

Our comprehensive:

Steps to Reforming Australia



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Foreword

Firstly, why? We have decided to write a book that outlines our policies; what they are and what their purposes are. We have many policies on how to relieve the cost of living pressures, put more people in homes and put Australians first, but we didn't feel like just writing them down and repeating them, we wanted to express our policies on a page that can be read by all who want to. We really wanted to get our word out there about why we're the best party to vote for and why we are the party that can stop and stand up for things that Australians feel aren't talked about enough or are too much. Another reason as to why is because we felt that no one was looking out for Australians anymore, the coalition voted to ban freedom of speech, labor ruined our economy and sent us into the ground and the greens... I won't get started. This book is the first of many that we will produce over the span of our party lifetime.

Secondly, ReformAu is a party that stands for all Australians, whether they have immigrated to this country, lived here for thousands of years, or for only a couple of centuries. We stand up for the voices that the two major parties refuse to hear. We believe that every Australian, regardless of their background, deserves a government that listens, respects, and acts in their best interests, not just during election campaigns, but every day.

We acknowledge the diversity and richness of Australia's history, and we are committed to constructing a future where everyone's contributions are valued. ReformAu will not shy away from the hard conversations. We will not let political correctness, party elites, or media pressure dictate what we can and cannot discuss. Australians deserve a voice, and with ReformAu, they will have one.

Our policies are built on common sense, fairness, and the belief that the government should serve the people — not the other way around. Whether it's lowering the cost of living, making home ownership achievable again, restoring free speech, or simply bringing back accountability to government, our mission is clear: put Australians first, always.

This book is only the beginning. It marks the start of a new movement — a movement that will fight for working families, small businesses, our farmers, our students, our elderly, and everyone who feels left behind by the broken promises of the major parties. We are here to reform Australia, and we invite every Australian to join us on this journey.

The fundamentals of a Reform led government

1. Protecting Australian Sovereignty:

Reducing migration, banning foreign ownership of homes, strengthening borders, and investing in defence to secure Australia's independence.

2. Economic Fairness and Opportunity:

Lowering taxes, simplifying the tax system, cutting the petrol excise, removing the beer tax, and backing small businesses and first home buyers.

3. Infrastructure and Housing Investment:

Building affordable housing, upgrading local amenities, and ensuring infrastructure keeps pace with population needs.

4. National Unity and Democratic Integrity:

Flying only the Australian flag, introducing M8 Day as a national holiday, and reforming referendum and election transparency laws.

5. Energy Independence and Innovation:

Lifting the ban on nuclear energy and supporting mining and refining critical minerals domestically.

6. Protecting Children and Fairness in Sport:

Banning puberty blockers for minors and ensuring fairness by separating male and female sports categories.

7. Strengthening Medicare and Healthcare Access:

Expanding Medicare to cover ambulances and specialist consultations across the nation.

8. Safer Communities:

Imposing tougher sentences for repeat offenders and prioritising public safety.

9. Real Support for Women and Families:

Investing equally in pregnancy, adoption, and maternity care services to provide real, supported choices.

Cutting Immigration

Purpose: Lower homelessness, increase housing affordability, strengthen medicare.

According to the productivity commissioners report, homelessness has risen over 25% in the last 5 years, from 30,000 to 37,000. This is a massive increase that needs to be stopped before it goes even higher, under this Labor Government we have seen a massive increase in immigration; approximately 800,000. Why does this Labor government care more about people from other countries than the people they're meant to protect, Australian people? Under a Reform led government, we will never see other people put before the Australian people, with a rising culture imbalance; caused by a massive spike in immigration, Australia needs to be prepared to suspend immigration or cut it to a manageable size, so that we can sustain the people here and hoping to make their future in Australia.



