

Election 2016

# ENVIRONMENT SCORECARD

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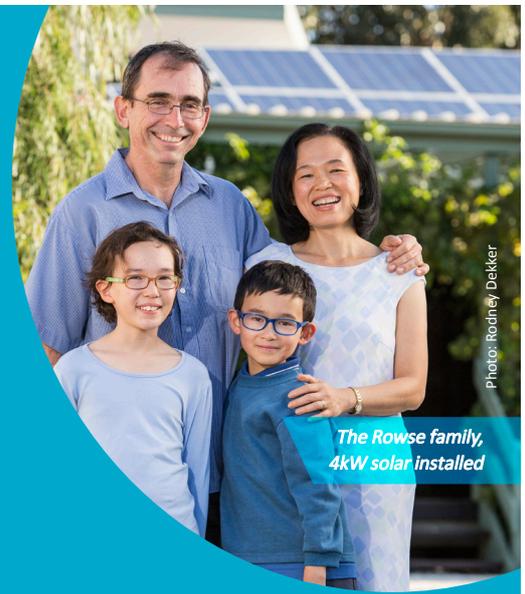


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## How do the parties rate?

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KEY:	 GOOD	 POOR	 GREY AREA			
Powering Australia with clean energy						
Cutting pollution						
Protecting and restoring nature						

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# How we worked it out

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As an independent charity, Environment Victoria has been holding governments to account on environmental issues for 47 years.

This election, we released an environment policy blueprint in May, with three categories: powering Australia with clean energy, cutting pollution and protecting nature.

All three major political parties set their policies centrally, so we've focused on party-wide politics and announcements, not individual candidates.

We're keeping track of new policy announcements at our Promise Watch site, and a final scorecard will be released a week before the election.

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## What the symbols mean:

-  **Thumbs Up:** Indicates significant written, public commitments that are good for our environment, including funding and implementation details.
-  **Dash Mark:** Indicates 'grey areas', such as announcements with no details, costings or implementation timelines, or 'media release' policies. Also indicates positive but minor policies, or promises of policies to come.
-  **Thumbs Down:** Indicates no announcements or policies, or policies that are detrimental to our environment or the climate.



### Powering Australia with clean energy

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Target 50% clean energy by 2030</li> <li> Commits \$200m for clean energy and \$98.7m for Community Power Network</li> <li> No commitment to full restoration of \$1b cut to clean energy</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Target 23% clean energy by 2020</li> <li> Cut \$1 billion from clean energy</li> <li> Dumped successful scheme to help business improve energy efficiency</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Target and plan to achieve 90% clean energy by 2030</li> <li> Commits \$500 million for clean energy, and to restore \$1 billion cut</li> <li> Plan for improving access to solar for homeowners, renters and business</li> </ul> |
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### Cutting pollution

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Emissions reduction target 45% by 2030</li> <li> Commits to limited emissions trading scheme from 2018</li> <li> Commits to phase out dirtiest power stations, but no clear timeframe</li> <li> No plan to end fossil fuel subsidies or ban new coal or gas development</li> <li> More urgency needed on climate policy</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Emissions reduction target 26-28% by 2030</li> <li> Abolished carbon price and established flawed Emissions Reduction Fund</li> <li> No plan to transition from coal-fired power stations or manage impacts on affected communities</li> <li> No plan to end fossil fuel subsidies or ban new coal or gas development</li> <li> Inadequate climate policy which lacks urgency</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Emissions reduction target of net zero emissions by 2040</li> <li> Commits to economy-wide carbon price with no free permits for big polluters</li> <li> Commits to phase-out of coal power stations and \$250m for affected communities</li> <li> Supports ending fossil fuel subsidies and banning new coal and gas</li> <li> Clear and urgent timelines for climate policy</li> </ul> |
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### Protecting and restoring nature

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Supports Murray-Darling Basin Plan but supported cap on water buybacks for rivers</li> <li> Commits to consider climate impacts of land clearing</li> <li> Commits funding to double the number of rangers for Indigenous land and sea management programs</li> <li> Yet to commit to comprehensive strengthening of national environment laws</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> No long-term funding for delivering water for rivers and imposed a cap on water buybacks</li> <li> Delayed marine reserve expansion</li> <li> Tried to cut 74,000 hectares from Tasmanian World Heritage Area</li> <li> Tried to weaken national environment protection laws</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Supports Basin Plan, opposed cap and commits \$122m for water buybacks for rivers</li> <li> Commits \$2b for biodiversity and \$130m for threatened species</li> <li> Supports doubling funding and improving security for Indigenous ranger and protected area programs</li> <li> Commits to establish stronger national environment protection laws within 12 months</li> </ul> |
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