



# **LIKE NOWHERE ELSE ON EARTH**

**A PLAN TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT**









## **ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND DIVERSE PLACES ON EARTH**

**From our beaches, to our big old trees,  
and from our forests to our local parks,  
we get to call one of the most diverse  
and beautiful places on earth home.  
But Australia's environment is under  
threat like never before.**

**For decades, successive governments  
have let corporations trash our  
landscapes and our planet for their own  
profit. Polluting the places we live, our  
farmland, our rivers, our oceans, and  
destroying the places we love. Hundreds  
of native birds and animals have been  
pushed to the brink of extinction.**





## **WE NEED STRONGER LAWS**

**To better protect our shared natural resources, our wild places and our threatened species, the outdated Howard-era federal environment laws need to be overhauled. Under our plan a new generation of environmental laws will protect nature, backed up by a federal regulatory body with real power to enforce the law.**

# PROTECTING EVERYTHING THAT MAKES US AUSTRALIA

## SAVING THE MURRAY-DARLING

The Murray Darling Basin is our country's lifeblood – and it's dying. Even the South Australian Royal Commission into the Murray Darling Basin Plan called it a multi-billion dollar environmental disaster for our nation – putting the profits of big corporate irrigators ahead of science and the environment. We'll overhaul this corrupt plan, and put the health of the Murray-Darling first.

## FIGHTING FOR THE BIGHT

The Great Australian Bight is no place for risky deepwater drilling. The proposed supermassive, experimental Equinor drill will put coastal communities, fisheries, whales and sea creatures in danger. And we know the profits and the product would go offshore – and in the case of an oil spill, our tourism and fishing industries will be irreversibly destroyed. We'll keep fighting alongside the community for World Heritage listing and the safety of the Bight.







## **NATURE NEEDS US!**

**We are in an extinction emergency. Nearly 2,000 unique Australian species are threatened with extinction, and fewer than half have a recovery plan. In recent years we've even seen a dramatic decline in population among iconic species like the Tasmanian Devil and the Koala, yet Labor and Liberal governments continue cutting conservation funding, and turn a blind eye to catastrophic deforestation.**

## INVESTING IN BIODIVERSITY



Our plan will mobilise the biggest investment to protect nature in Australia's history. We'll tie together the latest research and proven programs to kick-start the recovery our environment needs – and not a moment too soon. We will:



**Establish a \$2 billion a year Nature Fund to ensure every single threatened species is protected**



**Double the size of our national reserves and better protect our forests**



**Help Aussie farmers become world-leaders in regenerative agriculture**



**End deforestation to save our great forests, like Tasmania's Tarkine and Queensland's rainforests**



**Invest an additional \$20 million per year in Indigenous Protected Areas**



Image – Ed Sloane



## **CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, CLEAN FOOD**

**Australians are world famous for our love of water, and we know the importance of marine areas to our lives and our identity. But tragically, Labor and Liberal governments have watched on as the Murray-Darling Basin is run dry by big corporate irrigators, as our Great Barrier Reef is dredged and bleached to within an inch of its life, and as the giant Adani coal mine inches closer to being built.**





Image – Brad Leue

## RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

Our environment is under threat like never before. We are experiencing climate breakdown, shrinking biodiversity and an extinction crisis after decades of poor environmental regulation and lack of action on climate change. We have a comprehensive plan for responsible stewardship of our environment, including the water we love and rely on. We will:



**Create a network of marine parks, including the Great Barrier Reef**



**Outlaw oil and gas exploration in the Great Australian Bight**



**Lift the cap on water buybacks to urgently return water to the Murray-Darling Basin**



**Ban all new coal mines, including Adani**







## THE GREEN JOBS GUARANTEE

Protecting and restoring nature is a big job. That's why we've budgeted for a 10,000 strong workforce of trained, qualified environmental managers to be deployed across the country. And we'll increase the number of Indigenous Rangers to 5,000 by 2025. This massive mobilisation is what's needed to deliver nationwide habitat restoration and conservation. Under our plan, we will protect our environment and achieve enormous social and economic benefits at the same time.

## PAYING FOR OUR PLANS

We can pay for our plans because, unlike the Labor and Liberal parties, we will address climate change by making polluters pay for the carbon they emit. Under our plan, big polluters will be encouraged to change their behaviour, and forced to pay when they don't. By making big polluters pay, we can fund the protection and restoration of the places we love and the environment we all depend on.





**“Clean air, clean water and clean food relies on having a safe climate and healthy habitats. That’s why the Greens are fighting to protect our environment.”**

**SARAH HANSON-YOUNG**  
**Senator for South Australia**

**A FUTURE FOR  
ALL OF US**

