

Introduction

Climate change poses serious and increasing risks to the health and wellbeing of Australians and all people globally.

The Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA) is a coalition of healthcare stakeholders with a common agenda of advocacy for action on climate change to protect and promote health.

As a signatory to the recent Paris Agreement (part of the United Nations Convention on Climate Change), Australia is obliged to consider health in the context of its national climate change policies. However there has been little discussion about climate change during the 2016 federal election campaign, and even less about the health risks from climate change.

CAHA is seeking to understand the commitment of federal parliamentary parties to protect health through climate action this federal election.

Please complete this short survey to help us evaluate your party's policy commitments on climate and health. The survey should take about ten minutes to complete.

1. Current Australian targets for greenhouse gas emissions reductions of 26-28 per cent on 2005 levels by 2030 are well short of what scientists recommend. In order to reduce serious and increasing threats to health from climate change, the Climate and Health Alliance is calling for Australia to adopt a minimum reduction target of 60% on 2000 levels by 2030.

Do you support Australia adopting this stronger emissions reduction target?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

2. Research shows that there are no technical barriers to Australia reaching 100% renewable energy by 2030. Do you support the expansion of the Renewable Energy Target (RET) to 100% by 2030?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

3. Do you support the establishment of an economy-wide carbon price (including energy, transport, agriculture, aviation and shipping)?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

4. Do you support a suite of additional measures to promote renewable energy development (such as loan guarantees for financing renewable energy projects, the promotion of and additional support for green energy options, and consistent, fair feed-in tariffs for electricity consumers investing in low emissions energy generation)?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

5. Do you support the abolition of fossil fuel subsidies (such as exploration subsidies for the mining industry, free pollution permits for coal-fired power stations, fuel tax credits for agriculture, and cheap fuel for the aviation and maritime industries)?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

6. There are widespread community concerns about health risks associated with exploration and mining of coal and unconventional gas such as coal seam, shale and tight gas. Do you support a national moratorium on new coal and unconventional gas mining?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

7. Do you support a socially fair and planned transition away from fossil fuels and support for Australian workers and communities who currently depend on the industry?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

8. Do you support the development of a national strategy for climate change and health to respond to the threats to health from climate change (including resources for its implementation)?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

9. Do you support the development and implementation of initiatives for a low carbon and climate resilient healthcare system?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

10. Fossil fuel combustion for energy and transport not only produces greenhouse gases, it also produces dangerous air pollution. Do you support the adoption of stronger air quality standards to limit greenhouse gas emissions and reduce adverse health impacts from air pollution?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

11. Please provide your details for our records.

Name

Political Party

Electorate

City/Town

Postcode