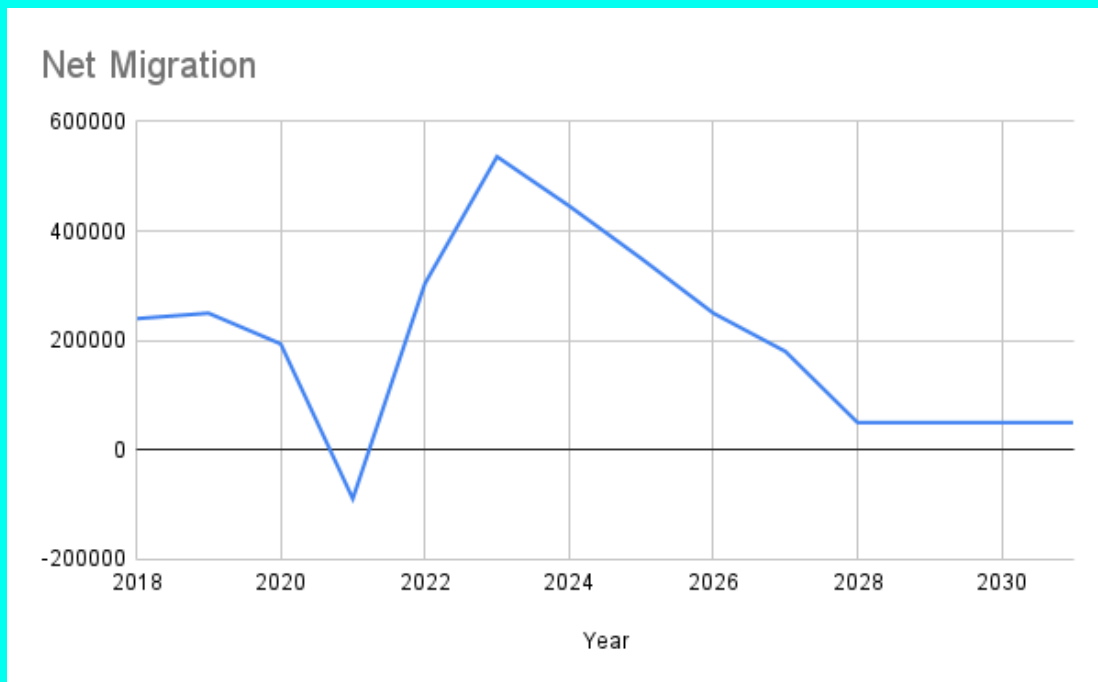
In the 22-25 Labor government we saw them let in 800,000 people, which caused a housing crisis; with prices hitting all time highs. energy crisis, fresh water crisis, and despite risking all of this, we still ended up with a skill shortage. Australia is a very welcoming place where anyone can come and make it their home, but this welcoming nature stops when it starts affecting the price of groceries and homes. Under a Reform led government we have stated many times that we want to lower the amount of international students in Australia; which according to the Department of Education currently sits at 853,000. This number needs to be lowered.

The Reform Party of Australia plans to significantly increase investment in the country's immigration system to make it both stricter and more efficient. This means introducing stronger security measures, enhanced background checks, and tighter border control to protect the nation's safety and sovereignty. At the same time, the process will be streamlined to reduce wait times, eliminate bottlenecks, and ensure that genuine applicants are processed fairly and promptly. This balanced approach will help maintain national security while supporting a system that is orderly, transparent, and effective.

To address Australia's worsening housing affordability and rental crisis, this policy proposes a targeted reduction in net overseas migration, informed by government data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

As illustrated in the graph, net migration surged to over 536,000 people in 2022–23, placing significant pressure on an already constrained housing supply.

Our Immigration Reduction model:



ABS statistics (2018 - 2024)

This policy recommends a gradual reduction in annual net migration to:

- 350,000 in 2025
- 250,000 in 2026
- 180,000 in 2027 (returning closer to long-term pre-COVID averages)
- 50,000 in 2028 and so on (continuous)



The expected outcome is a reduction in housing demand, helping to stabilise rent inflation and allowing supply to catch up. By tempering population-driven demand, the government can ensure more sustainable urban development, greater affordability, and better access to housing for Australians, especially in high-growth metropolitan areas. Under a Reform Government we will eventually

