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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?

We don't have specific policy on Adani, but to not prevent new coal mining is inconsistent with significant climate action.

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?

We don't have specific policy on Adani, but to not prevent new coal mining is inconsistent with significant climate action.

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

Uncommitted

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

We would not give Adani any special treatment.

We don't have specific policy on Adani, but to not prevent new coal mining is inconsistent with significant climate action.

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?

We don't have specific policy on this precise question.

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Climate_change_and_renewable_energy

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?

We think we need to reduce emissions by 50% by 2030.

Reducing our electricity emissions are necessary but not sufficient to hit that target.

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Climate_change_and_renewable_energy

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?

Most existing coal plants are at end of life; we would not approve new ones.

As for a statutory authority, see our Job Guarantee policy.

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Climate_change_and_renewable_energy

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?

We don't have specific policy on this, but would be in support.

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Climate_change_and_renewable_energy

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?

We don't have specific policy on this, but would be in support.

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Climate_change_and_renewable_energy

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?

There's some very specific wording here.
General support though.

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Climate_change_and_renewable_energy

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?

We support community power organisations.

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Climate_change_and_renewable_energy

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?

"Establish a Federal anti-corruption authority with powers modeled on the NSW ICAC."

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Government_transparency

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

Yes

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

We want to seriously improve whistleblower protections - see the relevant subsection in

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Government_transparency

15. Do you support caps on electoral campaign expenditure?

Uncommitted

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

We don't have formal policy on this.

To make expenditure caps work fairly, it is necessary to for them to work on a per-candidate basis.

(This would surely restrict the ability of third parties like GetUp and the unions to campaign in their own right.)

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?

No

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

We don't support overall caps (see previous question), but we do support a per-event cap at \$50/attendee.

We do support increasing transparency around donations:

- a greatly reduced disclosure threshold of \$1000/donation
- prohibiting donation splitting between branches for the purposes of concealment

Real-time donation disclosure is a good goal but also a high administrative burden on any small party. We support a 3-month disclosure timeframe.

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Government_transparency
(section "Improve transparency and conduct in Australian politics")

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?

General support.

We don't have specific policy on Medi-vac, but we do have a transformative (and much fairer) asylum seeker policy.

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Asylum_seekers_and_refugees

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?

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Asylum_seekers_and_refugees

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?

Uncommitted

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?

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?

18C, along with a laundry list of other laws, is a counter-productive restriction on freedom of speech.

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Freedom_of_speech

That's not to say we're fans of racial discrimination though, quite the reverse. We also want to include a prohibition on racial discrimination in the Constitution rather than the 'race provisions' that are currently there.

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Recognition_of_Aboriginal_and_Torres_Strait_Islander_Peoples_and_prohibition_of_racial_discrimination

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?

Uncommitted

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

The Pirate Party determines its preferences democratically by member voting. At time of writing we haven't run that vote yet.

Having said that, on past form we will be ranking One Nation and similar parties very poorly indeed.

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

Uncommitted

Would you like to provide additional information on this question?

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?

The Job Guarantee programme would likely subsume this.

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?

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've responded 'uncommitted' here because our policy in these areas doesn't make reference to the 2014 changes.

We propose removing the private health insurance rebate and redirecting the funds into public health.

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Transparent.2C_efficient_health_services

We also propose to gradually reallocate all federal education funding to public schools, with additional funding available to address disadvantage.

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Schools_and_early_education

We don't currently have a policy on 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?

"Maintain base funding to domestic public broadcasters at 2012 levels (with adjustment for inflation)."

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Culture_and_media

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?

"Protect public broadcasters and their boards from political interference."

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Culture_and_media

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

Uncommitted

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

Introduce a basic income instead of Newstart.

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Merger_of_tax_and_welfare_systems.2C_and_establishment_of_a_basic_income

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?

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

Uncommitted

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?

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Merger_of_tax_and_welfare_systems.2C_and_establishment_of_a_basic_income

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

Yes

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

We support trialling a Job Guarantee as per the next question.

47. Will you trial a Job Guarantee program?

Yes

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

Yes, and we also commit to restoring the Commonwealth Employment Service, ending the rent-seeking nightmare of private employment service providers.

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Trial_a_Job_Guarantee_scheme_and_reinstate_the_Commonwealth_Employment_Service

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

Yes

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

As part of our Basic Income policy we seek to radically change the income tax structure.

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Merger_of_tax_and_welfare_systems.2C_and_establishment_of_a_basic_income

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?

We want to treat all income equally.

https://pirateparty.org.au/wiki/Platform#Merger_of_tax_and_welfare_systems.2C_and_establishment_of_a_basic_income