

## 2016 Federal Election Guide – Social Justice

The following are general overviews of formally announced major policies (as at May 2016) and initiatives of each major party in a range of justice areas. It is not exhaustive in detail nor does it cover every policy and initiative of each party. For a full list and specific details of each policy as well as for the most up to date policies please consult the individual party platforms. LNP: <https://www.liberal.org.au/our-plan>; Labor: <http://www.100positivepolicies.org.au/> Greens: <http://greens.org.au/policy>

ISSUE	Liberal/National Coalition Leader: Malcolm Turnbull	Labor Leader: Bill Shorten	Greens Leader: Richard di Natale
<b>Homelessness and Housing Affordability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will not remove or limit negative gearing</li> <li>- No other announced new policies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tax reform on Capital Gains and future Negative Gearing from July 1 2017. Negative gearing limited to only new housing stock; Capital Gains tax breaks reduced from 50% to 25%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tax reforms –phase out Capital Gains Tax by 2020 and eliminate negative gearing for future investments. Will redirect the revenue savings into social and affordable housing.</li> <li>- Double funding for homelessness services over ten years</li> </ul>
<b>Domestic Violence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$100 million Women’s Safety Package: focusing on following areas: trialling safety technology e.g. safe phones, GPS trackers</li> <li>- Expanding support to counselling services such as 1800RESPECT and Mensline</li> <li>- Expanding training for frontline workers.</li> <li>- More and new resources to help teachers, parents and students learn more about respectful relationships.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$70 million over three years in targeted funding to ensure access to critical services.</li> <li>- Five days paid domestic and family violence leave in the National Employment Standards.</li> <li>- Commission a National Crisis Summit in first 100 days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commitment to affordable housing to help families leave violent homes.</li> <li>- Increase in Newstart by \$50/wk and raise single parent pension child age eligibility from 8 to 16 y/o</li> <li>- Doubling funding for community legal services</li> <li>- Doubling funding for indigenous Australians’ family violence programs</li> </ul>
<b>Access to healthcare</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$2.9 billion in public hospital funding over the next three years (an increase of up to 6.5% a year) through an agreement with the states and territories that places greater focus on patient outcomes</li> <li>- <i>Health Care Homes</i> initiative, to coordinate comprehensive care for chronically ill.</li> <li>- Making medicines cheaper and adding new ones to the PBS</li> <li>- ‘No Jab, No Pay’ rule removing access to family and child care payments for parents who don’t vaccinate their children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Committed to universal access to affordable healthcare and public ownership of Medicare</li> <li>- Legislative changes to prevent piecemeal privatisation of Medicare.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Believes in universal access to affordable healthcare</li> <li>- Will phase out Private Health Insurance Rebate and reinvest savings into healthcare and hospitals</li> <li>- Restore the funding model where the Commonwealth and the states share the rising costs in delivering hospital services evenly. Put that funding model into law to provide security and certainty</li> </ul>

