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Liberal Party

1. How will you address the cost of living in Australia?

We will provide immediate cost of living relief by halving the petrol tax, saving you up to \$14 every time you fill up at the bowser. We will also introduce a one-off Cost of Living Tax Offset of up to \$1,200, benefitting 80% of taxpayers.

2. How will you restore the opportunity for Australian families to purchase their own home?

We will rebalance our migration program to free up almost 40,000 additional homes, allow you to access up to \$50,000 from your super for a first home deposit and allow first home buyers to claim a tax deduction for the interest payments on their mortgage.

3. How will you protect the environment?

Locally, I've provided funding for Clean4Shore, mangrove planting, and revived the oyster industry to protect the Hawkesbury River—and I'll keep fighting to protect it. An elected Liberal Government will also fund Warrah Society's Sustainable Livestock Management Initiative, supporting sustainable farming, wildlife protection, and eco-friendly practices.

4. What plans do you have to ensure Australian energy security?

Our plan includes having an energy mix of renewables, gas and nuclear. By ramping up domestic gas production in the more immediate term, we can deliver affordable and reliable energy with renewables and nuclear contributing to a longer-term plan to secure cheap, low emissions energy future.

5. How will you enhance educational opportunities for all Australians?

We will build a new national network of Australian Technical Colleges, offering new pathways for students to fast track them to high-skilled and well-paying jobs and take a back-to-basics approach by focusing on explicit instruction and other evidence-based teaching methods which prioritise reading, writing, maths and science. We will fund 100 extra Commonwealth Supported Places for medical student in 2026 and 2027, rising to 150 annually from 2028.

6. How will you ensure access to good healthcare for all Australians?

We will invest over \$9 billion into Medicare to restore bulk billing and double the amount of subsidised mental health sessions from 10 to 20. We will also deliver cheaper medicines, reducing the PBS general co-payment to \$25.

To read more about our health policies visit

<https://www.liberal.org.au/our-plan/health> <https://www.liberal.org.au/our-plan/health>.

7. What is your plan for better transport in the electorate?

I have brought both councils together and we will fund a comprehensive traffic study for Epping and North Epping. I'm also keeping up the fight to upgrade New Line Road after NSW Labor ripped away \$70 million in funding, after I secured a \$10 million in federal funds in 2019 to plan the widening.

8. What is your plan for addressing Indigenous disadvantage?

We will focus on practical action for Indigenous Australians including investing in solutions to improve health outcomes for Indigenous women and children and providing more housing in Indigenous communities.

We also want to target and address the significant disadvantage in regional and remote communities.

9. What is your plan for Australia's defence?

We will provide more than \$21 billion in additional funding to Defence over five years, taking Defence spending as a share of GDP to 2.5 percent within 5 years. We will also Tackle the recruiting and retention crisis to increase the number of ADF personnel.

10. How will you encourage respect for the common good of all Australians?

We will Restore the Safer Communities Fund to support local projects, improving social cohesion to secure our communities. We will also protect our children from emerging threats to their safety and wellbeing online by investing \$6 million to support online safety education.