



Environment Victoria Promise Watch

Environment Victoria has created a Promise Watch that lists the environment and climate change policy commitments of the major parties, to help you make an informed decision at November's election.

Promise Watch aims to provide factual, spin-free, up-to-date information for Victorians about environmental issues and climate change.

But it won't just keep voters informed in the lead-up to the election. By publishing the commitments of the political parties on important issues like coal, renewable energy, sustainable homes and protecting our fragile rivers, we'll keep doing our job of increasing transparency and holding our elected leaders to account.

Promise Watch focuses on our ten priority policy areas which were sent to each political party in August and our longer 2014 election environment policy agenda.

There are 3 categories:

- 1. Cleaning up our power supply and reducing carbon pollution;**
- 2. Making our homes and communities efficient, affordable and sustainable; and**
- 3. Protecting and restoring our natural environment.**

Each week leading up to the election on 29 November, Environment Victoria will update Promise Watch to include any new statements, policies or promises made by the political parties. Because all three major political parties set policy centrally, our Promise Watch focuses on the statements made by key spokespeople, rather than candidates.

Before early voting begins on November 17, we'll release a separate scorecard based on our policy analysis of the commitments each party makes and their track record in the Parliament.



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| | Australian Labor Party | Coalition | Greens |
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| Clean up our power supply and reduce pollution | | | |
| 1. Strengthen Victoria's Climate Change Act by reinstating scientifically-based emissions reduction targets and empowering the Environmental Protection Authority to regulate carbon emissions. | Labor's Platform 2014 commits to revising greenhouse emission reduction targets and pursuing a comprehensive strategy to achieve them, ¹ however no policy announcements have been made yet. | In office the Coalition has removed the 20 percent carbon pollution reduction target from the Climate Change Act. ² No commitment has been made to reinstating targets. | <p>The Greens have stated they would use the Climate Change Act and Environmental Protection Act to "license major carbon emitters and set a cap on carbon emissions from stationary energy"³ but have not yet provided additional detail.</p> <p>The Greens policy is for binding Victorian emissions targets to achieve a net reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from all sources by at least 40% from 1990 levels by 2020, and net zero or negative greenhouse gas emissions as soon as feasible and by no later than 2050.⁴</p> |
| 2. Develop a renewable energy investment and jobs plan to make Victoria the national leader in | Labor has promised to release a 'Renewable Energy Action Plan' before the Election. ⁵ | The Coalition has attempted to undermine the federal Renewable Energy Target by arguing for the | The Greens support the removal of the 2km and 5km wind farm restrictions. ¹⁸ |

¹ <http://www.viclabor.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Victorian-Labor-Platform-2014.pdf>

² <http://environmentvictoria.org.au/sunblocksandwindbreaks>

³ Statement by Greg Barber, Environment Election Forum, 30 September 2014, and statement provided by Greg Barber, 23 Oct 2014.

⁴ <http://greens.org.au/policies/vic/climate>

⁵ Statement by Lily D'Ambrosio, Environment Election Forum, 23 September 2014 and also in the ALP Platform: <http://www.viclabor.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Victorian-Labor-Platform-2014.pdf>

