



## Federal Division of Ballarat Candidates Forum Questionnaire

Candidate's Name:

Political Party:

Please tell us about your general views on climate change

1.1 Do you accept the views of climate scientists that

- The earth is already too hot?
- We face a climate emergency?
- Greenhouse gas emissions must be reduced to zero as fast as possible?

1.2 Are you committed to supporting implementation of evidence based policies consistent with restricting global warming to 1.5 degrees C?

- Yes  No

Any other comments on your general views on climate change:

The remaining questions are intended to inform us about the specific climate change policies and actions you are committed to and that you undertake to advocate for and otherwise support as our representative in Federal Parliament if elected. In the following therefore, where the word "support" appears, please consider it to mean "advocate for and support".

### 2. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Targets

2.1 What emissions reduction targets will you support?

- Reduction by 2030 (% relative to 2005):
- Reduction by 2050 (% relative to 2005):
- Target year for zero emissions:

Comments/Explanation/Extended Response:

2.2 Will you support excluding international offsets in the measurement of Australia's emissions reductions?  Yes  No

Comments/Explanation/Extended Response:

### 3. Emissions Reductions

3.1 Will you support the following economy-wide initiatives to reduce emissions? :

- A price on carbon
- New regulations that set emissions limits and penalties

Comments/Explanation/Extended Response:

3.2 What other economy-wide measures will you support to reduce emissions? (Note that specific measures related to energy generation, transport and specific industries are covered separately below).

3.3 What initiatives will you support to reduce emissions in manufacturing industry?

3.4 What initiatives will you support to reduce emissions in agriculture?

3.5 What initiatives will you support to promote reforestation, afforestation and restoration of biodiverse natural environments to increase greenhouse gas drawdown?

3.6 Will you support strengthening the Climate Change Authority with additional funding and expertise, and elevating its role in providing evidence based policy advice to Government?

Yes  No

Comments/Explanation/Extended Response:

3.7 Will you support amendment or replacement of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Protection Act* to ensure climate change impacts are a key consideration in all environmental assessments?

Yes  No

3.8 What level of funding will you support to the Green Climate Fund (under the Paris Agreement) to promote climate action in developing countries?  
What other strategies will you support to assist climate action in developing countries?

#### 4. Clean Energy Targets

4.1 What targets for generation of electricity by renewables will you support?

% renewables by 2025:

% renewables by 2050:

Target year for 100% renewables:

4.2 What is your target year for 100% renewable energy production by industry across all sectors?

#### 5. Transitioning to renewables

5.1 Will you support the following steps to help achieve the transition to renewables?

- Ruling out the addition of new coal fired power generation to the grid;
- Ruling out the addition of new gas power generation to the grid;
- Ruling out government underwriting or public funding in any form to support fossil fuel energy generation;
- Adding greenhouse emission reductions to the National Energy Objective;
- Phasing out existing coal fired power stations; by when?

5.2 Please provide details of the funding levels you will support to promote renewables, including grants and tax incentives for industry and consumers, and also including funding levels for ARENA and the CEFC.

5.3 What other strategies will you support to encourage the transition to 100% renewables? Please include details of funding where relevant.

5.4 What measures will you support to assist communities affected by the transition away from fossil fuel energy generation?

5.5 What incentives will you support to promote a clean energy export industry?

## 6. Transport

6.1 Will you support the following initiatives to encourage the increased uptake of electric vehicles?

- Make electric vehicles less expensive by means such as reducing government fees and charges or by subsidies
- Increase the availability of charging stations;
- Reduce the cost of ownership such as registration fees;

Please provide details of any other strategies you will support:

6.2 Will you support phasing out the following, and if so by what year?

new diesel vehicles

Year:

new internal combustion vehicles

Year:

diesel tax rebate

Year:

fringe benefit tax concessions on vehicle usage

Year:

6.3 Will you support strengthening existing vehicle emissions standards for new vehicles?  Yes  No

Which international model would you use and when would you envisage implementation?

International model:

Year:

6.4 What measures will you support to encourage growth in public transport provision and usage?

6.5 What other initiatives will you support to reduce emissions in the transport sector?

## 7. Coal and Gas Mining

7.1 Will you support legislation or regulation to achieve the following? Please indicate the proposed timing for the cessation of the activity.

- Stop any coal mining developments in the Galilee Basin
- Stop development of any new thermal coal mines
- Stop development of any new on-shore conventional gas mines
- Stop development of any new offshore gas and oil mines
- Stop development of any new unconventional gas mines
- Phase out thermal coal mining in Australia
- Phase out natural gas and oil mining in Australia

7.2 Will you support a review of Adani's licence for the Carmichael coal mine under section 145 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act*?

Yes  No

7.3 Will you support ruling out public funding in any form to support fossil fuel mining?

Yes  No

7.4 Will you support strengthening of legal and regulatory requirements for mining companies to rehabilitate closed mine sites? How?

7.5 What strategies will you support to promote the transition away from coal and gas mining, including assistance for the affected workforce and local communities? Please include details of funding.

### Additional comments

Please use the space below to tell us more about your views on climate change not already covered. Please attach any additional documents you believe are relevant.