economic development;
- re-established the Water Advisory Committee to ensure water allocation and management meets community expectations; and
- developed a number of Water Allocation Plans across the Territory, ensuring sustainable water is available for the environment



Yes.



			and cultural flows. Territory Labor will continue to protect our environment and safeguard our water for future generations.	
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*Will your party develop an overarching Water Strategy for water security, sustainable use and resilience - to protect our most precious resource?*



Yes.



Territory Alliance has addressed this commitment in both its Aboriginal Prosperity and Rights policy and its Water Security policy, which is in addition to our Ban Fracking policy.



Yes, but not in legislation. Labor is the only party with the record and the policies to deliver. Territory Labor Government has strengthened the Water Act 1992 and will develop a comprehensive sustainable Water Strategy that will ensure water for people comes first, and is then prioritised for growing and making valuable products.



Yes. The NT Greens' 'Mining and Resource Extraction' policy prescribes that regional water resource management plans must be developed prior to any new extractive operation, to understand the cumulative impact on surface and groundwater.

<https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/mining-and-resource-extraction>





<p><b>PROTECTING WATER, OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE</b></p> <p><i>Provide a link or details of your party's water policies here.</i></p>	 <p><a href="https://www.countryliberal.org/water-security.html">https://www.countryliberal.org/water-security.html</a></p>	 <p><a href="https://www.territory-alliance.org/water-security">https://www.territory-alliance.org/water-security</a></p>		 <p>Water security is considered in the NT Greens' 'Livelihoods in remote Indigenous communities' and 'Mining and Resource Extraction' policies.</p> <p><a href="https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/mining-and-resource-extraction">https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/mining-and-resource-extraction</a></p> <p><a href="https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/livelihoods-remote-indigenous-communities">https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/livelihoods-remote-indigenous-communities</a></p>
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**A JUST AND CLEAN  
ECONOMIC  
RECOVERY FOR A  
MORE SUSTAINABLE  
FUTURE**

*Will your party have a policy  
to deliver the 50% renewable  
energy target by 2030?*



The CLP supports the target of 50% renewable energy by 2030.



Territory Alliance will release a comprehensive renewables and environment policy ahead of the NT General Election, which is in addition to our Ban Fracking policy. This will include a 50% target by 2030.

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment>



Yes. And we are delivering on that Commitment. Renewable energy use in the NT has increased from 2% to 16% under Labor. The CLP and Territory Alliance have been dragged kicking and screaming to renewable energy targets they can't be trusted to ever meet. The last time the CLP and Mills were elected, they scrapped the Territory's renewable energy policy.







NT Greens' policy has a 100% renewable energy target by 2030. This would be legislated in the Climate Change Act outlined in our 'The Global Heating and Climate Crisis' policy.

<https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/global-heating-and-climate-crisis>

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<p><b>A JUST AND CLEAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE</b></p> <p><i>Will your party mandate the installation of solar panels for all new government buildings, including social and affordable housing?</i></p>	 <p>We will work with all stakeholders around affordability and feasibility.</p>	 <p>Territory Alliance will release a comprehensive renewables and environment policy ahead of the NT General Election, which is in addition to our Ban Fracking policy. While Territory Alliance will not mandate installation of solar panels on all new buildings, we will actively encourage and incentivise inclusion of solar panels and other renewable energy options for all new buildings.</p> <p><a href="https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment">https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment</a></p>	 <p>Other. This isn't necessarily the most efficient way of delivering low-cost, clean, reliable and secure energy to Territorians. We're investing in the implementation of the Roadmap to Renewables to ensure Territory Labor delivers low-cost, clean, reliable and secure energy. Labor is the only party with a track record of delivering more solar for all Territorians.</p>	 <p>Yes.</p>
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**A JUST AND CLEAN  
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MORE SUSTAINABLE  
FUTURE**

*Will your party undertake a feasibility study, including cost benefit analysis, of building an HVDC transmission line between Darwin and Alice Springs?*



Yes, and to Mount Isa in order to connect to the National Electricity Market. The CLP will direct the Utilities Commission to conduct a full cost/benefit analysis of:

- Connecting the Territory to the National Electricity Market.
- Connecting the Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Darwin energy grids.
- The optimal mix of renewables to maximise the stability, reliability and affordability of electricity in the Territory.
- Transporting and selling energy to the East Coast.