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| <p>renewable energy. This should include fast tracking the development of solar and wind power, removing the 2km exclusion zone for new wind power and increasing current solar feed-in tariffs.</p> | <p>Labor has committed to reducing the 2km exclusion zone for new wind farms to 1km,⁶ and would abolish additional 5km exclusion laws.⁷</p> <p>Labor has announced it will use \$20 million from its \$200 million Future Industries Fund for a New Energy Jobs Fund, offering up to \$1 million grants for renewable energy projects.⁸</p> <p>Labor will fund \$100,000 towards the Woodend community solar farm, which has been developed by the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group.⁹ Additionally, Labor will provide \$200,000 to Newstead to become a 'solar town'.¹⁰</p> <p>Labor has said it would 'consider' reintroducing the Victorian Renewable Energy Target if the federal target is reduced.¹¹</p> | <p>inclusion of gas in the target as a 'renewable' energy source.¹³</p> <p>In 2011, the Coalition implemented extremely restrictive planning regulations for wind turbines, including a veto right over an entire wind farm project for anyone living within 2km of a turbine. This has brought the development of new wind projects to a standstill, costing regional Victoria jobs and investment.¹⁴</p> <p>The Coalition has reduced the solar feed-in tariff from \$0.60 to just \$0.06/kwh, reducing support for the industry.^{15,16}</p> <p>The Coalition has announced \$100,000 for a feasibility study into a waste-to-energy facility in Ballarat 'as alternative to landfill'.¹⁷</p> | <p>The Greens support the reinstatement of the Victorian Renewable Energy Target.¹⁹ It has not explicitly said what its Victorian target would be, though the Greens policy supports a national renewable energy target of 90% by 2030.²⁰</p> <p>The Greens support an increase in the solar feed-in tariff to a 'fair' level equivalent to the retail price of electricity (i.e. 1:1 feed-in tariff) and a 'clean energy fund' to provide loans to install solar panels,²¹ however they are yet to provide details on the value of the fund.</p> <p>The Greens have distributed campaign material suggesting they 'will make sure the next government' will deliver on improved feed-in tariffs and solar loans.²² The Greens have a policy for a legislated 'right to connect' solar panels to the electricity grid.²³</p> |
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¹⁸ <http://greens.org.au/vic/clean-energy>

⁶ <http://www.danielandrews.com.au/policy/labor-will-save-wind-industry-and-create-local-jobs/>

⁷ http://www.brianteemp.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Warrnambool_Standard_2013-10-17_002185193131.pdf

⁸ <http://www.danielandrews.com.au/policy/labor-will-save-wind-industry-and-create-local-jobs/>

⁹ <http://www.danielandrews.com.au/media-releases/macedon-wins-on-wind-woodend-gets-solar-boost-from-labor/>

¹⁰ Statement by Lily D'Ambrosio, 'Labor Will Put Renewable Newstead Back On Target', 17 November 2014

¹¹ Statement by Lily D'Ambrosio, Victorian environment election forum, 23 September 2014 and by Labor candidate for Ripon, Daniel McGlone
<http://reneweconomy.com.au/2014/vic-labor-flags-state-based-renewable-target-if-fed-folds-94000>



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| | Labor has promised ensure 'energy retailers cannot discriminate against rooftop solar customers by charging extra supply fees'. ¹² | | |
| 3. Phase-out the state's most polluting power stations and protect communities from coal mining risks like the Hazelwood fire via the immediate rehabilitation of non-working parts of existing coal mines and a review of rehabilitation bonds for all mines. | <p>Labor is yet to announce plans to phase out any of our oldest and dirtiest power stations.</p> <p>Labor supports the installation of sulfur dioxide scrubbers at the Anglesea coal power plant.²⁴ They propose that this should be funded by the plant owner and the Federal Government, but no details have been provided on what measures would be taken to require owners to install scrubbers.</p> <p>Labor's Energy Shadow Minister has</p> | <p>The Coalition is yet to outline any plans to phase out any of our oldest and dirtiest power stations.</p> <p>In 2011, the Coalition abandoned State Government negotiations with the owners of Hazelwood to secure early closure of the power station. As a consequence, Hazelwood continues to operate as one of the world's dirtiest power plants.²⁶</p> <p>The Coalition in office extended Alcoa's coal mining license at Anglesea for 50 years and failed to</p> | <p>The Greens have called for the early retirement of old power stations such as Anglesea, Hazelwood and Yallourn³¹ however they do not yet have specific policies detailing their approach to retiring power stations.</p> <p>The Greens opposed the 50-year extension of the Anglesea coalmine and power station in 2011.³²</p> <p>The Greens response to the Hazelwood mine fire included calls for accelerated rehabilitation of coal mines,³³ and looking "carefully at the</p> |

¹³ <http://environmentvictoria.org.au/sunblocksandwindbreaks>

¹⁴ <http://environmentvictoria.org.au/sunblocksandwindbreaks>

¹⁵ <http://environmentvictoria.org.au/sunblocksandwindbreaks>

¹⁶ <http://www.esc.vic.gov.au/Energy/2014-Minimum-Feed-in-Tariff/Final-Decision-Minimum-Feed-in-Tariff-for-2015>

