



2017 LEAN NSW Platform Submissions

Emergency services and climate change

Insert after 1.47:

Climate change is already causing an increase in the number and severity of natural disasters and extreme weather events affecting Australia. NSW Labor will review our emergency strategies and response capacity and work with other levels of government to ensure capacity meets increasing demand

[Source: LEAN submission on NSW Labor Platform 2016. *Supported by policy committee 2016 - see 2016 Conference policy book - but omitted in published Platform*]

Protected areas target and national park creation

Insert after 1.52:

Labor recognises that the Convention on Biological Diversity sets a target to preserve 17% of the Australian landmass as protected area estate. Labor commits to securing and conserving representative and viable samples of all bio-geographical regions of the state in the national park estate and moving towards the target set through the Convention on Biological Diversity.

An elected Labor Government will continue its legacy of National Park creation. Labor will direct the National Parks and Wildlife Service to develop funded reserve proposals and a plan for progressing the implementation of the NSW National Parks Establishment Plan. Our first priority is the creation of the Great Koala National Park on the state's north coast. Other priorities include improving the links between the various parts of the Paroo-Darling National Park to ensure this inland oasis of lakes and birdlife is safe.

[Source: NSW Labor 2015 election policy; LEAN submission on NSW Labor Platform 2016 *Supported by policy committee 2016 - see 2016 Conference policy book - but omitted in published Platform*]

Older people and climate change

Insert after 2.21:

NSW Labor will ensure that the particular vulnerabilities of older people are addressed in planning for heatwaves and other extreme weather events.

[Source: LEAN submission for NSW Labor Platform 2016. *Supported by policy committee 2016 - see 2016 Conference policy book - but omitted in published Platform*]

Conservation beyond national parks

Insert after 1.52:

Labor recognises that we cannot protect the environment with National Parks alone. We must look after ecological systems across the landscape if we are to continue to have a healthy environment

Labor is committed to building a network of corridors across the landscape and across tenures that improve the ecological fabric of our state, building resilience and allowing natural processes to operate. Dangerous global warming makes this ever more important, as connectivity is essential if we are to prevent extinctions in a changing climate. Done well, this land stewardship will also support our agricultural industries by increasing the land's resilience and productivity.

Labor will:

- Reinvigorate the multi-stakeholder and multi-level approach to landscape wide planning and management in NSW. We will ensure investment is targeted and effective in delivering outcomes and that rural communities are given the tools and support to protect the assets they manage;
- Deliver state wide planning and goals for natural resource management by restoring the Natural Resource Commission as a respected leader in scientifically based resource management and environmental protection. We will put a scientist at its head
- Maintain in the environment portfolio an effective, well-resourced and independent Threatened Species Scientific Committee;
- Deliver regional planning and accountability by restoring the integrity of Local Land Services as regional leaders in natural resource management. We will rebuild the strength of the governance model in which local plans and initiatives are embedded in statewide planning and reinstate a strong emphasis on community innovation and cooperation in relation to biodiversity protection; and
- Support local communities in driving protection by encouraging community level collaborations to drive outcomes. We will adopt the framework developed by the last Labor Federal Government to support community led proposals for corridor projects, integrating them into biodiversity planning. Adopted corridor projects will receive support on issues like governance and be priorities for funding. The NRC will lead these decisions.

[Source: NSW Labor election policy 2015; LEAN submission on NSW Labor Platform 2016 Supported by policy committee 2016 - see 2016 Conference policy book - but omitted in published Platform]

Electric vehicles

Add after 1.70:

Labor recognises that public transport inherently offers energy efficiencies. Labor will work to ensure that all electric rail operations are able to deliver further energy efficiency through regenerative braking; and upgrade lighting across public transport premises for energy efficiency.

Labor recognises that electric vehicles offer cleaner air in urban areas, and reduced emissions when combined with clean energy sources. Labor will investigate deployment of electric buses in Government and contracted bus fleets, and provide appropriate support for deployment of electric vehicle charging technology.

Labor will preference local procurement to maximise job creation opportunities and minimise transportation.