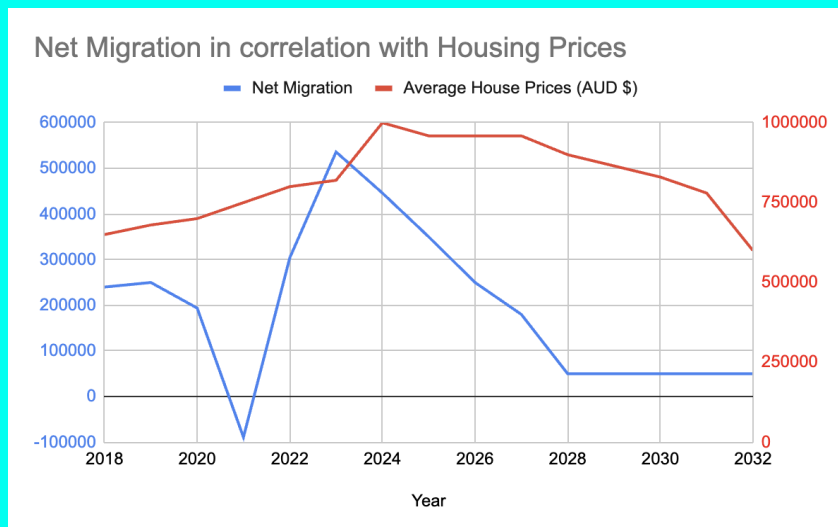
only allow 50 thousand people into Australia per year. We will stick strong to this number and not go over. We will make sure that illegal immigration hits zero, making sure that all people come into Australia fairly.

Building More Houses Affordably

Purpose: Increase housing stock and home ownership

By lowering immigration through our model, we are already guaranteed a more reliable housing market, however we also plan to ban foreign ownership, this will give back more land to the Australian Government where we will build houses, apartments and amenities. This is the first step to relieving the cost of living pressures. We will put a large sum of our budget into building homes, we will do our best to lower the homelessness rate to 1%, we will build more government housing for all people who need it. This will stabilize the housing market and significantly drop the price of a house.

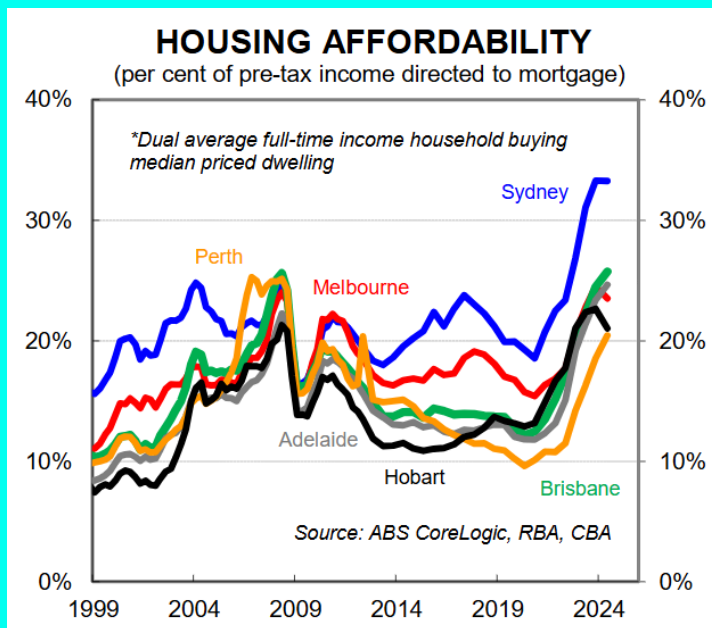
Our Gradual Decline in Average House Prices over 8 years



ABS Statistics Overseas Migration 2023-24 financial year (2018 - 2024), ABS Statistics Total Value of Dwellings (December Quarter 2024)

- \$959,000 in 2027
- \$959,000 in 2025
- \$865,000 in 2029
- \$780,000 in 2031
- \$600,000 in 2033

With the graph you can see our gradual decline in housing prices and immigration. As immigration goes down and the rate of pressure on infrastructure goes down, so does the price of housing.



