

Policy priorities from the National Policy Forum and Federal Parliamentary Left representatives:

- A more compassionate refugee policy
- Pursue marriage equality as a binding issue of human rights within the Labor Platform
- Progressive economic policy objectives including a sensible debate around the Socialist Objective and a coordinated push against neoliberal orthodoxy
- Push against the dialogue of small government and fiscal conservatism
 - Oppose an economic agenda comprised entirely of large-scale cuts to expenditure
 - Formulate a response to the cutting of corporate tax rates
- Develop sophisticated industry and industrial relations policy in Australia
- Oppose any plans to dilute action on climate change
 - Reiterate that any compromise with the Government on the Renewable Energy Target is unacceptable

Issues raised at previous Left meeting:

- LEAN climate change motion
- Housing policy – housing affordability and in particular changes to the operation of negative gearing
- Gender equity – particularly violence against women, the wage gap and affirmative action
- Over-development and urban planning
- Voluntary euthanasia
- Additional clarity and content on industry and industrial relations policy
 - Serious industrial relations policy that implements a watch-dog with teeth to protect workers from employer militancy and misbehaviour.
- Reforms to the welfare and income support system, increasing cuts to payments and outsourcing of services that are putting pressure on the fabric of the welfare state
- Forced closure of indigenous communities
- International relations particularly aid and development
- Progressive health policy
- Education policy – cuts to higher education, TAFE cuts in NSW and schools funding
- Internet and telecommunications policy – meta-data retention and the NBN
- Increasing the minimum wage
- Renters rights
- Public transport funding and infrastructure planning