

# Take action in your community today!

Australians understand the challenge and opportunity of the climate crisis, but the Rudd Government has proposed an emissions trading scheme that is worse than useless. Right now, thousands of concerned Australians are standing up to make their voices heard, and you can join them.

## What's happening in your area:

## Who to contact:

## How you can take part:

For information about all Greens events happening around the country, visit [www.greens.org.au](http://www.greens.org.au)

Sign up at [www.GreensMPs.org.au](http://www.GreensMPs.org.au) for regular action email alerts.



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*You can act today to help build a clean, green Australia*

THE GREENS  
**JOBS**

**Go Green Power** – Check with your electricity provider to see if you can purchase green energy, ensuring your power comes from renewable sources such as wind, solar, tidal, geothermal or wave plants.

**Reuse, recycle & renew** – Purchase products with the least packaging. Use recycled office paper and toilet paper. Don't upgrade electronics unnecessarily.

**Leave the car at home** – Reduce greenhouse gas emissions in your own personal travel. Walk or ride your bike, use mass transit or carpool. Every car not on the road makes a difference.

**Save energy** – Change your light bulbs to more efficient Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). When shopping for new appliances or electronics, try to buy items with an energy star ratings of four or more.

**Talk to your Governments** – Your Governments were elected by you, the voter, and it is your voice that will determine their decisions. Let them know whether you are happy or not with their climate change policies. Talk to your local MP, write a letter to the major newspapers, call in to talkback radio - make your voice heard, and together we can protect the climate.

**Vote Green** – Greens in Parliaments around Australia are greening up laws and promoting our own policies to create jobs as we build a healthy, safe and just Australia.

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# Protecting the climate is a job for everyone

We need to repower Australia – transforming our home from an inefficient, high-polluting economy into a carbon neutral powerhouse of the 21st century.

That's a huge job – a job for everyone! It has been estimated that rolling out the renewable energy, energy efficiency and mass transit we need, along with protecting our forests, would create at least 850,000 jobs. It would also improve our quality of life, cleaning the air and rebuilding communities.

## Every dollar to polluters is a dollar less to the community

The Rudd Government's Continue Polluting Regardless Scheme doesn't just fail to grasp this tremendous opportunity – it actively locks it out.

By handing \$7.4 billion to Australia's biggest polluters in the first two years alone, the Government is making it more difficult and more expensive for us to reduce emissions and create clean energy jobs. The recent changes to the scheme hand over another \$1 billion to polluters.

The Greens are listening to what Australians want and offering policies that will help the community and repower Australia, not protect polluters.



## Greens policies to Repower Australia

- The Greens' national renewable energy feed-in tariff would pay a premium for all renewable energy generated from all sources. On top of increased R&D funding, this would deliver a boom in renewable energy across the country.
- We would roll out a national intelligent grid to boost energy efficiency and prepare for 100% renewable energy.
- Our EASI scheme would roll out energy efficiency audits to Australia's 8 million homes and pay the upfront costs of efficiency retrofits with a payback of ten years or less.
- We would require Australia's largest energy users to implement the findings of the energy audits they already have to undertake.
- We would shift transport funding priorities off roads and onto trains, buses, light rail, cycle paths and walking paths.
- We would protect our old growth forests for the carbon they store as well as the life they nourish.
- We would plan and fund a 'Just Transition' for communities hardest hit by climate crisis, focussing on job creation efforts in clean industries.

# Targeting climate protection

## 40% by 2020, carbon neutral by 2050

Australia can, must and will cut our emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by 2020. That target would see us playing our fair role in global action on the climate crisis and it would create hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in investment as we build a zero carbon Australia.

## 5% would send the wrong signal

The Rudd Government's 5% target would hold back progress, encourage short-sighted investment decisions and make it far more difficult to move to zero carbon in the little time we have left. It would be worse than useless.

## Australia's minimum offer must be at least 25% because it is:

- The absolute lowest figure accepted by scientists as environmentally credible;
- The bottom end of the UN negotiating range for rich countries of 25-40%; and
- Achievable at the same cost as 5% cuts, according to the Government's own modelling.

A 25% cap holds back global progress. Making that our unconditional offer will encourage a global agreement that will lead us to 40%.