However, immigration is not the only factor that affects the cost of living, but things like the cost of imports, the cost of manufacturing, other taxes, and most importantly the cost of labo(u)r; electricians, builders, plumbers, etc. are all affecting the housing crisis that previous governments have not been able to address. The Reform Party of Australia is dedicated to dropping the price of housing, labour, and manufacturing. We can make these cheaper by ditching “renewable” energy sources; wind, solar, hydro, etc. by implementing

zero emissions nuclear, prices will drop and drastically decrease until it returns to pre-covid prices so that we can build more homes to house the Australian People.

Australia is a country that depends on immigration, however when Australian people are becoming homeless because of this, we must step in and completely suspend or cut immigration. **AUSTRALIANS MUST BE PUT FIRST!**

Lowering The Price Of Energy Our Energy Plan

Purpose: Relieve the cost of living pressure made by labor.

Energy, Petrol, Water & several other essential needs have risen to heights we have never seen before. Electricity has risen 32% (without the TAXPAYER subsidy rebate) and practically no reforms have been introduced to reduce petrol prices



We will cut the petrol excise for not 1 year, but for an entire Reform term. This will lift unnecessary costs, making this one of the first steps to easing the cost of living pressures. We support nuclear energy for baseload power, and while we will cut power subsidies, the high amount of energy produced by nuclear power, low running cost of coal & our current reliance on gas will compensate for the cut.

This is our percentage of the early energy mix:

Source	% of Energy Mix	Role
Nuclear	50%	Base load, emissions-free, long-term
Gas	30%	Peaking, flexible support, firming
Coal	20%	Transitional support, high energy density

Nuclear will support constant baseload power and be the largest energy independent in our grid. We will use Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) in remote areas and larger reactors near industrial zones & reliable sources of water. There are 2 main challenges we face with starting a nuclear powersource; it requires legislative reform due to Uranium Mining and Nuclear Facilities (Prohibitions) Act 1986, and the high capital costs upfront. Our plan begins by building 5-7 Small Modular Reactors in states like SA, NSW, and QLD. If the demand for nuclear energy continues to increase, we will expand by building larger reactors.

Gas will be used for flexible generation, filling gaps, and backups in case of peaks or a spike in demand. We will use combined-cycle and open-cycle gas turbines to extract the gas. We will use gas because it has fewer emissions than coal, its fast ramp-up time is ideal for peak demand, and it's compatible with hydrogen retrofitting in future. Our preferred areas include; WA, QLD, and VIC (existing pipelines and gas basins)

Coal's function in our grid will be to support until nuclear is fully operational. The technology we will use includes; high-efficiency, low-emissions plants or modernised existing coal stations. Our justification for using coal is that it maintains grid stability during nuclear rollout, it provides heavy lifting in high-demand areas short-term, and it powers everyone's home so that blackouts are less frequent during storms. Our sunset policy is a phased reduction of coal from 20% to 0% by 2045-2050, and replacing coal as each nuclear plant comes online.

When **Labor** & the **Greens** argue the cost of Nuclear, it proves their selfishness, disrespect and lack of empathy for upcoming generations - JUST BECAUSE YOU THINK EVERYONE WILL DIE IN 10 YEARS FROM CLIMATE CHANGE, DOESN'T JUSTIFY ONLY FOCUSING ON THE CURRENT GENERATION... We refer to renewable energy, eg., a standard wind turbine's lifespan is between 20-30 years, after this time, the turbines have to be removed and replaced, whereas a Nuclear system offers power generation for up to 100 years. What would you prefer, a system that is replaced 4 times in your lifetime that YOU pay for, or a one that you will likely never pay for? Is Albanese really building Australia's Future... or is he destroying your child's future?