Territory Alliance will release a comprehensive renewables and environment policy ahead of the NT General Election, which is in addition to our Ban Fracking policy.

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment>



Yes/Other. The Territory Economic Reconstruction Commission - responsible for providing advice to the Chief Minister and Cabinet on accelerating the Territory's economic rebound and positioning the Territory for growth – has recommended in the Commission's First Report (July 2020) that the Territory and Australian governments jointly undertake a study into an electricity highway based on high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission links between Darwin and Alice Springs. The Government has accepted all 15 recommendations in the Commission's Interim Report and will start action on them immediately – several of the





Yes.







			<p>initiatives are well underway. A feasibility study into a High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission cable to join all Northern Territory centres from Alice Springs to Darwin was also advanced as a recommendation in the Roadmap to Renewables Report, commissioned by the Territory Labor Government.</p> <p><a href="https://ntrebound.nt.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/908314/terc-first-report.pdf">https://ntrebound.nt.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/908314/terc-first-report.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://roadmaptorenewables.nt.gov.au/">https://roadmaptorenewables.nt.gov.au/</a></p>	
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<p><b>A JUST AND CLEAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE</b></p> <p><i>Will your party establish the NT as a Renewable Energy Territory and support a renewable hydrogen pilot plant?</i></p>	 <p>The CLP will appoint a Territory Coordinator to: Design and launch of a commercial hydrogen export pilot program to utilise solar and natural gas resources in order to create a hydrogen production industry in the Northern Territory.</p>	 <p>Territory Alliance will release a comprehensive renewables and environment policy ahead of the NT General Election, which is in addition to our Ban Fracking policy. This will include a specific hydrogen policy component.</p> <p><a href="https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment">https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment</a></p>	 <p>Yes. Territory Labor has announced the Territory's first ever renewable hydrogen strategy and is establishing the Northern Territory as a renewable energy superpower.</p>	 <p>Yes.</p>
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<p><b>A JUST AND CLEAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE</b></p> <p><i>Provide a link or details of your party's renewables policies here.</i></p>	 <p><a href="https://www.countryliberal.org/energy.html">https://www.countryliberal.org/energy.html</a></p>	 <p><a href="https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment">https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment</a></p>	 <p><a href="https://roadmaprenewables.nt.gov.au/">https://roadmaprenewables.nt.gov.au/</a></p> <p><a href="https://business.nt.gov.au/publications/strategies/northern-territory-renewable-hydrogen-strategy">https://business.nt.gov.au/publications/strategies/northern-territory-renewable-hydrogen-strategy</a></p>	 <p><a href="https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/energy">https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/energy</a></p>
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## PROTECT OUR COASTS

*Will your party commit to the implementation of the Plan to safeguard our coasts, including the development of two regional coastal plans using spatial marine planning with the involvement of Traditional Owners, stakeholders and local communities?*



A Country Liberal Government will implement the Coastal and Marine Management Strategy 2019-2029, updating where required with regards to effectiveness, stakeholder and government priorities. A CLP Government will develop two regional coastal plans using spatial marine planning and will find the necessary funds to implement the Strategy.



Territory Alliance has committed to the full implementation of the NT Coastal and Marine Management Plan, including the \$1.2m per annum funding support.



Yes. The Territory Labor Government is proud to have delivered on its promises and is the only party that can be trusted to protect the environment. We developed the Coastal and Marine Management Strategy, the Limmen Bight Marine Park Plan of Management, and soon to be released Darwin Harbour Strategy, in consultation with stakeholders and the community to safeguard our waterways and marine life. A re-elected Labor Government will deliver two regional coastal plans in consultation with Traditional Owners, stakeholders and local communities, in addition to four priority projects targeted at Darwin Harbour. We are the



Yes.