¹⁷ <http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/media-centre/media-releases/11545-coalition-delivering-waste-to-energy-in-ballarat.html> and <http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/environment-and-wildlife/sustainability/waste-management-and-resource-recovery>

¹⁹ <http://greens.org.au/initiatives/vic/VRET>

²⁰ <http://greens.org.au/policies/vic/energy>

²¹ <http://greens.org.au/initiatives/vic/solar-savers>

²² Trent McCarthy, Greens candidate for Northcote, direct mail, collected 17 October 2014

²³ <http://greens.org.au/initiatives/vic/solar-savers>

¹² Statement by Lily D'Ambrosio, 'Labor Will Put Renewable Newstead Back On Target', 17 November 2014

²⁴ Statement by Lisa Neville, Victorian environment election forum, 23 September 2014 and

<https://www.facebook.com/SurfCoastAirAction/photos/a.424391424323128.1073741828.422871034475167/684994094929525/>

²⁶ <http://environmentvictoria.org.au/sunblocksandwindbreaks>

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| | <p>said Labor would assess mine rehabilitation priorities in its first term if it wins government in November. No other commitments on accelerating rehabilitation or reviewing bonds have yet been made.²⁵</p> | <p>apply any significant conditions to reduce pollution from Alcoa's continued operations.²⁷</p> <p>In 2014, the Coalition has asked the department to review rehabilitation bonds,²⁸ and Energy Minister Russell Northe stated that Coalition will engage mine operators on rehabilitation as a "matter of priority" in 2015.²⁹ However, no specific commitments have been made to accelerate rehabilitation works.</p> <p>In government, the Coalition granted an off-shore petroleum production license to Origin Energy's Halladale gas project, 30 km east of Warnambool, the first to be granted in Victorian state waters.³⁰</p> | <p>findings of the Board of Inquiry into the Hazelwood fire and the need for increasing rehabilitation bonds and regulation";³⁴ however they are yet to release a specific policy outlining the process for accelerating rehabilitation and reviewing rehabilitation bonds.</p> |
| <p>4. Categorically rule out any plans for new coal mines or a coal export industry and maintain the</p> | <p>The ALP has not ruled out new coal mines or coal exports.³⁵</p> | <p>The Coalition government has been actively working to create a brown coal export industry (including the</p> | <p>The Greens support a permanent moratorium on coal seam gas and support a permanent ban on new</p> |

³¹ <http://greens.org.au/news/vic/old-parties-need-come-clean-coal>

³² <http://vicmps.greens.org.au/content/alcoa-law-unto-themselves>

³³ <http://greens.org.au/news/vic/coal-miners-must-pay>

²⁵ <http://www.latrobevalleyexpress.com.au/story/2652188/mine-rehab-an-important-issue/?cs=1462>

²⁷ <http://environmentvictoria.org.au/sunblocksandwindbreaks>

²⁸ Letter from Russell Northe, 10 November 2014

²⁹ <http://www.latrobevalleyexpress.com.au/story/2652188/mine-rehab-an-important-issue/?cs=1462>

³⁰ <http://premier.vic.gov.au/media-centre/media-releases/11361-victoria-welcomes-offshore-gas-milestone.html>

³⁴ Statement provided by Greg Barber, 23 Oct 2014

³⁵ Statement by Lily D'Ambrosio, Victorian environment election forum, 23 September 2014



