









ISSUE	 <b>LIBERAL/NATIONAL COALITION</b> Leader: Malcolm Turnbull 	 <b>LABOR PARTY</b> Leader: Bill Shorten 	 <b>THE GREENS</b> Leader: Richard Di Natale 
<b>EUTHANASIA</b>	No party policy.  Conscience vote.	No party policy.  Conscience vote.	The Greens have a formal pro-euthanasia policy and have sponsored multiple bills to legalize voluntary euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide in Australia. Greens Leader Senator Richard Di Natale gave notice on 29 February 2016 that he will introduce a Bill to overturn the pro-life Andrews law, which prohibits the Territories from legalizing euthanasia. <b>(ABC PM, February 29, 2016).</b>
<b>HOMELESSNESS &amp; HOUSING AFFORDABILITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will not remove or limit Negative Gearing or Capital Gains Tax breaks.</li> <li>No other announced policies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tax reform on Capital Gains and future Negative Gearing from July 1 2017. Negative Gearing limited to new housing stock; Capital Gains Tax breaks reduced from 50% to 25%.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tax reforms – phase out Capital Gains Tax by 2020 and eliminate Negative Gearing for future investments. Will redirect the revenue savings into social and affordable housing.</li> <li>Double funding for homelessness services over ten years.</li> </ul>
<b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$100 million Women's Safety Package: focusing on following areas: trialling safety technology e.g. safe phones, GPS trackers.</li> <li>Expanding support to counselling services such as 1800RESPECT.</li> <li>More and new resources to help teachers, parents and students learn more about respectful relationships.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$70 million over three years in targeted funding to ensure access to critical services.</li> <li>Five days paid domestic and family violence leave in the National Employment Standards.</li> <li>Commission a National Crisis Summit in first 100 days.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commitment to affordable housing to help families leave violent homes.</li> <li>Increase in Newstart by \$50/wk and raise single parent pension child age eligibility from 8 to 16 y/o.</li> <li>Doubling funding for community legal services.</li> <li>Doubling funding for indigenous Australians' family violence programs.</li> </ul>
<b>ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$2.9 billion in public hospital funding over the next three years (an increase of up to 6.5% a year) through an agreement with the states and territories that places greater focus on patient outcomes.</li> <li>Health Care Homes initiative, to coordinate comprehensive care for chronically ill.</li> <li>Making medicines cheaper and adding new ones to the PBS.</li> <li>'No Jab, No Pay' rule removing access to family and childcare payments for parents who don't vaccinate their children.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committed to universal access to affordable healthcare and public ownership of Medicare.</li> <li>Legislative changes to prevent piecemeal privatisation of Medicare.</li> <li>Overturn Bulk Billing freeze.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports universal access to affordable healthcare.</li> <li>Will phase out Private Health Insurance Rebate and reinvest savings into healthcare and hospitals.</li> <li>Restore the funding model where the Commonwealth and the states share the rising costs in delivering hospital services evenly. Put that funding model into law to provide security and certainty.</li> </ul>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL CARE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Our Reef 2050 Long Term Sustainability Plan', protect and improve the Reef.</li> <li>Double the use of renewable energy over the next four years.</li> <li>\$1 billion Clean Energy Innovation Fund – new tech to assist transition.</li> <li>\$2.55 billion to incentivise businesses to reduce emission reductions of up to 28% (from 2005 levels) by 2030.</li> <li>\$1 billion in natural resource management through Landcare.</li> <li>\$50 million to plant 20 million trees by 2020.</li> <li>Continue Threatened Species Strategy Funding.</li> <li>Opposes any carbon tax.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50% of energy use to be powered by renewable resources by 2030.</li> <li>Strategic Industries Reserve Fund - \$300 million to support the transition of key energy industries to 2020.</li> <li>45% reduction (from 2005 levels) on emissions.</li> <li>Reinstate independent Climate Change Authority.</li> <li>Introduce emissions trading scheme.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protection and maintenance of biodiversity.</li> <li>Welfare and protection of animals.</li> <li>Invest in high-skill green jobs.</li> <li>Moratorium on the release and use of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) products until long-term study conducted.</li> <li>Manage natural resources taking into account intergenerational equity, biodiversity conservation and respect for traditional ownership.</li> <li>Ecosystems-based management for marine territories.</li> </ul>