			<p>only party that respects the rights of Traditional Owners to protect their own coastlines. That's why we have released the NT Land and Sea Action plan. Working with Land Councils and Traditional Owners, this plan aims to resolve Blue Mud Bay fishing 5 access arrangements and protect Traditional Owners' rights over their coastlines and beds and banks of rivers.</p>	
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**PROTECT OUR  
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*Will your party commit to providing the necessary funds to implement the Plan: \$1.2m per year recurrent (\$4.8m over 4 years)?*



A Country Liberal Government will implement the Coastal and Marine Management Strategy 2019-2029, updating where required with regards to effectiveness, stakeholder and government priorities. A CLP Government will develop two regional coastal plans using spatial marine planning and will find the necessary funds to implement the Strategy.



Territory Alliance has committed to the full implementation of the NT Coastal and Marine Management Plan, including the \$1.2m per annum funding support.



Other. In addition to Labor’s commitment to deliver two regional coastal plans, the Territory Labor Government is prioritising four projects targeted at Darwin Harbour because of the competing interests and uses of the harbour, and proposed developments that need to be well managed to ensure the ongoing health of the harbour. The following projects will start this year: 1. Develop integrated report for Darwin Harbour that builds on the existing reports cards focusing on water quality, and incorporates environmental, cultural, social and economic indicators of the health of the Harbour. 2. Develop a Dredging Management Plan for Darwin



Yes.



			<p>Harbour that ensures the ongoing protection of the environmental values and the safe and efficient operation of the Harbour. 3. Develop a Mangrove Retention Plan for Darwin Harbour that identifies areas of mangrove with high or irreplaceable value and guides how impacts of development to mangroves can be minimised. 4. A review of best practice approaches, and collation of data and information on Darwin Harbour to inform development of a long-term Waste Water Strategy to effectively manage waste discharge in Darwin Harbour.</p>	
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<p><b>PROTECT OUR COASTS</b></p> <p><i>Will your party commit to a permanent ban on seabed mining in Top End waters?</i></p>	 <p>Other: We will extend the ban and await the outcome and recommendation of the EPA Study.</p>	 <p>Territory Alliance will respect the existing Environment Protection Authority consultation process in regard to seabed mining and will undertake further consultation with Traditional Owners and all stakeholders.</p>	 <p>Other. Territory Labor will make a decision on a permanent ban on seabed mining following the outcomes of the review. Labor will listen to the science to ensure our environment, coasts and marine life are protected.</p>	 <p>Yes.</p>
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## PROTECT OUR COASTS

*Will your party commit to implementing a Darwin Harbour Strategy, including conducting a Strategic Environmental Assessment of Darwin Harbour, including Middle Arm?*



The development of a Darwin Harbour Strategy has merit.



Territory Alliance will release a comprehensive renewables and environment policy ahead of the NT General Election, which is in addition to our ban fracking policy. This will include a specific Darwin Harbour policy.

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment>



Other. The Territory Labor Government will soon release the final Darwin Harbour Strategy, developed by the Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee in consultation with the community. The Territory Labor Government is prioritising four projects targeted at Darwin Harbour because of the competing interests and uses of the harbour, and proposed developments that need to be well managed to ensure the ongoing health of the harbour. The following projects will start this year: 6 1. Develop integrated report for Darwin Harbour that builds on the existing reports cards focusing on water quality, and incorporates environmental,