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| <p>moratorium on coal seam gas extraction.</p> | <p>Labor has committed to consulting widely on the CSG moratorium through a 12 month Parliamentary Inquiry³⁶ and making a decision 'based on the science' if elected, but has not committed to permanently extending the moratorium.³⁷</p> | <p>potential for new mines), and since 2012 has granted \$75 million to three brown coal export trials.³⁸</p> <p>The Coalition has implemented a moratorium on fracking and CSG and unconventional gas projects, and is currently consulting communities. The moratorium will be in place until at least July 2015.³⁹</p> | <p>coal mines.⁴⁰</p> |
| <p>Make our homes and communities efficient, affordable and sustainable</p> | | | |
| <p>5. Improve the energy and water efficiency of the average Victorian house to a five star and 100 L per person per day average standard by 2025 and implement and resource a comprehensive retrofit program for low income households.</p> | <p>Labor is yet to announce a comprehensive retrofit program to improve the efficiency of Victorian homes.</p> <p>Labor's Platform has committed to achieving a 'One Million Stars' goal to increase the star rating of Victorian homes,⁴¹ but there have not yet been any specific policy announcements.</p> <p>Labor's Platform flags a requirement for all new dwellings to have rainwater storage facilities,⁴² but has not provided further policy details.</p> | <p>The Coalition is yet to announce a comprehensive retrofit program to improve the efficiency of Victorian homes, and failed to deliver on their 2010 election promise to improve Victorian homes to a 5 star average.</p> | <p>The Greens support the One Million Homes campaign⁴³ that aims to improve the standard of 1 million low-income homes from an average standard of two stars to five stars, though they are yet to release detail on how they would deliver such a plan.</p> <p>The Greens support energy efficiency standards for rental homes and have introduced legislation into the current Parliament.⁴⁴</p> |

³⁶ <http://www.viclabor.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Victorian-Labor-Platform-2014.pdf>

³⁷ Statement by Lily D'Ambrosio, Victorian environment election forum, 23 September 2014

³⁸ <http://environmentvictoria.org.au/sunblocksandwindbreaks>

³⁹ <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/victorian-ban-on-fracking-to-stay-until-2015-20131121-2xxau.html>

⁴⁰ <http://greens.org.au/initiatives/vic/onshore-gas-fracking-coal> and <http://greens.org.au/news/vic/old-parties-need-come-clean-coal>

⁴¹ <http://www.viclabor.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Victorian-Labor-Platform-2014.pdf>

⁴² <http://www.viclabor.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Victorian-Labor-Platform-2014.pdf>

⁴³ <http://greens.org.au/initiatives/vic/rental-health>



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| <p>6. Lock in the recent savings in Victorian electricity demand with new energy efficiency programs including extending the successful Victorian energy efficiency target scheme for the next 5 years and broaden the program to include new products like insulation. Increase support for solar water heating including through reinstating the solar water heating rebate.</p> | <p>Labor has committed to keeping the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target,⁴⁵ but has not confirmed the pollution reduction target.</p> <p>Labor's Platform proposes requiring all Victorian government departments to become carbon neutral by 2020⁴⁶ but have made no specific announcements yet.</p> | <p>The Coalition has attempted to reduce and completely phase out the Victorian energy efficiency target, which would cost 2000 jobs and increase cost-of-living pressures. It has promised to scrap the target if it is re-elected.⁴⁷</p> <p>The Coalition scrapped the solar hot water rebate in 2013, costing manufacturing jobs and reducing demand for solar hot water systems.⁴⁸</p> <p>The Coalition axed the Greener Government Buildings program potentially costing the budget \$2 billion in foregone savings.⁴⁹</p> | <p>The Greens have supported the retention of the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target.⁵⁰</p> |
| <p>7. Keep our cities livable and sustainable by investing in better public transport, scrapping the East-West Link and ensuring urban planning prevents urban</p> | <p>Labor's position is complicated. It has stated it would 'honour legally binding contracts' but would not contest action before the Supreme Court challenging the validity of the</p> | <p>The Coalition has signed contracts for the East-West Link,⁵⁶ including a \$500 million 'poison pill' compensation clause to contractors if contracts are subsequently cancelled.⁵⁷</p> | <p>The Greens oppose the East-West Link and have said they would 'redirect some' of the money for the East-West Link to spending on public transport.⁶⁰ Additionally, they have</p> |

⁴⁴ <http://greens.org.au/initiatives/vic/rental-health>

⁴⁵ <http://www.danielandrews.com.au/media-releases/labor-fights-to-save-energy-efficiency-target/>

⁴⁶ <http://www.viclabor.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Victorian-Labor-Platform-2014.pdf>

