



Kristy McBain's **Local Jobs Plan** for **Eden-Monaro**



A strong local voice for

Eden-Monaro



KRISTY MCBAIN'S PLAN FOR LOCAL JOBS

No community has suffered more from the triple-whammy of drought, bushfires and coronavirus than Eden-Monaro.

As Mayor of Bega Valley during last summer's devastating bushfires, I understand the importance of strong local leadership, especially when national leadership is missing.

Now I'm asking for your support to use my local experience to make sure no one is left behind as we rebuild and recover.

Recovery cannot be about short-term fixes. We need a long-term plan for local jobs.

Even before the coronavirus, unemployment was too high - especially for young people.

The Eden-Monaro by-election is our chance to send a message to politicians in Canberra and Sydney that our region deserves better.

Eden-Monaro needs a strong local voice in Canberra fighting for good, secure jobs - now and into the future.

We need investment in TAFE and training opportunities for young people, better local roads and a plan for the future of industries like tourism, hospitality, renewables, forestry and farming.

With your support at this by-election, we can protect, support and create jobs across Eden-Monaro.



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PROTECTING, SUPPORTING AND CREATING REGIONAL JOBS

Even before the coronavirus, unemployment was too high, especially for young people. We need a plan to protect, support and create good local jobs – now and into the future.

Expanding JobKeeper

Kristy is concerned that the Liberals will cut the JobKeeper wage subsidy to local businesses and workers too early.

Kristy will be a strong local voice to ensure these small businesses and employees get the support they need to make it through, including fighting to expand the JobKeeper wage subsidy to more casuals – especially in the hospitality and tourism sectors. Too many people in Eden-Monaro are currently being left behind.

More support for hard-hit local industries

Kristy's plan to support hard-hit local industries includes:

- Fighting for **additional support for our local tourism and hospitality industries;**

- **Working with the forestry industry** to ensure the ongoing and long-term security of our timber resources; and
- **Supporting dairy farmers** by asking the ACCC to investigate a minimum farm gate milk price.

Eden-Monaro Jobs and Industry Strategy

Kristy will establish a local partnership to develop an ***Eden-Monaro Jobs and Industry Strategy***. It will bring together local business leaders and chambers of commerce, unions, education providers and local leaders from across our region.

The Strategy will:

- Work with local training providers to ensure young people can access quality training in our region;
- Develop specific plans for groups such as over-55 workers and young people;
- Develop long-term industry resilience plans to support businesses and their workers experiencing hardship, including those impacted by drought and bushfires; and
- Consult with emerging and growing industries on the support they need.

Boosting local employment in bushfire prone areas

As Mayor of Bega Valley during last summer's devastating bushfires, Kristy is determined to make sure bushfire prone areas are better prepared for future fire seasons.

That's why she'll fight for support to help locals make their homes safer.

The Federal Government should consider providing grants to homeowners in need to assist them in making their homes safer. **This would provide work for local tradies and suppliers, as well as help reduce insurance costs and save lives.**

EMPLOY LOCALS FIRST

Making sure locals get local jobs is a key priority for Kristy. Together with her husband, Brad, Kristy runs a small plumbing business that employs locals. She understands how important employing locals is.

Kristy's plan includes:

- The National Bushfire Recovery Agency should be required to employ locals first;
- A new Snowy 2.0 Local Employment Target will make sure local people have access to the employment and training opportunities that come with this vital project; and
- Our local TAFEs should provide courses and programs to ensure people have the chance to train locally.

CREATING JOBS TODAY BY BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE FUTURE

Kristy will be a strong local voice for long overdue infrastructure projects. These projects are vital to supporting local jobs, while also building for the future.

Fighting to build safer roads

Our region deserves better roads. Promised upgrades like the Barton Highway have not been delivered.

As Mayor of Bega Valley, Kristy worked with all political parties to get local projects funded. She knows that these projects will never be prioritised if there is not a strong local voice pushing to get things done.

And if the Federal Government continues to delay these road upgrades, Kristy has already secured investment in the following projects if Labor wins the next election:

- Dunns Creek Road to support Googong and Jerrabomberra; and
- The Barton Highway duplication.

Creating jobs by investing in schools and hospitals

For too long, politicians in Canberra and Sydney have made promises to our region – and we’ve been left waiting years before they are finally delivered.