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<p><b>PROTECT OUR COASTS</b></p> <p><i>Provide a link or details of your party's coastal management policies here</i></p>	 <p>We will release our Environment policy in the coming weeks.</p> <p><a href="https://www.countryliberal.org/ourplan.html">https://www.countryliberal.org/ourplan.html</a></p>	 <p><a href="https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment">https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment</a></p>	 <p><a href="https://denr.nt.gov.au/programs-and-strategies/coastal-and-marine-management">https://denr.nt.gov.au/programs-and-strategies/coastal-and-marine-management</a></p> <p><a href="https://nt.gov.au/darwinharbour/key-deliverables">https://nt.gov.au/darwinharbour/key-deliverables</a></p>	 <p><a href="https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/marine-and-coastal">https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/marine-and-coastal</a></p>
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<p><b>STRENGTHENING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL AND MINING LAWS</b></p> <p><i>Will your party bring the Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998 (NT) into the Environment Protection Act 2019 (NT) to ensure stronger environmental enforcement provisions?</i></p>	 <p>No.</p>	 <p>Territory Alliance will release a comprehensive renewables and environment policy ahead of the NT General Election, which is in addition to our Ban Fracking policy.</p> <p><a href="https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment">https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment</a></p>	 <p>Yes and we will legislate. The Territory Labor Government will deliver these reforms in a next term of government. This will build on Labor's record which has delivered the most substantial reform to environmental protection laws in Territory history. Under this Labor Government, our environment and our water has never been better protected.</p>	 <p>Yes.</p>
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**STRENGTHENING  
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ENVIRONMENTAL  
AND MINING LAWS**

*Will your party bring the environmental provisions of the Mining Management Act 2001 (NT) into the Environment Protection Act 2019 (NT) to reduce the perception of regulatory capture?*



No, but the CLP will appoint a Territory Coordinator to manage the interaction of these two Acts.



Territory Alliance will release a comprehensive renewables and environment policy ahead of the NT General Election, which is in addition to our Ban Fracking policy.

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment>



Yes, and we will legislate. Territory Labor will strengthen regulation of the mining industry by ensuring an effective riskbased, transparent, robust and fair regulatory regime that provides certainty to business and industry and continues to ensure the protection of our unique environment. Territory Labor will deliver Stage 2 of the environmental regulatory reform program by incorporating the Mining Management Act 2001 as well as the Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998 into the new Environment Protection Act 2019 and the Environment Protection Regulations 2020.



Yes.



**STRENGTHENING  
OUR  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
AND MINING LAWS**

*Will your party legislate to require a register of lobbyists, disclosure of lobbyists clients, and compliance with a code of conduct by those lobbyists?*



The CLP will work with stakeholders on this issue.



Yes.



Other. Labor has done more than any previous Government to increase transparency and integrity including:

- Created the Territory’s first ever ICAC (consistently opposed by Terry Mills and the CLP in Government)
- Electoral reform making donations more transparent and giving voters more information about donations before they vote
- The transfer of powers from DPIR to DENR to reduce the possibility of conflicts between those promoting and regulating the industry This is a clear contrast between the Terry Mills and the CLP who:
- Set up the Foundation 51 slush fund to actively hide donations they received from big business from the public
- Approved



Yes.



			Port Melville without any substantive environmental assessment • Gave huge water allocations to their mates who later sold them for multi-million dollar profits.	
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**STRENGTHENING  
OUR  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
AND MINING LAWS**

*Will your party require the public disclosure of all mining management plans and mining authorisations?*



Yes, where practical and it does not breach commercial-in-confidence rules.



Territory Alliance will release a comprehensive renewables and environment policy ahead of the NT General Election, which is in addition to our Ban Fracking policy.

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment>



Yes. Since September 2016, all new or renewed Exploration Mining Management Plans have been available to the public via the Department of Primary Industry and Resources web site (with Commercial-in-confidence information removed). A revised approach for the review of Mining Management Plan requirements for extractive and mining is currently being established, in consultation with industry. As those reviews are completed, subsequently approved Mining Management Plans and Mining Authorisations will be made available to the public online (with Commercial-in-



Yes.



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**STRENGTHENING  
OUR  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
AND MINING LAWS**

*Will your party regulate land clearing and support conservation by implementing A Biodiversity Conservation and Land Management Act for the Northern Territory?*



Other: We will regulate land clearing without new legislation.



Territory Alliance will release a comprehensive renewables and environment policy ahead of the NT General Election, which is in addition to our ban fracking policy. This will include a specific item in respect to land clearing.

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment>







Other. Territory Labor has delivered a new Environment Protection Act to protect our environment and is implementing policies to ensure ongoing conservation and sustainable land management in the Territory. We are focused on the ongoing biodiversity and conservation of our lands and seas though existing policies and initiatives.



