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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 Adani proposal does not stack up commercially or environmentally. The claim it will produce significant employment is a furphy. Worse, if approved, it will set the precedent for a series of similar mines in the Galilee.

**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?**

The Environment Minister's recent water approval was not based on an honest reading of the CSIRO advice. The fact that its size has been reduced by half demands a full EES review.

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

Yes

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

A no brainer. Why would we publicly subsidise a proposal that is counter to the public interest?

**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?**

It is now clear that 1.5 degrees must be the aim, not 2.

**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?**

Australia fudged its Kyoto requirements, and to use the so-called credits would be to add insult to injury.

**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?**

Because electricity emissions are easier to reduce than transport, agriculture and industry.

**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?**

Yes

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

Pre-planning is crucial, to allow time for personal and institutional adjustments to be made. Education, and retraining is a vital dimension of the overall transition.

**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?**

For no good reason we currently accept low vehicle emission standards. EPAs have served us badly over recent years, and fines have been pathetic low with no relationship to costs caused.

**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?**

Some states are already taking the lead.

**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?**

This will involve short term cost but is likely to be very positive in the medium and long term.

**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?**

Any subsidies need to be carefully targeted, and reviewed over time to ensure that cost effectiveness against performance is achieved.

**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?**

We are being habitually lied to by the current government: Adani, renewables, the ABC, asylum seekers, water management and the Murray Darlin Basin.

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

Yes

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

Needs to carefully managed so that subtle punishment do not go unnoticed.

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

Yes

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

The Palmer \$30m foray in adventurism put Frydenberg's \$1 m in the shade, but both make a mockery of so-called representative democracy.

**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?**

Yes

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

**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?**

Both Labor and the Coalition have failed on this matter.

**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?**

We should not have sent them offshore in the first place. It simply demonstrates our immaturity as a sovereign nation.

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

Yes

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

Yes, but this be proactive, not passive eg English language assistance, and cross cultural education.

**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?**

Yes, as above

Yes, but this be proactive, not passive eg English language assistance, and cross cultural education.

**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?**

Yes, but needs to be carefully managed and well communicated with the whole population.

**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?**

**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?**

Yes

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

Yes, but to be successful First Nation affairs need to be an integrated part of our overall community.

**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?**

Why so little action for so long?

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

Yes

**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?**

This needs a proactive approach, respecting the diverse cultural underpinnings of how people wish to live.

**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?**

The current budget is pea and thimble, pretending increases when in fact they are only partial restoration.

**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?**

Dishonest political interference led to the recent management debacle.

**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?**

As above

**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?**

No brainer, and good for the economy.

**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?**

Needs rational assessment of what fees are reasonable, so it does not result in overall fee increase.

**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?**

Business directors do not operate 24/7, and neither should employees be expected to. Personal and family life, and mental health, needs recognition of the importance of time for recreation, etc

**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?**

Subject to grandfathering.

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

Yes

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

Yes, but the sleeper is the definition, and under-employment.

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

Uncommitted

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

Don't know enough to assess at present.

**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?**

My concern here is that real tax reform never takes place, and it has become a hodge-podge and subject to special pleading from one sector or another. This should be the context for any tax cuts.

**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?**

But allow grandfathering.