⁴⁷ <http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/media-centre/media-releases/11334-veet-to-operate-in-2015-then-close-to-save-on-bills.html>

⁴⁸ <http://environmentvictoria.org.au/sunblocksandwindbreaks>

⁴⁹ <http://www.thefifthestate.com.au/politics/government/hospitals-to-suffer-as-victoria-axes-greener-government-buildings-program/60739>

⁵⁰ <http://greens.org.au/statute-law-amendment-red-tape-reduction-bill-2014>



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| <p> sprawl and protects our green wedges and places.</p> | <p>Planning Minister’s approval of the East-West Link.⁵¹</p> <p>Labor has made a series of public transport commitments including removing 50 level crossings, 24 hour public transport at the weekend, extension of the South Morang train line, a commitment to build the Melbourne Metro Rail project and free trams in the CBD.⁵² The funding detail for many of these commitments has yet to be released.</p> <p>Labor’s Platform proposes to enact an ‘environmental right to know’ law which would require reporting on issues like local contamination,⁵³ but there are no further details yet.</p> <p>Labor has committed to buying 30 new Metro trains and 20 V/Line carriages at a cost of up to \$900m (\$310m in first budget), favouring locally based manufacturers.⁵⁴</p> | <p>The Coalition has made a series of public transport commitments including unfunded plans to build a Melbourne Rail Link, upgraded signaling on rail lines, free CBD trams, plans to extend the South Morang train line and unfunded plans to build an airport rail link.⁵⁸</p> <p>In 2012, the Coalition government cancelled funding to install more energy efficient street lights.⁵⁹</p> <p>The Coalition has had a strong urban water efficiency agenda through its Living Victoria program which is supporting stormwater harvesting and water recycling projects.</p> | <p>proposed legislating to break the East-West Link contracts,⁶¹ but have not stated if this would be a balance of power condition.</p> <p>The Greens have a range of public transport policies, including increasing V-Line coach services by 50%,⁶² proposing 17 new tramline extensions at a cost of \$15 million per kilometre,⁶³ purchasing 50 new E-class trams,⁶⁴ building a Geelong to Bendigo train line,⁶⁵ and investing in ‘new generation’ signaling technology for the train network.⁶⁶ The Greens have not provided details on how these policies would be funded or whether they are considered ‘balance of power’ conditions.</p> <p>The Greens have proposed introducing a 10c container deposit scheme. They propose to provide \$12.3 million in incentives to process</p> |
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⁵⁶ <http://www.liberal.org.au/building-melbournes-east-west-link>

⁵⁷ <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/naphthine-grants-millions-in-special-compensation-for-east-west-link-after-builder-threatens-to-walk-20140929-10nqg6.html>

⁶⁰ <http://greens.org.au/vic/transport>

⁵¹ <http://www.danielandrews.com.au/media-releases/its-your-choice-better-public-transport-and-local-roads-or-a-dud-tunnel/>

⁵² <https://www.viclabor.com.au/>

⁵³ <http://www.viclabor.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Victorian-Labor-Platform-2014.pdf>

⁵⁴ <https://www.viclabor.com.au/media-releases/more-victorian-trains-more-victorian-jobs-under-labor/>



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| | Labor has announced it will 'lock down' the boundaries of Green Wedges. ⁵⁵ | | <p>scrap metal⁶⁷.</p> <p>The Greens have proposed the development of an 'Open Space Strategy' to protect and expand 'green open space'. As part of this strategy they have also proposed providing \$5 million in grants to local councils to improve green space.⁶⁸ There are no details on how this would be funded.</p> <p>The Greens have proposed to amend the 'planning scheme and planning provisions' to include community health as a consideration in development. There are no more details on this proposal.⁶⁹</p> |
| Protect and restore Victoria's natural environment | | | |
| 8. Protect and restore Victoria's rivers by strengthening the | Labor is yet to announce its policies on river protection and strengthening | The Coalition renewed grazing licenses for crown water-frontage in | The Greens policy advocates amending Crown water-frontage |