Yes.



<p><b>STRENGTHENING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL AND MINING LAWS</b></p> <p><i>Provide details or a link to your party's Environmental regulatory reform policy here?</i></p>	 <p>We will release our Environment policy in the coming weeks.</p> <p><a href="https://www.countryliberal.org/ourplan.html">https://www.countryliberal.org/ourplan.html</a></p>	 <p><a href="https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment">https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment</a></p>	 <p><a href="https://denr.nt.gov.au/environment-information/environmental-policy-reform/environmental-regulatory-reform-program">https://denr.nt.gov.au/environment-information/environmental-policy-reform/environmental-regulatory-reform-program</a></p>	 <p>Not all areas of Environmental Regulatory Reform identified in this survey are explicitly covered in our current suite of policies for this election, but we agree in principle.</p> <p><a href="https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/mining-and-resource-extraction">https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/mining-and-resource-extraction</a></p>
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**BUILD AND RECOVER  
FOR ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY**

*Will your party adopt NCC 2019 Section J, basic minimum energy efficiency regulations for new commercial buildings?*



The CLP is committed to the efficient and economical transition to renewable energy in the Territory, both as an answer to climate change and as a driver of future economic prosperity. A Country Liberal Party Government will support a review of the commercial utilisation of renewables, including those in government owned and financed buildings. Most government buildings operate during daylight hours and solar PV coupled with batteries presents a long-term cost savings to government as well as increasing energy efficiency.



Territory Alliance will release a comprehensive renewables and environment policy ahead of the NT General Election, which is in addition to our Ban Fracking policy.

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment>



Yes/Other. Work has progressed on adopting Section J for non-residential buildings in the Territory and we will undertake a cost benefit analysis and consult with the public and industry on improving energy efficiency in our commercial buildings.



Yes. The NT Greens' 'Energy' policy includes adopting and establishing energy efficiency regulations and requirements.





**BUILD AND RECOVER  
FOR ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY**

*Will your party increase minimum energy efficiency standards for new and refurbished residential buildings to at least 8 stars?*



We will retain the 5 stars, and consider any changes and their effect on building cost plus run-on effect to affordability and cost-of living.



Territory Alliance will release a comprehensive renewables and environment policy ahead of the NT General Election, which is in addition to our Ban Fracking policy. This will include a specific item around building energy ratings.

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment>



Other. The Territory Government will continue to support and promote energy efficiency across residential, commercial, government and industrial sectors. It provides grants to assist businesses to reduce energy use and improve energy practices, and regularly reviews its policy settings to ensure appropriate energy efficiency requirements are adopted in the town planning and building sectors.



Yes.



## **BUILD AND RECOVER FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

*Will your party commit to stimulating the economy in the Covid-19 recovery with policies outlined in the ACOSS Joint Proposal for Economic Stimulus Healthy and Affordable homes report, including social housing and low income energy efficiency and solar upgrades?*



Other: We are focused on growing the economy.



Territory Alliance will release a comprehensive renewables and environment policy ahead of the NT General Election, and we are already announcing support programmes to lift the NT economy out of the economic and financial crisis that we have been in for many months that has only been made worse by COVID-19.

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment>



Yes/Other: Territory Labor has been delivering this through tailored programs for the Territory. Territory Labor is investing \$1.1 billion in remote housing and has invested an additional \$150 million in urban housing including energy efficiency and solar hot water upgrades. In addition we have invested \$400 million in a range of programs, including business upgrades and home improvements to stimulate the economy. We have also invested in a range of solar programs. Labor has a track record of investing in housing infrastructure and solar.



Yes. This is in accordance with the NT Greens' 'Energy' policy, and addressed in our 'Livelihoods in remote Indigenous communities' policy.

<https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/livelihoods-remote-indigenous-communities>



**BUILD AND RECOVER  
FOR ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY**

*Will your party ensure air-conditioner units provided to social and government housing are split system inverters and not box A/Cs to ensure efficiency and lower power bills?*



We are committed to the most cost effective and reliable solutions.



