



MINING AND ENERGY FEDERAL POLICY



WHAT WE BELIEVE

Australia is a nation rich in natural resources and energy.

Our success as a country has been because of the tireless work and innovation that Australians put in to access and utilise our abundant resources.

Australia has some of the world's finest commodities including iron ore, uranium, rare earths and new technology minerals, gas and high quality thermal and coking coal. It is critical that we utilise these resources to our strategic advantage at a national and international level.

As a small nation by population, these resources are our key to economic success, national security and international relations.

Successive national Governments have squandered this opportunity and failed to leverage our position globally.

However, the Shooters Fishers and Farmers understands that the extraction of our minerals must not come at the cost of our world class agricultural industry and water assets. We will ensure that the Federal Government strike the appropriate balance between farming and extractive industries.

We believe that our energy system is a mess. There must be clear and decisive action taken to shore up our domestic energy self-sufficiency and drive down energy costs to maintain our economic competitive advantage.

The current investment in variable, renewable energy is heavily subsidised by domestic consumers and government. Australians are paying unsustainable domestic energy prices simply to support these alternative power schemes that cannot provide reliable, affordable baseload power. While variable, renewable energy sources have their place, they cannot be forced into the system through subsidies and cannot come at the expense of reliability or higher energy costs.



OUR ACTION PLAN

1. Maintain sovereign energy self-sufficiency with cost and reliability at the forefront.
2. Support the continued expansion of mining industries in appropriate locations, notwithstanding that mining exploration and extraction must never be allowed to permanently affect prime agricultural land or water systems, either surface or subterranean.
3. Introduce a National Gas Reservation Policy to guarantee clean and affordable domestic gas supplies for all Australian households.
4. Support an energy supply model where each generation source stands on its own merits. This includes opposition of the subsidisation of these energy sources that are being forced into the market at great expense.
5. Review our international trade arrangements to ensure diversity in economic partners and reduce our reliance on individual economies.
6. Support the development of nuclear energy as a modern viable energy solution.