Our Final Plan for 2050:

Energy Type	Share (%)	Comment
Nuclear	65%	Fully scaled, major base load (NO EMISSIONS)
Gas	25%	Firming, seasonal balancing
Coal	10% → 0%	Retired or replaced entirely

Regional Distribution for Energy Sources

State	Dominant Source	Why?
NSW	Nuclear + Gas	High demand, transitional infrastructure
VIC	Gas + Nuclear	Phase out brown coal, existing gas infrastructure
QLD	Coal → Nuclear	Existing coal baseload, transition zone
SA	Nuclear (SMRs)	Low demand, good nuclear pilot site
WA	Gas	Isolated grid, local gas access
TAS	Gas	Small, uses Basslink + gas peakers
NT	Gas	Low demand, use existing gas fields

POLICY & ECONOMIC STRATEGY

- Legislative reform to lift nuclear energy bans in Australia.
- Private-public partnerships to de-risk initial nuclear investments.
- Gas as a firming mechanism to reduce the cost of intermittency.
- Clean coal subsidies only short-term to maintain grid reliability

Introducing More Mining Designated Zones & Refining Minerals

Purpose: Create Jobs, increase GDP, drop the costs of everything.



Mining in Australia contributes to approximately 10-14% of Australia's GDP, but the Greens & Labor want to cut mining, this will drop our GDP drastically (close to 1.3 trillion). Under a Reform Government, we would set up more mining designated zones so that we could boost the GDP over the 2 trillion mark. Creating more mines would secure more jobs for Australians, this would raise GDP inturn raising the spending amount on hospitals, schools & other amenities.

We would create approximately 200,000 jobs per state that would each come with benefits and great pay, with little to no income taxes. This would lower the homelessness rate and bring up the amount of money that the Australian Government would put into government housing. This would also give councils more money based on 10% royalties. Australia will designate more mining zones to increase domestic mineral and fossil fuel extraction. This initiative will; boost employment in the mining and refining sectors, raise national GDP through the expansion of mining, and strengthen our international relations by refining extracted materials domestically before they are exported. Our key commitments include new zones across WA, NT, SA, QLD, and NSW focusing on minerals including; Uranium, Coal, Gas, Iron ore, Rare Earth Metals, Lithium, Copper and Oil. We will make sure to establish "Strategic Resource Corridors" with direct access to ports and railways. Our main goal of this policy is to make sure that NO Mineral is exported without being processed. Our major refining facilities are to be built in SA (Uranium and Rare Earth Elements), WA/ QLD (Oil, Gas, and Lithium) and NSW/ VIC (Coal, Steel and Copper). Our plan to grow employment is vital and it's the future of mining in Australia. The areas we will see direct employment growths in are as follows; Mining, Transport, Refining, Engineering, and port operations. This will have a flow on effect into regional towns, housing & services. Our target for how much the mining sector should contribute to the GDP is 15%+ by 2035. We will use our exports strategically, ensuring that minerals don't always go to the highest bidder, but to our allies so that we can reform international relations with; India, Japan, South Korea, Uk, US, etc. The bilateral trade deals we'll prioritise include; energy reliability, defence cooperation, and research & innovation partnerships.

Strategic Zones by Resource

Region	Key Resource Focus	New Infrastructure Planned
WA (Pilbara)	Iron ore, Lithium gas	LNG plant expansion, lithium refining
SA (Outback)	Uranium, Rare Earth Elements	National Uranium Refinery (Port Augusta)
NT (Beetaloo)	Shale gas, Uranium	CCS-equipped gas-to-hydrogen plants
QLD (Bowen)	Coal, Gas, Copper	Advanced coal-to-gas refineries
NSW (Hunter)	Coal, steel, rare earth elements	Clean coal pilot plants, steelworks

Australian Unified Tax Framework



Purpose: Reduce tax burden, increase efficiency, empower first home buyers, and maintain essential services.

1. Federal Collection Only

All taxes are collected at the federal level and redistributed to states and local councils based on population, infrastructure needs, and service provision requirements.

Abolished Taxes:

- State income taxes (if applicable)
- Stamp duty on first home purchases
- Payroll tax
- State-level business taxes (except royalties and environmental levies)

Retained or Modified:

- **Income Tax:** Smarter and More efficient structure
- **GST:** Retained at 10%, with exemptions for essentials (basic food, healthcare, education)
- **Corporate Tax:** Cut from 30% to 20% flat (LET'S MAKE AUSTRALIA AN INVESTMENT HAVEN)!
- **Capital Gains Tax:** Only on *second* property and above; first homes are fully exempt

Proposed New Income Tax Brackets (2028–29 onwards)

Income Range (AUD)	Tax Rate
\$0 – \$55,000	2%
\$55,001 – \$100,000	12%
\$100,001 – \$160,000	17%
\$160,001 – \$250,000	22%
\$250,001 and above	27%

There will no longer be a medicare levy as it will be folded into the tax brackets when you pay income tax. Our proposed simplified tax return will be automatically filled out from employer data.

