



THE ECONOMY FEDERAL POLICY



WHAT WE BELIEVE

To maintain Australia's strong credit rating, it is critical that the Australian Government drastically reduces its debt. We believe in an economy which puts Australian interests and individuals first, striking the right balance between industry and consumer costs. We will seek a level playing field on any Free Trade Agreements so that Australian consumers are not worse off.

The rising cost of living affects all Australians. Yet, it seems every day we hear of 'super profits' of the monopolies and duopolies that control an ever-increasing range of everyday, household essentials.

We support mining, manufacturing and agriculture as critical business activities and sources of employment to the Australian economy.

Small businesses are the biggest employer in the country. Yet our taxation system and corporations law are all designed to favour businesses at the big end of town.



OUR ACTION PLAN

1. Support reasonable measures that will reduce market domination and increase competition in the retail sector covering basic items such as groceries, fuel and liquor.
2. Support stringent measures to reduce market dominance and increase competition in the retail sector covering agricultural products.
3. Call on the States and Territories to distribute State mining royalties directly to the Regions, particularly rural areas.
4. Commit to working with small businesses to identify specific measures required to ease the burden on small business owners, especially in taxation and employment legislation.
5. We will commit to developing to fairer taxation of individuals compared to multi-national corporations, to alleviate the stress of the rising cost of living. Big business must pay their fair share of corporate taxation.
6. Oppose initiatives that disadvantage Australian businesses, employment or citizens for little or no benefit to our lives, economy, or environment. This includes opposing a carbon tax or carbon trading.