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# **Energy**

# Australia Needs Affordable, Reliable Energy - Not Political Culture Wars

Australia's energy policy is broken. Instead of focusing on lowering power prices and securing long-term energy generation, both major parties are locked in ideological battles that serve their agendas—not everyday Australians.

The Right wants nuclear. The Left insists on solar and wind. Both require massive taxpayer subsidies, despite Australia sitting on some of the world's richest energy resources. This isn't a plan—it's economic madness.

Because both sides are obsessed with political point-scoring, they've failed to deliver a functioning, competitive energy market. The result? Sky-high power prices, minimal returns from our energy exports, and a policy mess that leaves Australian consumers and businesses worse off.

It's time for a **pragmatic**, **non-ideological approach**—one that prioritises competition, lowers costs, and ensures energy security for the future. Australia deserves better than culture wars and corporate handouts disguised as policy.

# **Energy Policy Agenda**

## A Truly Competitive Energy Market

- Energy policy must be **source-neutral**, with full cost transparency. Consumers should be able to make cost-conscious energy choices.
- Left and Right have failed. We need an **open, competitive energy market**, free from political interference.

#### A National Integrated Power Grid

- The grid must be open to all energy sources and new technologies.
- All barriers to entry should be removed so new players can compete on equal footing.

## Government's Role in Energy

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- The government's job is to **enable innovation**—not build power plants or favour one technology over another.
- Energy markets and distribution grids must remain open to new technologies, businesses, and consumer-driven innovation.

#### **No Arbitrary Net Zero Targets**

- Governments cannot control the pace of innovation. Mandating fossil fuel phase-outs or emissions reductions is futile.
- The **current Net Zero policies should be scrapped**—they are economically and technologically worthless.

## **No More Costly Subsidies**

- Renewables should not receive subsidies unless they are cost-competitive.
- Fossil-fuel exploration rebates should also be removed—we need a level playing field.

## **Scrap Forced Coal and Gas Phase-Outs**

- Energy policy should be dictated by market forces, **not government mandates**.
- Coal and gas must remain an option for domestic use.

#### Lift the Nuclear Ban—Without Subsidies

• If nuclear is viable in Australia, private investors **should be free to develop it**—but with **zero taxpayer assistance**.

## **Break Up Energy Monopolies**

- The Big Three utilities (AGL, Origin, Energy Australia) should not operate in both generation and retailing.
- New players must be protected from being bought out or annexed by the incumbents.

#### **Empower Households, Farmers & Communities**

- Households, farmers, and small businesses should be able to generate energy and sell
  it to the grid without restrictions.
- Energy co-operatives should be encouraged, allowing consumers to lower costs through collective bargaining.

## Establish a Sovereign Wealth Fund

• Australia is the **world's largest exporter of LNG and coal**, yet we see minimal returns compared to Norway and Qatar.

- As existing LNG licences expire, they will be transferred to an Australian public company, owned by taxpayers, ensuring massive foreign investment and higher national returns.
- Every adult citizen will receive an annual tax-free dividend from the Fund, paid on Australia Day. After all, we should own our own minerals, shouldn't we??

## A Plan for Affordable Energy—Not Political Ideology

Australia's energy policy should serve **consumers**, **businesses**, **and the national interest**—not political agendas or corporate monopolies. By restoring **competition**, **transparency**, **and common sense**, we can drive **lower power prices and long-term energy security**.

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