<b>REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain current policies e.g. offshore processing, mandatory detention, use of Australian Border Force to keep relevant agencies integrative, turning back boats.</li> <li>Increase humanitarian intake from approx 13,700 to 18,750 in 2018/19.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain a policy of offshore processing and mandatory detention, turning back boats.</li> <li>Implement independent oversight of Australian-funded processing facilities.</li> <li>Increase humanitarian intake from approx. 13,700 to 27,000 by 2025.</li> <li>\$450 million over three years to support UNHCR.</li> <li>Reinstate references to the UN Refugees Convention in the Migration Act.</li> <li>Reinstate access to the Refugee Review Tribunal and abolish the '90 day' rule to expedite determining refugee status.</li> <li>Abolish 'Temporary Protection Visas' in favour of faster processing times.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raise Humanitarian Quota from appx. 13,700 to 50,000.</li> <li>End offshore processing – close detention centres.</li> </ul>
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reintroduce the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC), to restore the rule of law in the construction industry.</li> <li>Youth Jobs PaTH (Prepare-Trial-Hire) Programme - intensive pre-employment skills training followed by an internship placement.</li> <li>Create Registered Organisations Commission - independent regulator for unions and registered organisations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safeguarding rights at work.</li> <li>Better union governance.</li> <li>Opposes cuts to penalty rates.</li> <li>Reinstate the Commonwealth Cleaning Services Guidelines to ensure better wages and conditions for Commonwealth cleaners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will develop a stronger Industrial Relations (IR) umpire.</li> <li>Protect workers' rights to organise.</li> <li>Believe in job security for all.</li> <li>Create more job security for all.</li> </ul>
<b>ECONOMIC LIFE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Second top income tax threshold will be lifted to \$87,000 from \$80,000</li> <li>Company tax rate will be progressively lowered to 25% by 2026-27.</li> <li>\$3 billion Jobs for Families childcare package will make childcare simpler, more affordable and more accessible for those earning \$65,000 - \$170,000.</li> <li>\$1.1 billion to incentivise innovation and entrepreneurship</li> <li>Small business (turnover less than 10 million) tax rate to 27.5%.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Superannuation tax reforms for very high incomes: 15% concessional rate on balances over \$1.5million in pension phase.</li> <li>Reduce the Higher Income Superannuation Charge (HISC) threshold from \$300,000 to \$250,000 (a 15% tax concession will remain).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No tax cuts for the rich – including in housing market.</li> <li>Reform income support system to ensure an adequate income for all.</li> </ul>
<b>INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishing a \$115 million Indigenous Entrepreneurs package, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$90 million for an Indigenous Entrepreneurs Fund</li> <li>\$23.1 million for Indigenous Business Australia's Indigenous Business Development and Assistance Programme</li> <li>\$1.9 million for the development of the Indigenous business sector strategy.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Building on the early success of our commitment to 3% of Government procurement coming from Indigenous businesses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$9.5 million to close the gap in vision loss.</li> <li>\$8.4 million for 7155 student places and support programmes in schools and higher education for Indigenous girls.</li> <li>New nationally coordinated approach to close the gap in Indigenous incarceration and victimisation rates.</li> <li>Constitutional recognition.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compensate Stolen Generation.</li> <li>End the Northern Territory intervention.</li> <li>Close the gap across all outcomes by 2030.</li> <li>Achieve a treaty or treaties and Constitutional Recognition.</li> </ul>
<b>AUSTRALIANS LIVING WITH DISABILITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No announced election policies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Largely supports the National Mental Health Commission's recommendations. Will outline priorities for implementation within the first 100 days of Government.</li> <li>Committed to making sure people with mental illness and their carers continue to be supported as National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) rolled out.</li> <li>Additional \$2 million a year to peak disability advocacy organisations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing and fully funded NDIS for more self determination, social participation and appropriate services.</li> </ul>