[Source: LEAN submission for NSW Labor Platform 2016. *Supported by policy committee 2016 - see 2016 Conference policy book - but omitted in published Platform*]

Coal seam gas

Insert after 3.70:

A NSW Labor Government will impose a state-wide moratorium on CSG activity. A NSW Labor Government will not lift the moratorium unless the industry is proven to be safe. Labor will ban CSG in the Northern Rivers, in the Pilliga, and within a 2 km exclusion zone around all national parks and RAMSAR wetlands. Labor will ban CSG in core drinking water catchments and within 2 kilometres of urban or residential areas

[Source: NSW Labor 2015 election policy; LEAN submission on NSW Labor Platform 2016, *Referred by policy committee 2016 for discussion with shadow minister for Industry, Resources and Energy*]

New Platform Submissions

Renewable Energy Futures

NSW Labor will:

1. Ensure 50% of NSW energy generation comes from renewables by 2030
2. Publicly invest in large-scale renewable energy by creating a state-owned corporation, NSW Renewable Energy Futures (REF) that will put the public and its interests first in NSW's transition.
 1. NSW REF will build, invest, own, and operate large-scale renewable energy and storage technologies, whilst modernising the grid.
 2. NSW REF will have an initial investment of \$1.5 bn, which will be sourced either from the sale of Snowy Hydro, or through the issuing of green bonds.
 3. NSW REF will maximise the speed and efficiency of the energy transition, reduce prices for consumers, maximise job opportunities in the future economy for regional NSW, and deliver dividends for the people of NSW in a shared future.
3. Investigate creating a Renewable Energy and Technology Hub in the Hunter region.

[New Platform submission reflecting discussions of LEAN members with energy experts and executives, our campaign for conference]

Land clearing and biodiversity

Insert after 8.10:

Labor will reverse the Coalition government's reckless removal of land clearing protections, and related damage to NSW biodiversity laws, which threaten the biodiversity of NSW and are not consistent with responsible action on climate change.

[New Platform submission: updates Platform to reflect NSW Labor policy response to recent Coalition actions]

Regional NSW Review

Insert after 1.47:

Labor recognises that the Climate Change will affect both regional and urban NSW. Labor will commission a *Climate Change in our Regions* Paper that will comprehensively investigate the effects of climate change in Regional NSW, and propose prospective solutions.

[New Platform submission, also submitted in Chapter 8 before 8.8]

Climate change

Insert after 1.47:

To provide a long-term framework for climate change mitigation and adaptation, Labor in government will introduce a Climate Change Act, reflecting the commitments in this Platform and taking into account the Victorian Labor Government's Climate Change Bill 2016.

[New Platform submission]

Environmental accounts

Insert additional dot point in 1.29: [Labor will]

Investigate establishing state wide Environmental Accounts, and will seek co-operation with the Federal government and other State governments towards national and regional environmental accounts, as a path to accurately tracking our environmental assets to inform policy making and planning.

[New Platform submission reflecting NSW Labor election policy 2015]

Single use plastic shopping bags

Insert additional dot points in 1.53: [Labor will]

- Legislate to ban single use plastic shopping bags at the point of sale
- Pursue appropriate means to reduce other plastic pollution entering the environment, in particular our rivers and marine environments

[New Platform submission reflecting Plastic Shopping Bags (Prohibition on Supply by Retailers) Bill 2016, Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC]

Renewable energy and storage

In 1.72, after “NSW Labor will take ambitious NSW targets on renewable energy, for 2030 and beyond, to the next election.” insert:

NSW Labor recognises the importance of energy storage in increasing energy system reliability, reducing energy price volatility and complementing increased renewable energy generation.

NSW Labor recognises that past and prospective private sector investment in renewable energy generation and supporting technologies has been damaged by the actions of Liberal/National governments, and that this has increased the need for appropriate government actions to ensure a timely transition to a lowest cost, reliable clean energy future with just transitions for workers and communities.

NSW Labor will pursue appropriate opportunities to take advantage of the capacity of government to raise finance for provision of renewable energy generation and supporting technologies at lower cost than private sector providers, and to direct investment for maximum community benefit rather than private profit

In dot point (2) add

including energy storage and other supporting technologies

In dot point (4) add

including energy storage and other supporting technologies

In 1.72 replace “Labor supports renewable energy generation by households ...” with:

Labor supports renewable energy generation and storage by households ...

In 1.72 replace “NSW Labor will roll out rooftop solar for all suitable public housing premises.” with

NSW Labor will roll out rooftop solar with storage for all suitable public housing premises.

[New Platform submissions (making explicit inclusion of energy storage in references to clean energy technologies consistent e.g. with definitions in ARENA and CEFC mandates)]

Ending public funding of fossil fuels

In 1.72 part (7), add:

NSW Labor will take an active role in equitably transitioning NSW to a renewable powered state. NSW Labor does not support any form of public funding on fossil fuels.

[New Platform submission reflecting LEAN National and NSW position on publicly financing fossil fuels]

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us, or email nsw@lean.net.au.

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