Yes, however there will be some instances where it will not be practical to do so and while there will be a serious intent to implement this item, there will be some instances where it is not practical to do so.







Other. The installation of cooling in public houses is dependent on the local climate and other factors such as water and power capacity. Given the impact of climate change across the Northern Territory, a re-elected Labor government will review the suitability of the current policy.



Yes.



<p><b>BUILD AND RECOVER FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY</b></p> <p><i>Provide details or a link to your party's energy efficiency policy here.</i></p>	 <p>We will be releasing policy in the coming weeks.</p> <p><a href="https://www.countryliberal.org/ourplan.html">https://www.countryliberal.org/ourplan.html</a></p>	 <p><a href="https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment">https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment</a></p>	 <p><a href="https://denr.nt.gov.au/programs-and-strategies/climate-change-response-towards-2050">https://denr.nt.gov.au/programs-and-strategies/climate-change-response-towards-2050</a></p>	 <p><a href="https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/energy">https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/energy</a></p>
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**STOP THE SPREAD OF  
GAMBA GRASS**

*Will your party commit to increase resources to fund the fight against gamba grass in the Northern Territory to protect lives, homes and the environment?*



Yes.



Yes.



Yes. Territory Labor’s approach includes: - Gamba Army - an investment of \$500,000 for a dedicated workforce and coordinated approach between Government, Councils, Aboriginal Rangers, and community groups. - Gamba Action Taskforce - an enhanced and coordinated response to reducing Gamba infestations, including management across all relevant Northern Territory Government agencies, local government and landholders. - Mapping, Planning and Tracing - an action science-based independent study to map Gamba in the Greater Darwin region that will guide planning, prioritisation and deployment of weed management activities to reduce and eradicate Gamba



Yes. Gamba Grass is extremely invasive and poses a widespread ecological threat to the Top End. Combined with climate change, it is increasing the intensity of wildfires. Eradicating Gamba Grass is paramount; the risks it represents are unacceptable.



			<p>in core 9 infestation areas. We will also publish Government's weeds management plans online, creating greater transparency and certainty. - Gamba Action Program - \$100,000 of ongoing funding to support landholders to combat Gamba grass through access to free herbicide and equipment loans. - Gamba Fire Mitigation Unit - an additional investment of \$225,000 per year focussed on mitigating risks. - Fire Mitigation Assistance Vouchers - \$50,000 new fire mitigation vouchers scheme that will assist rural landholders to address land management matters relating to firebreaks and Gamba grass fuel loads on their property. Vouchers of up to \$500 with a dollar-for-dollar contribution will be available to use with local Territory businesses.</p>	
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**STOP THE SPREAD OF  
GAMBA GRASS**

*Provide details or a link to  
your party's gamba grass  
policy here*



<https://www.countryliberal.org/gambapolicy.html>



<https://www.territory-alliance.org/gamba-grass-eradication>



We agree in principle, and are finalising our gamba grass statements.



## CARING FOR COUNTRY

*Will your party commit to increasing the capacity of ranger groups by doubling funding for the Aboriginal Ranger Grants program?*



The CLP is committed to increasing the capacity of ranger groups by working with the Federal Government to double the funding the Aboriginal Ranger Grants program.



Territory Alliance has committed to supporting and increasing Aboriginal Ranger programs. Refer to our Aboriginal Prosperity and Rights policy. In addition, our Gamba Reduction policy will provide additional funding for Aboriginal Rangers.

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/aboriginal-prosperity-right>

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/gamba-grass-eradication>



Other: Announcement to come. The Territory Labor Government recognises the important role that Aboriginal Rangers undertake in conservation and land management on Aboriginal land and sea country and will soon make an announcement about how we can continue to support their efforts. We have delivered on our promise to increase funding and powers for Aboriginal Rangers to protect the environment and create jobs on country. We provided \$4.1 million over two years for one-off capital grants of up to \$100,000 to help ranger groups to purchase essential items like vehicles, boats and radio and communications equipment.