<b>Environmental Care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 'Our Reef 2050 Long Term Sustainability Plan', protect and improve the Reef</li> <li>- double renewable over the next four years</li> <li>- \$1 billion Clean Energy Innovation Fund – new tech to assist transition</li> <li>- \$2.55 billion to incentivise business to reduce emissions</li> <li>- reductions of up to 28% (from 2005 levels) by 2030</li> <li>- \$1 billion in natural resource management through Landcare</li> <li>- \$50 million to plant 20 million trees by 2020.</li> <li>- Continue Threatened Species Strategy Funding</li> <li>- Opposes any carbon tax</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 50% renewable by 2030</li> <li>- Strategic Industries Reserve Fund- \$300 million to support the transition of key energy industries to 2020.</li> <li>- 45% reduction (from 2005 levels) on emissions</li> <li>- Reinstate independent Climate Change Authority.</li> <li>- Introduce emissions trading scheme</li> </ul>	<p>Has huge a range of specific policies and aims. Some examples:</p> <p>Welfare and protection of animals – ending unnecessary animal cruelty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Protection and maintenance of biodiversity</li> <li>- Invest in High-skill green jobs</li> <li>- Moratorium on the release and use of GMO products until long-term study conducted</li> <li>- Manage natural resources taking into account intergenerational equity, biodiversity conservation and respect for traditional ownership.</li> <li>- Ecosystems-based management for marine territories.</li> </ul>
<b>Refugees and Asylum Seekers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintain current polices e.g. offshore processing, mandatory detention, use of Australian Border Force to keep relevant agencies integrative, turning back boats.</li> <li>- Increase humanitarian intake from appx. 13 700 to 18 750 in 2018/19</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintain a policy of offshore processing and mandatory detention, turning back boats.</li> <li>- Implement independent oversight of Australian-funded processing facilities.</li> <li>- Increase humanitarian intake from appx. 13700 to 27000 by 2025</li> <li>- \$450 million over three years to support UNHCR.</li> <li>- Reinstate references to the UN Refugees Convention in the Migration Act</li> <li>- Reinstate access to the Refugee Review Tribunal and abolish the '90 day' rule to make determining refugee status quicker.</li> <li>- Abolish 'Temporary Protection Visas' in favour of faster processing times.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Raise Humanitarian Quota from appx. 13700 to 50000</li> <li>- End offshore processing – close detention centres</li> </ul>
<b>Employment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reintroduce the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC), to restore the rule of law in the construction industry</li> <li>- Youth Jobs PaTH (Prepare-Trial-Hire) Programme - intensive pre-employment skills training followed by an internship placement.</li> <li>- Create Registered Organisations Commission –independent regulator for unions and registered organisations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safeguarding rights at work</li> <li>- Better union governance</li> <li>- Opposes cuts to penalty rates.</li> <li>- reinstate the Commonwealth Cleaning Services Guidelines to ensure better wages and conditions for Commonwealth cleaners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will develop a stronger IR umpire</li> <li>- Protect workers' rights to organise</li> <li>- Believe in job security for all</li> <li>- Create more job security for all</li> </ul>
<b>Economic Life</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prevent average full time wage earners from</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Superannuation tax reforms for very high incomes:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No tax cuts for the rich – including in housing</li> </ul>

	<p>moving into the second top tax bracket until 2019-20 by increasing the 32.5 per cent tax threshold from \$80,000 to \$87,000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Company tax rate will be progressively lowered to 25 per cent by 2026-27 for all companies.</li> <li>- \$3 billion Jobs for Families child care package will make child care simpler, more affordable and more accessible for those earning between \$65 000-170 000</li> <li>- \$1.1 billion to incentivise innovation and entrepreneurship</li> <li>- Small business (turnover less than 10million) tax rate to 27.5 per cent</li> </ul>	<p>15% concessional rate on balances over \$1.5million in pension phase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reduce the Higher Income Superannuation Charge (HISC) threshold from \$300,000 to \$250,000 (a 15% tax concession will remain)</li> </ul>	<p>market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reform income support system to ensure an adequate income for all</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Australians'</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No announced new policies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$9.5million to close the gap in vision loss</li> <li>- \$8.4 million for 7155 student places and support programmes in schools and higher education for indigenous girls</li> <li>- New nationally coordinated approach to close the gap in Indigenous incarceration and victimisation rates.</li> <li>- Constitutional recognition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Compensate Stolen Generation</li> <li>- End the NT intervention</li> <li>- Close the gap across all outcomes by 2030</li> <li>- Achieve a treaty or treaties and Constitutional Recognition</li> </ul>
<b>Australians' living with disability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will continue to fully fund NDIS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Largely supports the National Mental Health Commission's recommendations will outline priorities for implementation within the first 100 days of Government.</li> <li>- Committed to making sure people with mental illness and their carers continue to be supported as NDIS rolled out.</li> <li>- Additional \$2 million a year to peak disability advocacy organisations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ongoing and fully funded NDIS for more self determination, social participation and appropriate services.</li> </ul>