

Focus 1: Repower Victoria's economy with clean energy

Key test of success: How will the Party make Victoria a leader on clean energy by embracing opportunities to drive renewable energy and phase out fossil fuels?

Environment Victoria's policy agenda

Unleash Victoria's Renewable Future

- **Meet the Victorian Renewable Energy Target (VRET) of 5400 MW by bringing 1000 MW of new, large-scale renewable energy online every year for the next four years**
- **Repower Alcoa with renewable energy**
- **Phase out fossil fuels across Victoria**

Build a grid that benefits all Victorians

- **Set a 500 MW storage target**
- Give every Victorian access to solar by encouraging solar gardens (shared solar installation) and allowing landlords and tenants to split the cost of solar
- Make Victoria's renewable boom job rich by establishing TAFE Centres of Excellence to train renewable energy workers and ensure projects built through the VRET meet or exceed a 10% minimum apprenticeship requirement
- Supercharge the Greener Government Building's Program by increasing investment in the program

Repower Victoria's Transport

- Invest in sustainable transport such as public and active transport and reduce spending on freeways
- **Repower Melbourne's trains with 100% renewable energy**
- Encourage off-peak public transport through innovative ticketing
- Encourage uptake of electric vehicles by setting an electric vehicle target for all new cars, allowing EVs to use high occupancy lanes, reducing emission from the Government's fleet and providing rebates for public charging stations.

Focus 1 - Party Response:

Fiona's published policies include the following:

We are serious about protecting and enhancing the environment and achieving energy emission targets

- *Extend Victoria's Renewable Energy Action Plan beyond 2040 and include transition planning for the lifespans of our existing coal fired plants and achievement of Paris Agreement targets*
- *Rapid investment into the feasibility of Victoria's potential 4400 pumped-hydro sites*
- *Increased clean energy and environmental incentives for local businesses*
- *Urban green roofs and spaces policy, creating more leisure environments, cooling our city, reducing storm water drainage, reducing our energy usage and insulating buildings all year round*

Our policy positions and overarching principles are consistent with Environment Victoria's policy agenda.

Our focus is not just a wish list of targets – but a clear plan for transition.

Focus 2: Ensure a just and fair transition to a sustainable Victorian society and economy

Key test of success: How will the party ensure that all Victorians benefit from the shift to clean energy and that communities and workers are supported as Victoria transitions to a sustainable future?

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Repower 250,000 homes and businesses with rooftop solar and energy efficiency in the next 4 years

- **Build a virtual power plant that provides solar, battery storage and energy efficiency upgrades for 150,000 Victorians by 2022**
- **Set up a fully resourced state-wide fund for priority household efficiency and renewable energy upgrades**
- Increase and extend the Victorian Energy Upgrade Program
- Set up Home Energy Hubs
- Set energy efficiency standards for rental properties
- Improve efficiency standards for new homes
- Appoint new compliance cops to enforce building efficiency standards

Deliver a just transition across Victoria

- **Make the Latrobe Valley Authority a permanent statutory authority and expand its mandate**
- **Expand energy efficiency programs across Gippsland, starting with 14,000 most vulnerable households in the region**
- Reserve 500 MW of new renewable energy to be built through the VRET for the Latrobe Valley
- Establish a Forest Industry Transition Authority to drive the shift to sustainable plantation timber.

Focus 2 - Party Response:

As above.

Focus 3: Strengthen the systems that drive environmental protection and sustainability in Victoria

Key test of success: How will the party strengthen, reform and enhance the laws and policies that protect Victoria's natural systems and precious flora and fauna?

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Deliver a fair go for nature

- Establish a Commission for a Hotter and Drier Victoria to plan for warming that is already locked-in
- Improve threatened species protections under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act
- Reform the Water Act to give our rivers a fair share of water
- **Double the funding provided for successful riverbank restoration to \$60m**
- **Establish the Great Forest National Park, fill gaps in our national parks system & expand our marine parks**
- Properly fund inclusive park management
- Invest \$36M in the Trust for Nature's revolving fund to protect 60,000 ha of conservation land

Clean up our waste systems

- **Reform recycling systems to restore trust and ensure that recycling is reducing the amount of waste going to landfill**
- **Redirect organics from landfill to create compost production systems and fully implement a ban on e-waste being sent to landfill**
- Increase the landfill levy and use it to drive innovation
- Help people fix goods by supporting repair cafes
- Articulate plans to work towards a circular economy

Improve environmental transparency

- Implement mandatory disclosure of contamination on residential sites
- Make sure the EPA has the resources to clean up abandoned sites
- Establish an Environment & Lands court
- Fix the Environmental Effects Act by strengthening the approvals process and ensuring that the act is more closely adhered to

Focus 3 - Party Response:

Reason's published policies include:

Delivering on Environment Protection: A pragmatic plan to protect our environment while sustaining our economy

- *Audit potential impacts of rising sea levels and extreme weather events*
- *Facilitate and support efficient recycling and a state-wide war on waste*
- *Foster new industries focused on plastic and waste repurposing*

Fiona has called in Parliament for a full EIS around the proposed floating AGL gas terminal at Crib Point.

She is broadly supportive of the Environment Victoria policy agenda.

Strengthen systems to reduce climate pollution

- **Support and embed 2025 and 2030 emissions targets that are consistent with keeping warming below 2 degrees**
- **Set limits on carbon pollution from power stations through EPA licences**
- **Use the Climate Change Act to drive ambitious reductions across Victoria's economy and set ambitious targets to reduce emissions from the Victorian government's own operations.**
- Climate proof Victoria's budget by tracking the costs of climate change and integrating environmental accounting into the budget
- Set up a task force to investigate negative emissions and develop a roadmap for Victoria