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**Will you stop the Adani coal mine and the exploitation of the Galilee coal basin, as a first step in a moratorium on new coal mines and expansions?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP is committed to prohibit the expansion of fossil fuel use in order to reduce emissions.

**2. Will you review Adani's environmental approvals and take action if new evidence is available?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

**3. Will you rule out any direct or indirect public subsidies to Adani?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

**4. Will you implement policies in line with the Paris Agreement to limit dangerous global warming to 1.5 to 2 degrees, including a process to regularly strengthen these policies when needed in line with independent scientific advice?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP is concerned about the impact of climate change on both humans and animals. Animals will succumb to extreme climatic events well before we do. A world that becomes 2-4 degrees warmer, or more, will kill billions of individual animals, and could eliminate a substantial proportion of existing animal species.

It is an AJP priority that urgent action be taken to address global climate destabilisation. Animal agriculture plays a major role as a cause of climate change, so a switch to a plant based diet would be a significant help in avoiding it. Globally, it is essential that we protect ocean life and marine ecosystems and decrease livestock numbers to both reduce methane and

other greenhouse gas emissions and allow reforestation (thus drawing down carbon from the atmosphere).

All three actions are required. We must transition energy generation, reduce emissions from agriculture and increase carbon drawdown.

**5. Will you rule out counting Kyoto carryover credits towards your emissions reduction target?**

Yes

**6. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP has rationality as a core value, which means implementing effective policy instead of using accounting tricks.

**7. Do you accept that carbon pollution can and must be reduced faster in the electricity sector than in other sectors of the economy?**

Uncommitted

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP wants a holistic approach to tackling dangerous climate change.

**8. Will you implement a national plan for a just and orderly transition away from coal power to clean energy, phasing out all coal-burning power stations by 2030, and establishing a statutory authority to make sure that affected workers and communities are supported in the transition?**

Uncommitted

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

**9. Will you establish a new national Environmental Protection Agency and pass a new generation of environment laws that includes binding National Standards on Air Pollution (including from vehicles and coal-burning power plants) to protect the health of all Australians, with sufficient penalties to ensure that requirements are met?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP is due to announce an updated environmental law policy shortly.

**10. Will you work with the states and territories to ensure Australia's renewable boom continues in your first term of government (i.e. that the roll-out of renewables across the country continues at the rate of at least 6GWs a year)?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP is technology neutral when it comes to supplying clean energy. We desire the most sustainable clean energy infrastructure possible, requiring a variety of non-carbon-based solutions. In this coming term of parliament, it will be necessary to ensure an increased rollout of renewables and investment in clean energy technologies.

**11. Will you unleash investment and jobs in renewable energy by protecting and extending ARENA's mandate beyond 2022, supporting new transmission for renewable energy zones, supporting the development of a clean energy exports industry, and helping businesses seize the benefits of low-cost renewables and energy savings by underwriting clean energy contracts for at least 250 energy-intensive businesses?**

Uncommitted

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP is open to working with community groups and experts on this issue to achieve the best outcome for the environment. The current response to climate change is patchwork and somewhat arbitrary. We would prefer a much more comprehensive

and 'economy wide' response to drive the changes required.

**12. Will you ensure that all households, especially low-income households, renters and indigenous communities, can access the benefits of clean energy and energy efficiency, including the establishment of community clean energy hubs and solar rebates for renters?**

Uncommitted

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**13. Will you support a Commonwealth Integrity Commission with sufficient funding, public hearings, strong investigative powers, a broad scope, and the ability to make public findings of corruption?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

**14. Do you support protections from prosecution for whistleblowers who expose government wrongdoing?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP considers the role of whistleblowers vital when governments fail to act ethically.

**15. Do you support caps on electoral campaign expenditure?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

**16. Will you cap an individual or corporation's donations to political parties, candidates and associated entities to \$2,000 per year (aggregate) and require donations to be disclosed in real time?**

Uncommitted

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP is open to working with community groups and experts to achieve the best electoral reform outcomes. We support early public disclosure.

