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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?

No

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

We note that subsequent responses indicate that Senator Hinch is strongly committed to environmental protection and to renewables.

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?

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

Uncommitted

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

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

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

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?

Senator Hinch supports an orderly transition away from coal power to clean energy, but views 2030 as too ambitious.

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?

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?

Supports in principle, but unsure about exact details (i.e. 6GWs a year - would need more info).

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?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

Senator Hinch strongly supports ARENA.

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?

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

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?

Senator Hinch was a member of the Senate Committee which inquired into a Commonwealth Integrity Commission, and strongly supports the creation of a National ICAC. He's voted for motions calling for the creation of one in the Senate.

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

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

Senator Hinch has always strongly supported whistle blower protections in his almost 3 years in the Senate.

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?

Senator hinch is not opposed to capping donations, but believes \$2000 per year is too low.

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?

Senator Hinch was proud to be the deciding vote on Medi-vac. His response to the media on that day was "sometimes you have to vote for what's right, not what will get you re-elected".

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?

Uncommitted

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

Senator Hinch supports third country resettlement.

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

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

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?

Uncommitted

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

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?

No

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

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?

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

Uncommitted

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

Senator Hinch was thrilled to hear that Senator Dodson will become Indigenous Affairs Minister if Labor are elected.

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?

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

Yes

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

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

Yes

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

Senator Hinch totally supports increased spending on health, education and aged care.

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?

Senator Hinch will always be a strong supporter of both the ABC and SBS.

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?

Senator Hinch has been a strong advocate for raising the rate of Newstart both inside the Senate and in the media.

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?

Senator Hinch strongly supports the restoration of penalty rates.

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?

Senator Hinch would like to see both policies reviewed, with a view to positive reform. He would support reasonable changes if they were grandfathered, including limiting negative gearing to a couple of properties, for example.

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

Uncommitted

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

"That's a dream and I wish it were possible." - direct quote

47. Will you trial a Job Guarantee program?

Uncommitted

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

Senator Hinch requires need more information before making a commitment.

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

No

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?

Uncommitted

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