Yes. NT Greens consider that all land and seas in the NT need to primarily be managed by traditional owners and Aboriginal communities. This will restore and protect our natural systems, help reduce emissions and capture carbon to tackle climate change. This work must be considered an essential service and be paid for accordingly. There are extensive social, cultural, economic and environmental benefits of investing in this essential work.





			<p>This funding helped 46 ranger groups purchase capital items. We also committed \$8 million for a Conservation and Land Management Fund to support land management on Aboriginal land and sea country. The Territory Labor Government has provided \$5.8 million to date — supporting 30 ranger groups across the Northern Territory — with the remaining funding to be announced soon. In addition, our Government amended the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 2019 to strengthen the role of Aboriginal Rangers as conservation officers in the Northern Territory by providing greater powers for the protection and management of traditional lands — providing for better environmental and cultural management of country by the 1000 Aboriginal Rangers across the Territory. This Act delivers a key</p>	
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			<p>component of this Government's Protecting Country, Creating Jobs policy. Not only giving Aboriginal Rangers the recognition they deserve, but also to enable enforcement powers that increase the ability of groups to effectively manage their land to be negotiated on a case by case basis, and enhancing economic development and jobs for Aboriginal people on their own country.</p>	
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**CARING FOR COUNTRY**

*Will your party commit to making funding available to support employment and traineeships for school leavers and school/community for “learning on country” cultural programs?*



Other: We believe that is imperative that economic development and job creation occurs on country and education is a big part of that. Our current policies already include commitments in this area.



Territory Alliance supports increased training, traineeships and strengthening school leaver programmes. Specific policy announcements on this will be made in the lead up to the NT General Election.



Yes. Territory Labor is the only party that supports jobs and education on country. We recently announced the return of the Remote Area Teachers Education program, which will create jobs for local, culturally aware education workers. 10 This is in addition to existing programs like the Aboriginal Employment Program and Aboriginal Workforce Grants.



Yes.



**CARING FOR  
COUNTRY**

*Provide details or a link to  
your party's Caring for  
Country policy here.*



The CLP is committed to increasing the capacity of ranger groups by working with the Federal Government to double the funding the Aboriginal Ranger Grants program.



<https://www.territory-alliance.org/aboriginal-prosperity-right>



Policy added after survey response:

Labor will deliver a further \$12 million over four years in capital grants, and land management and conservation grants for Aboriginal Ranger Groups and Aboriginal organisations.

<https://territorylabor.com.au/policies/aboriginal-rangers/>



These strategies are captured in the following policies:

Livelihoods in remote Indigenous communities  
<https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/livelihoods-remote-indigenous-communities>

Marine and Coastal  
<https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/marine-and-coastal>



**HEALTHY, SAFE AND  
LIVEABLE HOUSING  
IN AN INCREASINGLY  
EXTREME CLIMATE**

*Will your party commit to spending \$1.1B to address overcrowding and homelessness over the period 2018-2028 under Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes. program and commit to spend \$426M over the period 2018-2023 to improve infrastructure and create new serviced lots in remote communities?*



We will continue to honour all National Partnership Agreement on Remote Housing which will see \$550 million in Commonwealth funding over five years matched by the Northern Territory to 2023. Reports of a lack of oversight and failure to meet the objectives of the current remote housing program are concerning. A Country Liberal Government is committed to meeting procurement guidelines and targets to increase local employment and enterprise outcomes for Aboriginal people. We will review the program's progress and improve outcomes for remote communities through investment in remote housing.



Housing overcrowding continues to be a significant problem in the Territory and we note the continued failures of Labor and the CLP in addressing this issue. Territory Alliance have announced we would create a joint Territory Commonwealth Indigenous Affairs department which will have specific mandate to aggressively target the issue of overcrowding.



Yes. We are already delivering on this commitment. We promised to deliver a \$1.1billion, ten year program to build and upgrade remote housing and that's what we are doing. So far this government has built or upgraded 2000 houses. We also fought tooth and nail to get the Federal Government to match our funding and they finally agreed to invest \$550million over 5 years, matching our commitment. The CLP built one house in their last two years of government and Terry Mills has no interest in remote housing.