**17. Will you support and commit to implement the 'Medi-vac Bill' which instituted a process to allow detainees offshore to be transferred to the Australian mainland for medical treatment and assessment at the behest of a panel of Australian doctors?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP will act upon its core principles of kindness, equality, rationality and non-violence, by responding to the suffering of those persons who are forced to leave their countries of origin as a result of displacement by war, genocide, breakdown of public order or a well-founded fear of persecution based on unlawful discrimination. As a good global citizen, Australia has a proud history of being amongst the first countries to ratify the UN Convention on Refugees, including other related conventions, and to accept refugees in dire circumstances from around the world. Our position is that Australia has a moral and a legal obligation to comply with the international treaties we have ratified. Australia has a right to apply domestic laws that establish border integrity, but this must be done in such a way that persons fleeing persecution for legitimate reasons will be protected under Australian law. Refugees must not be prevented from accessing their rights as asylum seekers. In particular, the AJP condemns the removal and processing of those seeking asylum to countries other than those approved by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). We also believe that citizens, journalists and NGOs must be

able to observe the conditions provided for asylum seekers and displaced persons by this government and its agencies.

**18. Will you support the full evacuation of all those refugees and people seeking asylum held on Nauru and Manus Island for over 5 years to safety in Australia or an equivalent third country?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

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**19. Are you committed to multiculturalism and a diverse community?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

Equality is a core value of the AJP, including the idea of a diverse multicultural community.

**20. Will you oppose attempts to introduce English-language tests and extend the waiting times for Australian citizenship, and ensure that the Home Affairs Department processes all current and future citizenship applications in a timely and transparent manner?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

**21. Will you reverse changes made by the Social Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 that adversely affect migrant communities and oppose any further exclusion of migrants from the social safety net?**

Yes

**22. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP will oppose any policies which reduce equality in Australia.

**23.**

**Will you ensure that protections against racial discrimination, including Section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act, remain intact and that you will consider extending existing protections and policies?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP will be guided by its core values of Kindness, Equality and Non-violence.

**24.**

**- Will you rule out any preference or political deals with One Nation and similarly racist far right parties or candidates, and will you place them at the bottom of your how to vote cards?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

However we are also concerned by other parties that support looser gun laws and recreational shooting.

**25. Do you support putting First Nations Affairs in First Nations hands?**

Uncommitted

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP is open to working with community groups and experts to achieve the best outcome on First Nations Affairs.

**26. Will you take action on deaths in custody, starting with a comprehensive audit of the implementation of the Royal Commission's recommendations?**

Yes

**Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

**27. Will you end the racist and punitive Community Development Program?**

Uncommitted

**28. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP will be guided by its core values of equality and rationality and will seek guidance on this issue.

**29. Will you restore critical funding partnerships between state and federal governments for remote Aboriginal community housing?**

Uncommitted

**30. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP will be guided by its core values of equality and rationality and will seek guidance on this issue.

**31. Will you reverse all of the budget cuts to health, education and aged care from the 2014 budget onwards?**

Uncommitted

**32. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP supports a universal publicly funded healthcare system.

We want to broaden the focus in health policy from just treating disease to also improving health. We believe the biggest gains in health, longevity and economy are to be gained by improving people's knowledge and access to healthy diet and exercise opportunities.

We want to ensure funding of health services is provided at the state level, with an end to vertical fiscal imbalances that cause a lack of accountability at all levels.

**33. Will you reverse all ABC and SBS budget cuts from the 2014 budget onwards?**

Yes

**34. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

**35. Will you protect the independence of the ABC and SBS, reform the board appointment process and commit to not interfering in board or senior executive decision making?**

Yes

**36. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

**37. Do you agree that Newstart is too low and that it must be raised by at least \$75 per week?**

Yes

**38. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

**39. Will you take steps to reduce the cost of out-of-pocket medical expenses?**

Yes

**40. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

**41. Will you reverse cuts to weekend and public holiday penalty rates announced in 2017?**

Yes

**42. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

**43. Will you make housing more affordable, including by reforming negative gearing and the capital gains tax discount?**

Yes

**44. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

These and a number of other mechanisms are available to make housing more affordable. AJP would seek a comprehensive economy wide approach to justice in housing and land ownership.

**45. Will you adopt a full employment target of 2-3% unemployed?**

Uncommitted

**46. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP will promote growth in sustainable, animal friendly industries across the board such as eco-tourism, plant-based food products and technologies, and upcycled and recycled design. We do not currently have a specific target rate for unemployment.

**47. Will you trial a Job Guarantee program?**

Yes

**48. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP will rely on its core value of rationality and seek guidance from experts and economists on this important issue.

**49. Will you abolish Stage 2 and 3 of the income tax cuts in the 2018 Federal Budget?**

Uncommitted

**50. Would you like to provide any additional information on this question?**

**51. Will you stop unfair tax giveaways to high income earners through avenues like superannuation tax concessions and dividend imputation?**

Yes

**52. Would you like to provide additional information on this question?**

The AJP will act on its core value of equality, including in tax reform.