

Renewal of the Whole of Creation

VISION FOR A JUST AUSTRALIA



AUSTRALIA'S PARIS AGREEMENT TARGET
Will fail to meet its 2030 emissions reduction targets



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Our vision

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We seek the flourishing of the whole of God's Creation and all its creatures. We act to renew the earth from the damage done and stand in solidarity with people most impacted by human-induced climate change. Government, churches, businesses and the wider community work together for a sustainable future.

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Our Key Asks

A national climate policy must ensure a just, equitable, and rapid transition to a low-carbon economy, ending new coal and gas projects while investing in renewable energy. Communities reliant on carbon-intensive industries need support to transition to sustainable jobs.

Equitable access to renewable energy and efficiency upgrades is essential. Policies must strengthen climate resilience for vulnerable communities, ecosystems, and services. Expanding natural and marine protection zones, improving land and water management, and enforcing strong environmental laws are crucial.

A Climate Trigger should assess future projects for climate harm. Sustainable farming practices must be supported, and old-growth forests protected as key climate and biodiversity assets. Strict enforcement of environmental protections and rehabilitation is necessary.

Increased funding is needed to control invasive species, ensuring the protection of Australia's unique ecosystems and wildlife while mitigating the broader impacts of climate change.



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Global temperatures are rising due to human activity, causing severe climate impacts in Australia, including extreme weather, rising sea levels, and loss of coral reefs and forests. First Nations communities face displacement, and legal action against the government over climate inaction is increasing.

Australia's reliance on fossil fuels continues despite international commitments to reduce emissions. Coal and gas still generate 63% of electricity, but renewable energy is becoming more competitive. Without urgent policy action, Australia will fail to meet its 2030 emissions reduction targets.

Climate change disproportionately affects low-income and vulnerable communities, who have fewer resources to recover. There is growing investment in renewables and electric vehicles, but equitable access remains a challenge.

Australia's environment is in rapid decline, with record species extinctions and habitat loss. While a 20-year transition plan towards renewables exists, impractical nuclear discussions risk delaying emissions reductions further.

Questions to ask

- What emissions targets should Australia set?
- How will you support investment in renewable energy?
- What provisions should Australia make for climate refugees?
- What policies will protect Australia's environment and biodiversity?
- How can we reduce waste and shift from a throwaway culture?
- What local and household sustainability initiatives can be promoted?
- How can we better inform and motivate communities for climate action?