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QUESTION:

Which major party is better on climate policy?

ANSWER:

The differences between the two major parties on climate change are stark.

Labor has overseen a 180-degree turn on climate in the last Parliament, with clear progress on renewable power and storage, clean transport and climate targets. The party has credible policies to deliver in the next term, although they still need to commit to phasing out fossil fuels.

The Liberal-National Coalition voted against every law to cut climate pollution in the past three years. Their election policies would turbocharge coal, oil and gas pollution by at least 6.3 billion tonnes, putting more Australians in harm's way. When comparing our biggest parties, the Climate Council found the Liberal-National Coalition ranks the worst on climate change, while Labor is heading in the right direction, and the Greens have strong climate policies.

For more information on how the major parties stack up on climate, check out: www.climatecouncil.org.au/scorecard

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QUESTION:

What about the crossbench and independents?

ANSWER:

The crossbench pushed Labor to deliver stronger climate reforms.

In the last term of Parliament, the Australian Greens and many community independents pushed the Labor Government to deliver stronger climate reforms. Independents strengthened the Climate Change Bill 2022, which set Australia's climate targets. While the Greens secured restrictions on big polluters and limited public funding for coal and gas projects.

A strong, pro-climate crossbench could further strengthen Australia's climate policy in the next parliamentary term in the event that no party is able to form a majority government, and via the Senate.

For more information on the role of independents this election, check out: <https://www.climatecouncil.org.au/resources/climate-crossroads-progress-politics-pivotal-election/>



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QUESTION:

Aren't Aussies more worried about cost-of-living right now?

ANSWER:

When so many people are doing it tough, we should be tackling climate change and rising costs of living at the same time.

Climate pollution is making life more expensive. Insurance costs have jumped 75% in the past decade, in part driven by worsening climate disasters. The fastest way to lower household bills and keep our communities safer is to keep building more renewable power backed by storage. Already, four million households are benefiting directly from rooftop solar.

For more information on how climate change is a cost-of-living issue, check out: www.climatecouncil.org.au/climate-risk-map

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QUESTION:

Are renewables reliable to meet Australia's energy needs?

ANSWER:

About 40% of our grid is already powered by renewables.

About 40% of Australia's electricity comes from solar, wind and hydro power. That's doubled in the past six years, and is expected to reach 82% within the next five years. Our national energy market operator is confident that a mix of renewable power, backed up by storage (including massive batteries and hydro power) can power our lives and businesses 24/7.

For more information, check out:

<https://www.climatecouncil.org.au/our-work/a-bigger-cleaner-grid/>

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QUESTION:

Does what we do here even matter if Trump's in charge of the US?

ANSWER:

Trump can't change the way the wind is blowing on renewables.

The global shift to renewable power backed by storage is a megatrend that's now unstoppable. As Trump dials up the climate delay and denial, Australia can keep dialling back the climate pollution that's overheating our planet and putting our own lives at risk. Continuing to cut climate pollution is in our national interest.

For more information on Trump, visit:

www.climatecouncil.org.au/10-reasons-why-us-president-elect-donald-trump-cant-derail-global-climate-action