⁵⁸ <http://vic.liberal.org.au/>

⁵⁹ <http://environmentvictoria.org.au/sunblocksandwindbreaks>

⁶¹ <http://greens.org.au/news/vic/east-west-kill-fee-unconscionable>

⁶² <http://greens.org.au/initiatives/vic/50-increase-vline-services>

⁶³ <http://greens.org.au/initiatives/vic/footscray-docklands-cbd-tram-link> and <http://greens.org.au/initiatives/vic/fill-missing-tram-links>

⁶⁴ <http://greens.org.au/initiatives/50-new-trams-fix-overcrowding>

⁶⁵ <http://greens.org.au/initiatives/vic/train-link-between-geelong-and-bendigo>

⁶⁶ <http://greens.org.au/initiatives/vic/train-overcrowding>

⁵⁵ <https://www.viclabor.com.au/media-releases/no-more-plundering-labor-will-preserve-green-wedges/>

⁶⁷ <http://greens.org.au/initiatives/vic/cash-containers>

⁶⁸ <http://greens.org.au/initiatives/vic/healthy-neighbourhoods>

⁶⁹ <http://greens.org.au/initiatives/vic/healthy-neighbourhoods>



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| <p>Victorian Water Act, and by reducing livestock damage to waterways and riverbanks by ending direct stock access and transitioning crown water frontage licenses to Riparian conservation licenses to improve river protection and quality.</p> | <p>the Victorian Water Act.</p> | <p>October 2014 for a period of 5 years, failing to take action to protect riparian areas.</p> <p>The Coalition is intending to reintroduce its Water Bill 2014 if re-elected. The Bill redefines environmental water as held or planned water and reduces long term protection for rivers.</p> <p>The Coalition has diverted funds from the environmental water levy from environmental programs to fund core government business, which is a misuse of the fund.⁷⁰</p> <p>The Coalition broke an election promise to conduct a Victorian Environmental Assessment Council (VEAC) freshwater ecosystems investigation.⁷¹</p> | <p>grazing licenses to 'reward responsible management',⁷² but does not yet provide additional detail.</p> <p>The Greens commit to legal 'recognition of and protection for all environmental water'⁷³ but have not spelt out how this will be achieved,</p> |
| <p>9. Recognise and build the links between a healthy environment and a healthy economy by implementing the recommendations of the Future Economy Group's Plan for Victoria.</p> | <p>Labor has no specific policies that implement the Future Economy Plan.</p> | <p>The Coalition has no specific policies that implement the Future Economy Plan.</p> | <p>The Greens have no specific policies that implement the Future Economy Plan.</p> |

⁷⁰ <http://www.audit.vic.gov.au/publications/20140625-ECL-Administration/20140625-ECL-Administration.pdf>

⁷¹ <http://vnpa.org.au/page/publications/media-releases/government%27s-key-environment-promise-goes-to-water>

