

## Climate change and environment

### Motion 1

This conference recognizes the urgent threat of climate change to Australia and the world and that Australia must transition to a renewable and sustainable low carbon economy.

This conference is concerned that locally and globally the impacts of climate change will be more adversely felt by women, their dependents and other vulnerable members of communities.

This conference expresses support for the fact that women are most often leaders in responding to the needs of their communities and that this is the case with climate change and that therefore these women should be supported and encouraged in this role.

Australian Labor will develop strong partnerships with environmental groups and movements, business, unions and local communities to build consensus for strong climate action.

### Motion 2 – Adaptation

Labor will commit to policies that support strong adaptation actions, including:

- A national emergency response fund (to respond to bush fires, floods and sea level rise)
- Restore government commitment to coordinated national policies to deal with climate adaptation in the areas of health, planning, infrastructure and housing.

### Motion 3 – Economy

Labor recognizes that the science of climate change means there are inevitable limits on Australia's carbon pollution and therefore some Australian industries will be limited in their future investment and that these industries and their workers needs support to transition to a new low carbon future.

It is in Australia's economic interest to transition to this future now to maximize our competitive position in the global economy.

### Motion 4 – Support for Science and LEAN

Labor rejects the abandonment of climate science by the coalition and commits to climate policies that respond to the science and will restore funding to climate science and research.

This conference expresses it's support for the activities of the Labor Environment Action Network and calls on the party to support organizing tools

for the network including access to the membership lists from each state and territory and including LEAN in membership forms.

#### **Motion 5 – Targets**

This conference supports the role of the independent and government funded climate change commission and support their finding that Australia is ready to move to a higher target and endorses a target of 19%