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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?**

Most of the information in relation to this whole set of questions can be found on my page at <http://www.rickc.id.au/rickctopicspage.html>

Coal has a much higher effect on climate change per unit of energy emitted, so its important to stop mining it. A key supporting point for coal mining is jobs, but with the job guarantee this becomes redundant.

**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 whole approvals process seems to have been forced through to meet political objectives, I would definitely like to review it.

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

Uncommitted

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

I'm against new coal mines being started and I think fossil fuel subsidies should be wound back to nothing in a decade or less, however I am not well enough informed on all the subsidies that may apply in this situation, so I can't state a position.

**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?**

<http://www.rickc.id.au/rickcenergyindex.html>

**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?**

<http://www.rickc.id.au/rickcenergyindex.html>

**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?**

<http://www.rickc.id.au/rickcenergyindex.html>

**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?**

No

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

<http://www.rickc.id.au/rickcenergyindex.html>

Any current coal station should run until its slated end of life, most of the closures will be between 2030 and 2040.

The job guarantee, if implemented by then would help support the 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?**

Uncommitted

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

I'm keen to see a strengthening of the weakened environmental departments within the government. I'm also keen to have some air quality guidelines, however, I am not well enough informed on the topic to have a concrete position.

**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?**

<http://www.rickc.id.au/rickcenergyindex.html>

**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?**

I'm generally supportive of renewables and developing domestic manufacturing sectors but this question goes into to many

specifics for me to be committal. For example I'd need to see which are the 250 businesses and have a first pass check at sensibility of converting them over before answering yes to this.

**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

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

Again, I'm generally supportive of helping out Australians who need it most via a job guarantee and actions to reduce inequality, however, I cant commit to this question without having a good idea about what these community hubs or solar rebate packages look like.

**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?**

Yes, I am extremely supportive of a high quality corruption commission.

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

Yes

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

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

Yes

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

<http://www.rickc.id.au/rickcpayetc.html>

**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?**

I'd prefer no donations at all and am confident we could come up with a public funding model for elections too.

**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?**

**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?**

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

Yes

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

I am happy to have the multicultural society we have now and I believe that however our society is made up we should set up the society to help everyone go well. One wonders if this question is a proxy for "are you a supporter of our current immigration rates", to which I will be transparent and say my answer is no, I'd like it dropped to 70,000 pa.

<http://www.rickc.id.au/rickcindex.html>

**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?**

Uncommitted

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

Sorry, I am not well enough informed on this subject to form a position.

**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?**

Sorry, I am not well enough informed on this subject to form a position.

**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?**

I will rule out any deals with all parties in respect of voting preferences. I will not produce a how to vote card. I believe people should form their own preferences.

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

Yes

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

I have interpreted this question as should first nations people have a greater say in the democratic and political process in this country, to which, yes I agree.

**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?**

Yes

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

I almost answered uncommitted to this one as I am pretty uninformed on the subject. It isn't fresh in my memory but from what I can remember it was far from based on best practices for solving the issues it was trying to solve.

**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?**

Sorry, I am not well enough informed on this to take a position

**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?**

I support restoring a lot of the funding that has been taken away but this question is way too broad for me to take a position on! \*All\* of the budget cuts from \*2014 onwards\*? That's probably a list hundreds and hundreds of items long. Some of the cuts may have been sensible. Most probably weren't.

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

Uncommitted

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

Sorry, I have to remain uncommitted on this one, for the same reason as for question 31. I am broadly supportive of boosting funding to the ABC and SBS as the following quote from my website attests: "ABC / SBS and Public Media in General I strongly support Australia's public broadcasters. I am disappointed with the cuts in the funding to them. I believe that while the quality of their work is high overall, it has dropped in the last decade. I would conditionally support them receiving more funding. The condition is that a number of other higher priority funding areas are attended to first, such as providing a job guarantee nationally. I have always been bemused as to why Australia's public information providers have never operated in the realm of print (newspapers), many people get their information through this mode and the public broadcasters are very trusted and highly rated by the public. It's something I think we should do."

**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?**

My preference is for a job guarantee, but in the absence of that being setup, a raise to newstart would be sensible.

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

Uncommitted

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

Sorry, not well enough informed.

**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?**

I should add my views on tax are complicated and too detailed to capture here, they aren't even on my website, but yes, I am broadly supportive of these proposed measures. I also think a shift back to constructing public housing is worth considering in order to help make housing more affordable.

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

Yes

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

Ideally via a job guarantee, as its very difficult to achieve those levels otherwise.

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

Yes

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

Absolutely. Thats my flagship policy.

**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?**

Uncommitted as I'm not well enough informed on whats in those cuts. I am generally against income tax cuts though as they generally translate to public service cuts and our public service has been cut to the point of being very inefficient already.

**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?**

Sorry, I have to put uncommitted on this one. My position with respect to tax is dependent on the economic paradigm employed and I don't want to have a simplistic position being stated for this. FWIW I believe our current economic system over-rewards some groups and under-rewards others and I am supportive of policy to address this and the job guarantee is an example of that. I am against the refunds for taxes never paid in relation to shares if thats what you mean by dividend imputation but I am not well enough informed about the superannuation one to form a position there.