⁷² <http://greens.org.au/policies/vic/water-and-inland-aquatic-environments>

⁷³ <http://greens.org.au/policies/vic/water-and-inland-aquatic-environments>

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| <p>10. Establish the Great Forest National Park in the Central Highlands to protect habitat for the Leadbeater's possum and ensure our existing parks are well managed and protected.</p> | <p>Labor has promised to release a 'blueprint for a natural Victoria' before the Election.⁷⁴</p> <p>Labor's platform commits Labor to the creation and protection of a world-class system of National and marine parks, and to investigate development of new national parks. Unfortunately, Labor has announced that in government it "would not introduce any new marine national parks, nor would it expand existing ones". More positively Labor would not allow recreational fishing in the existing marine park system.⁷⁵</p> <p>Labor is yet to make an announcement on the establishment of the Great Forest National Park, and media reporting suggests that Labor will not support the Great Forest National Park before the Election.⁷⁶</p> <p>Labor has committed to removing cattle from the Alpine National Park⁷⁷</p> | <p>The Coalition is yet to make a commitment to the establishment of the Great Forest National Park.</p> <p>The Coalition established the Leadbeater's Possum Advisory Group, which was compromised by a Terms of Reference that required logging to continue, and was comprised only of logging and government representatives. Even though the Group found that expanding the formal reserve system will do the most to save the Leadbeater's possum from extinction,⁸⁰ its recommendations allow ongoing logging in Leadbeater's possum habitat.</p> <p>The Coalition has undermined the protection of existing National Parks by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Re-introducing cattle grazing in the alpine national park under the guise of flawed scientific trial.⁸¹ ▪ Allowing commercial activities | <p>The Greens support the establishment of the Great Forest National Park and have said they will make it a condition of forming government is a balance of power situation.⁹⁰</p> <p>The Greens support a ban on recreational shooting of native waterbirds.⁹¹</p> <p>The Greens support the removal of cattle from the Alpine National Park and have worked federally for a national ban on grazing in National Parks.⁹²</p> <p>The Greens have a policy to ban native forest logging in water catchments.⁹³</p> <p>Released "Giving a Voice to Animals" policy, primarily focused on animal welfare but re-stating commitment to ban duck shooting, and support for the Great Forest National Park and safeguarding the Leadbeater's</p> |
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⁷⁴ Statement by Lisa Neville, Victorian environment election forum, 23 September 2014

⁷⁵ <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/anglers-call-for-more-boat-ramps-and-access-to-marine-national-parks-20141103-11fzxx.html>

⁷⁶ <http://www.theage.com.au/environment/conservation/state-labor-dumps-great-forests-park-plan-ahead-of-victorian-election-20141114-11n243.html>

⁷⁷ <http://www.viclabor.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Victorian-Labor-Platform-2014.pdf>

⁸⁰ *Technical Report: Leadbeater's Possum Advisory Group*, p.43, http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/258220/Leadbeaters-Possum-Advisory-Group-Technical-Report.pdf

⁸¹ <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/anger-as-cattle-grazing-trial-is-approved-for-victorias-alpine-national-park/story-fn59niix-1226846905695>



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| | <p>and the Federal ALP blocked the Coalition's decision to return grazing to the Alpine National Park in 2012.</p> <p>The ALP platform aims to protect all rare, old growth forests and at least 90 percent of high quality wilderness.⁷⁸</p> <p>The ALP supports a new Port in Port Phillip Bay called Bay West which would likely have significant environmental impacts.</p> <p>Labor has stated that if elected it will attempt to disallow the lease granted by the Coalition government to a private 108 room hotel development in the Point Nepean National Park.⁷⁹</p> | <p>such as grazing, 'thinning' of native vegetation (including the red gum national park) and development in our Parks estate.⁸²</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cutting over 700 jobs from Parks & Environment departments⁸³ ▪ Agreeing to expand damaging fossicking and prospecting into 25,000 ha of national park.⁸⁴ <p>The Coalition has announced that it has withdrawn from the red gum logging trial in Barmah National Park.⁸⁵</p> <p>The Coalition is seeking to expand the Port of Hastings and supports the establishment of a coal export industry which would have significant impacts on Western Port wetlands</p> | <p>possum.⁹⁴</p> |
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⁹⁰ <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria-state-election-2014/endangered-leadbeaters-possum-entices-bob-brown-back-to-political-fray/story-fnocxssc-1227085648854>

⁹¹ <http://greens.org.au/initiatives/vic/end-duck-shooting>

⁹² <http://greens.org.au/node/3894>

⁹³ <http://greens.org.au/policies/vic/water-and-inland-aquatic-environments>

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| | | <p>and marine protection.</p> <p>The Coalition in government announced a four-year “Better Bay Plan” for Port Phillip that includes \$16.7 million in funding for litter and waste clean-up, and buy-backs of commercial fishing licenses in favour of recreational fishers.⁸⁶</p> <p>The Coalition has reconfirmed its 2010 platform of “no new marine parks and no expansion of Victoria's existing marine parks”.⁸⁷</p> <p>The Coalition in government rushed through approval of a new private 108 room resort in the Point Nepean National Park just before the caretaker mode took effect.⁸⁸</p> <p>The Coalition has a \$4 million policy to continue the wild dog and fox bounty over five years.⁸⁹</p> | |
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