Yes. The NT Greens are committed to ending overcrowding and improving living conditions, livelihoods and health. The Greens strongly believe housing is a human right. The Greens have a national agenda to address the housing crisis, which will stimulate the economy.



**HEALTHY, SAFE AND  
LIVEABLE HOUSING  
IN AN INCREASINGLY  
EXTREME CLIMATE**

*Will your party invest in  
Health Habitats 'Survey and  
Fix' program across all  
remote NT communities?*



We will review its effectiveness.



Housing overcrowding continues to be a significant problem in the Territory and we note the continued failures of Labor and the CLP in addressing this issue. Territory Alliance have announced we would create a joint Territory Commonwealth Indigenous Affairs department which will have specific mandate to aggressively target the issue of overcrowding.



Other. Labor has built or significantly improved nearly 2000 homes in remote communities, some of which have not had proper investment in decades. All works under Labor's housing programs are aimed at improving health outcomes and reducing overcrowding, the HealthHabitats program is being run in some communities. All of this done with Local Decision Making, and we have signed eight Local Decision Making agreements across the Territory.



Yes.



**HEALTHY, SAFE AND  
LIVEABLE HOUSING  
IN AN INCREASINGLY  
EXTREME CLIMATE**

*Will your party commit to 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?*



Yes.



Housing overcrowding continues to be a significant problem in the Territory and we note the continued failures of Labor and the CLP in addressing this issue. Territory Alliance have announced we would create a joint Territory Commonwealth Indigenous Affairs department which will have specific mandate to aggressively target the issue of overcrowding. We have also announced funding for upgrade of existing social housing stock.







Yes. This is currently being negotiated with community housing sector. In remote communities work is already underway as part of our 10 year plan to move to a community housing model in communities by local providers. Some communities are already doing this and Government will hand over control of housing to those who are ready.



Yes. This is outlined within our 'Livelihoods in remote Indigenous communities' policy.

<https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/livelihoods-remote-indigenous-communities>



<p><b>HEALTHY, SAFE AND LIVEABLE HOUSING IN AN INCREASINGLY EXTREME CLIMATE</b></p> <p><i>Will your party commit to investing in a program of tree planting and landscape maintenance to achieve environmental health and climate resilience outcomes?</i></p>	 <p>Yes.</p>	 <p>Territory Alliance will release a comprehensive renewables and environment policy ahead of the NT General Election. In addition we have announced an Anbinik Avenue of Honour. The policy can be found on our website.</p> <p><a href="https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment">https://www.territory-alliance.org/renewables-environment</a></p>	 <p>Yes, we already are. The Territory Labor Government has embarked on cooling and greening strategies in locations all over the Territory. The Darwin City Deal means more trees for the CBD. Our Alice Springs revitalisations means more trees for the Alice CBD.</p>	 <p>Yes.</p>
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**HEALTHY, SAFE AND  
LIVEABLE HOUSING  
IN AN INCREASINGLY  
EXTREME CLIMATE**

*Will your party commit to 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?*



The CLP is committed to ensuring every Territorian has access to clean, secure, reliable water regardless of where they live.



Territory Alliance have announced our Water Security policy.

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/water-security>



Yes. We have announced a water security strategy which focuses on securing water for people communities, particularly remote communities. Over this term of Government we have invested well over \$150m to improve remote water security and water quality and this level of investment will continue.



Yes. The NT Greens are committed to providing essential services to all communities, outstations and town camps, driven by investment in renewable energy solutions.



**HEALTHY, SAFE AND  
LIVEABLE HOUSING  
IN AN INCREASINGLY  
EXTREME CLIMATE**

*Please provide details or a  
link to your party's remote  
community housing policies.*



We will work with communities to establish housing management models where tenancy management and maintenance can be performed locally, increasing services to tenants, reducing maintenance wait times and costs, and creating economic activity.



<https://www.territory-alliance.org/water-security>

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/housing-urban>

<https://www.territory-alliance.org/housing-homelessness>



<https://ourfuture.nt.gov.au/>



<https://greens.org.au/nt/policies/livelihoods-remote-indigenous-communities>