It’s taken too long to deliver critically needed school upgrades at:

- Jindabyne Central School;
- Queanbeyan West Public School;
- Braidwood Central School;
- Karabar High School;
- Monaro High School; and
- Queanbeyan High School.

We were promised these projects and the jobs that will come with them. These delays have been bad for local jobs.

Kristy will call on the NSW Government to bring forward construction of new schools in Bungendore, Jerrabomberra, Murrumbateman and Googong as well as a new Eurobodalla Hospital.

Improving regional water infrastructure

Water security is an ongoing challenge for our community.

A new Yass Water Treatment Plan has been talked about for too long. Kristy’s determined to work with every level of government to make it happen.

The NSW Government promised to fund a new treatment plant after a business case was completed, but it hasn’t said how much funding it will provide or when. Kristy will hold the Government to account and make sure it comes good on this promise.

Kristy will also champion proposals for the Southern Water Supply Storage in Eurobodalla and Brogo Dam, both of which play a critical role in addressing the water needs of the local community.

Better local community facilities

Local groups have been calling on local, state and federal governments to deliver long overdue upgrades to community facilities. Kristy will use her local experience to work with all levels of government to get results.

FIXING MOBILE AND ABC BLACKSPOTS

Our region has some of the worst mobile and ABC blackspots. As we saw during last summer's devastating bushfires, good coverage can make all the difference in a crisis.

Kristy will fight to:

- Improve mobile coverage across Eden-Monaro, with a particular focus on community blackspots and transport corridors;
- Install power back-up for broadcasting transmission facilities so they work for longer during natural disasters;
- Provide essential facilities and providers across our region with satellite phones, power generators and satellite NBN, so they can stay connected during emergencies; and
- Improve broadcast coverage across Eden-Monaro with a focus on ABC local radio blackspots in areas of bushfire risk.

Our community can't wait any longer for this to happen. But if the Liberals don't act, Kristy has secured \$5 million from a future Labor Government to make these vital improvements.

STANDING UP FOR OUR LOCAL TAFES

With unemployment rising and many people uncertain about their own job security, a world-class TAFE and training system is more important than ever before.

But since coming to office in 2013, the Liberals have cut \$3 billion from TAFE and training, making it harder for people to reskill, learn a trade and secure a good job.

140,000 apprentices and trainees have been lost, including over 600 in our region alone.

To make matters worse, the NSW Government has increased fees, slashed courses and sacked staff across local TAFE campuses.

Kristy will stand up for our local TAFEs. She will oppose the Liberals' cuts to TAFE and training and work with local businesses, unions, schools and TAFEs to connect local people with the training they need for jobs.

MORE INVESTMENT IN CHEAPER, CLEANER ENERGY TO CREATE JOBS

After seven years in office, the Liberals do not have a credible energy policy. They have no plan to reduce our carbon pollution – or to maximise the economic and job opportunities that come with taking action on climate change.

Kristy will be a strong local voice for investment in cheaper, cleaner renewable energy to reduce electricity prices, cut carbon pollution and create jobs.

SUPPORTING AND PROTECTING WORKERS IN OUR PUBLIC SERVICES

Since 2013, the Liberals have cut 18,000 workers from our public services, including Centrelink. This has affected more than one in 10 workers across our public services and hurt every community.

Now they are refusing to rule out even more job cuts.

Kristy will stand up for local workers in our public services and oppose further outsourcing of essential public services.

She will fight Liberal plans to slash postal deliveries and threaten thousands of postie jobs. These are essential frontline workers providing a service all Australians rely on.

Kristy will also be a strong local voice against the NSW Government's plan to cut the pay of nurses, paramedics and firefighters who are getting us through these challenging times.

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

Bushfire recovery must include a plan for jobs, including:

Support for the agricultural and tourism industries. The National Bushfire Recovery Agency needs to produce a specific recovery plan for the tourism and agricultural industries, which includes sheep, cattle, horticulture, viticulture and other affected industries. This could be funded out of the existing \$450 million in funds to establish industry and community economic recovery plans.

Volunteer Firefighter Compensation. The Federal Government needs to convert the remaining funding allocated for volunteer firefighter compensation into a grants program for RFS groups to provide new equipment.

Emergency Response Fund. Kristy will fight for the release of \$50 million from the Fund to build resilience before the next bushfire season, to ensure there are effective fire breaks in bushfire communities. All bushfire areas should be considered for this funding.

