

Australian Labor Party National Platform

Chapter 1 – Governing for Australia’s Long Term Future

16. Labor is committed to building a modern economy that competes successfully in global markets for agriculture, resources, manufacturing and services. We believe that in the long-term, building a modern, internationally competitive economy is the best way of creating quality jobs and protecting the living standards of all Australians. By building long-term prosperity we can also ensure that our nation is able to sustain high quality public services and a generous safety net for those in need. Building long-term prosperity involves lifting growth and productivity through:

- Building advanced infrastructure such as transport and communications networks.
- Tackling disadvantage and generating social inclusion.

Chapter 2 – Securing our Future with Responsible Economic Management

31. By building and repairing our roads, rail and transport infrastructure and investing in our schools, universities and TAFEs, Labor is laying foundations for a more competitive, efficient and productive economy in the future.

Chapter 3 –Building a 21st Century Economy

12. Labor believes the national government has a responsibility to provide leadership in the planning and delivery of national infrastructure, including transport, water and communications networks. Building world-class infrastructure directly creates jobs during its construction phase, provides employment in ongoing management of infrastructure assets and services, and creates jobs in the broader economy by unblocking bottlenecks in the supply of goods and services.

25. Labor's national infrastructure policies will be shaped by:

- The work of Infrastructure Australia, established under Labor in 2008, which will drive the development of a long term coordinated national approach to infrastructure planning and investment.
- Financing through the Building Australia Fund which will provide an ongoing investment fund for the development of nationally significant infrastructure.
- A new national evidence-based approach to identifying and prioritising nationally significant transport, water, energy and communications infrastructure.
- The targeting of key areas requiring regulatory and governance reform to improve the utilisation of existing infrastructure.

48. Labor believes that safe, clean and efficient public transport in our major cities is critical to addressing the economic, environmental and social problem of urban congestion.

51. Labor recognises that all forms of transport have a role to play in moving people and freight, especially within our major cities. It is essential that an efficient road and rail network, supported by a robust public transport system, co-exist in a way that make our cities more sustainable and liveable.

56. Labor will streamline and improve the regulation, operation and development of land transport policy.

60. Labor will work with the states and territories, the providers of public transport, to achieve greater use of all forms of public transport, thereby contributing to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and congestion in our major cities.

88. In particular, Labor will:

- identify and concentrate on those industries and activities that promise the best opportunities - examples might include urban transport, water management, alternative energy, information and communication technology, and health services

Chapter 5 – An Education Revolution for Australia’s Future

In implementing the Education Revolution, Labor will:

- Support better regulation of migration agencies, safe and affordable public transport, and require universities to provide effective and comprehensive support for international students.

Chapter 7 - Securing an Inclusive Future for all Australians

79. Labor will improve access to buildings, communications, transport, healthcare, aids, equipment and the justice and education systems, for those with disability and their families.

106. Labor is committing to growing and improving the social housing sector. Labor has committed the greatest single capital investment in social housing in the history of the Federation. Labor will continue to work with all state, territory and local governments to expand, reform and improve the social housing sector including:

- Supporting the renewal of public housing estates, to create mixed communities and tenures and better access to jobs, transport and integration with services.

Chapter 8 – Strengthening Regional and Local Communities

17. Labor believes that all Australians, regardless of where they live, should have reasonable and affordable access to services including:

- Secure and appropriate housing.
- Transport.
- Basic utilities.
- Universal and affordable broadband facilities and mobile access.
- Quality education and training opportunities.
- Health and aged care.

- Financial services.
- Personal, family and social services.
- Employment services.
- Information on government programs and policies.

21. Labor will continue to implement plans involving all levels of government to improve the physical, social and economic environment in regional communities. These will include development of local industry and employment opportunities, access to education, health, housing and community support services, and improved transport links.

40. Labor recognises that distance brings unique challenges to Australia's remote communities, particularly in relation to access to basic services such as food, shelter, education, healthcare, communications and transportation.

Chapter 9 – Tackling Climate Change and Our Environmental Challenges

40. Labor supports the promotion of less greenhouse-intensive forms of transport, including public transport, cycling and walking.

111. Labor recognises the need to promote more transport choices and will pursue strategies to encourage alternative modes of transport, alternative fuels, greater fuel efficiency and lower average vehicle age.

123. Labor notes that the whole community should play a role in climate change actions. This includes the role played by those in our community that deliver quality public services, like local government, water supply, electricity and public transport. These industries take actions every day in a range of services from recycling, water harvesting, demand management and much more. This is a significant role in making our community environmentally sustainable and fighting climate change. Labor recognises the role played by the broad community and asks the Government to continue to implement a broad range of climate change actions.

Chapter 11 – New Ways of Governing for a Stronger Democracy

25. Labor in government will continue using the COAG process to modernise our federation and improve the delivery of important services in areas like health, education, transport, water and Indigenous equality.