

PLATFORM FOREWORD

1. This National Platform renews our movement's historic mission, draws on the best of our democratic traditions and reflects our shared determination to deliver real change for the people and nation we serve.
2. This Platform captures our vision and ambition for a fairer and better future for all: no matter which part of our great country Australians live in, no matter how they worship, or who they love.
3. Because whether people belong to a culture that has known and cared for this continent for 65,000 years or have chosen our nation as their home and enriched our society with their hard work and aspiration, we are all Australians.
4. Our movement strives to build our national unity on these foundations of equality and respect for one another.
5. True to Labor's long and remarkable history, this platform derives its strength from the best of Australia's values: fairness, aspiration and opportunity for all.
6. These values are at the heart of what makes this the best country on earth and they are central to the opportunity that all of us have to make it even better.
7. In a time of significant global uncertainty and continuing international economic shocks, it is the responsibility of government to help people under pressure and to do so in a way that builds for a fairer, stronger and more sovereign future.
8. This means a growing, resilient and productive economy that works for people, not the other way around: an economy that rewards hard work, nourishes aspiration and empowers Australians to build a good life for themselves and their families
9. For our movement this task has never been more important, or more urgent. Because we understand that too many Australians feel like the economy is not working for them, that their effort and sacrifice is not adding up to fair reward and that their children will not have the same opportunity and security they knew.
10. We do not just acknowledge these problems, we are acting on them by delivering the real change every Australian deserves.
11. We are cutting taxes and boosting wages to help people earn more and keep more of what they earn.
12. We are strengthening and expanding Medicare, right across our country, providing real help with cost of living, greater peace of mind for families and ensuring the quality and affordability of our health system remains the envy of the world.
13. We view equality for women as a national economic and social priority: that informs our action on everything from pay equity and historic investments in women's health, to renewed national effort against the scourge of family and domestic violence.
14. We are backing the partnerships and positive action that will close the gap and create new opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
15. We are embracing the opportunities of cleaner, cheaper, renewable energy – and meeting our responsibilities to act on climate change for our environment, our farmers and future generations.

16. And we are investing in every stage of education: from the early years to full and fair funding for every school, to the life-changing skills and training offered at Free TAFE to bringing university in reach for more Australians.
17. Education is not only our most powerful weapon against disadvantage, it is also the best possible investment we can make in the skills, productivity and innovation that our nation needs to thrive in a changing world.
18. As Australia's oldest political movement, our proud record of achievement gives us the confidence to look to the future, and to keep making history.
19. Our labour movement today is bigger, more equal, more diverse and more open than ever – and all the stronger for it, yet we are still defined by the fundamental decisions of our forebears and their faith in democracy as an instrument of progress.
20. In a world where so many political movements have come to define themselves by what they are against, we are energised by what we are for: real difference, real change. The spirit of progress that is Australia's truest essence.
21. In all of this, the measure of our movement is not the words we put into our Platform, but the progress and reform and rights that flow from it.
22. Consider every measure that began with the hard work and advocacy of the trade union movement, became a goal in the platform and reached fruition as a law that empowers Australian workers and lifts our country in the process.
23. That enduring, practical commitment to fairness will guide us in setting clear, mandatory standards for Artificial Intelligence in Australia.
24. With the right plan, our nation can ensure that the growth and investment and opportunities of AI and data centres strengthen our energy grid without damaging our environment or dividing communities.
25. We will provide the strongest protection for the creative endeavour of our artists, writers, musicians and journalists.
26. Above all, we will invest in our people. Because we want AI to create good jobs and empower workers, not replace them. We know that depends on our nation having the skills and capability and confidence to ensure AI serves Australia's interests.
27. We are delivering real change by rebalancing the tax system to better align the way we treat income earned from work and wages, compared to income from selling assets.
28. We understand that the vast majority of Australians have nothing to sell but their time and nothing to give but their hard work. They deserve the tax cuts we are delivering and they deserve the opportunity to buy their own home.
29. That's why we have reformed negative gearing and capital gains tax to give first home buyers a fair crack.
30. Right across the board, this platform speaks for a movement prepared to make hard choices and undertake hard work, particularly in areas where reform has been put off or neglected for too long.

31. That is why Labor is reforming employment services, repairing the budget, modernising our national energy market and securing the future of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, so it can continue to change lives for the better.
32. To meet the challenges of a more volatile world, we are investing in our capabilities and our relationships.
33. We are building our sovereignty in defence, including with landmark investments in our defence industry and a new generation of advanced manufacturing jobs.
34. We are deepening and diversifying our trade partnerships, seizing the opportunities of our place in the fastest growing region of the world in human history and stretching beyond it.
35. And we are restoring our standing as a neighbour, leader and security partner of choice for our Pacific family.
36. At home, we are working to strengthen the social cohesion and national unity that is fundamental to our national security. Working together to confront and defeat the evils of antisemitism, Islamophobia and racism.
37. We embrace the fullness and richness of our history. An ancient continent home to the oldest continuous culture on earth, a proud, free and fair democracy and a society enriched by people from every part of the world.
38. This platform seeks to bring that patriotism and purpose to meet the challenges of the present and seize the opportunities of the future, so that when we gather for our 51st National Conference, our nation is even stronger, fairer, more prosperous and more secure.
39. That is the task of delivering real change, the test we set for ourselves across our country and the pledge our movement offers to the people of Australia.

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