Redistribution Mechanism

Federal Treasury distributes funding to:

- States: For hospitals, education, infrastructure
- Local Governments: For community services, waste, road maintenance

States no longer levy their own income or business taxes; instead, they receive quarterly grants with transparent accounting.

Redistribution Formula:

- 50% Population-based
- 25% Infrastructure Needs Index (INI)
- 25% Service Demand Score (SDS)

Business and Investment Incentives

- Flat 20% corporate tax
- No tax on reinvested profits in Australian-based infrastructure or R&D
- Simplified BAS for small businesses
- Ditching Payroll tax

First Home Buyer Scheme (FHB Assist 1.0)

 Minimum income required to afford a house in Australia's capital cities		
Location	Median house price	Income*
Sydney	\$1,330,000	\$261,773
Melbourne	\$870,000	\$171,235
Brisbane	\$790,000	\$155,489
Canberra	\$950,000	\$186,980
Hobart	\$685,000	\$134,823
Adelaide	\$710,000	\$139,743
Perth	\$590,000	\$116,125
Darwin	\$590,000	\$116,125

*Minimum annual income required (assuming a 6.24% interest rate)
Calculations are based on the average variable home loan interest rate, an 80% loan to value ratio with a 20% deposit, and 30% of gross income as the threshold for mortgage stress.
Source: Finder analysis of CoreLogic data

Purpose: Have more houses built, create an investment haven, support first home buyers.

- The current situation -

This is a chart that displays the average price of a house in each capital and how much money you need to make yearly to afford them. It's absolutely shocking and needs to be lowered immediately.

A powerful incentive-based system:

Eligibility:

- Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Never owned residential property
- Income less than \$150,000 (individual) or \$250,000 (couple) - Adjusted quarterly to suit the housing market

Benefits:

- 40% government equity co-investment (optional): Reduces required mortgage
- No interest on government's share for 10 years
- Stamp duty waived on first property
- \$25,000 First Home Start Grant (FHSG) toward deposit or construction
- Zero CGT on sale if government share is repaid and used toward another first home

Housing Supply Boost Measures

To ensure prices don't skyrocket from demand:

- Fast-tracked approvals for FHB developments
- Federal-funded infrastructure grants for new suburbs
- Incentives for build-to-rent projects

Upgrading Medicare to include Ambulances and Specialists



Purpose: Make sure that medicare is a universal cover of all medical commodities. E.g. Ambulances and Specialist Doctors.

1. Ambulances

Ambulances are a vital component to the front line & hospitals, in saying that, not all states have free ambulances... only QLD & TAS offer the service. Voting 1 for Reform AU means ambulances WILL be free in all states. Families are already facing enough with a collapsing bulk billing scheme & other high costs/ taxes. Reform AU realises it, Reform AU will fix it.

Our delivery plan:

Legislate Universal Ambulance Cover

- Introduce federal legislation to mandate free ambulance services nationwide, standardising access across all states and territories.
- Establish a Commonwealth Ambulance Fund to subsidise ambulance services for states currently charging fees (e.g. NSW, VIC, SA, WA, NT, ACT).
- Negotiate intergovernmental agreements with states to manage delivery while funded federally (courtesy of our *Australian Unified Tax Framework*).

2. Specialists

Expand Medicare to Fully Cover Specialist Care

- Amend Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) to ensure 100% rebate (bulk-bill equivalent) for common specialist services (e.g. cardiology, dermatology, psychiatry).
- Prioritise access for children, pensioners, and those on low incomes.
- Invest in regional outreach programs to expand access to specialists outside of capital cities.

Launch a national campaign: “Medicare Means All of It” – educating Australians on the new inclusions.

Our delivery plan:

Create a clear timeline:

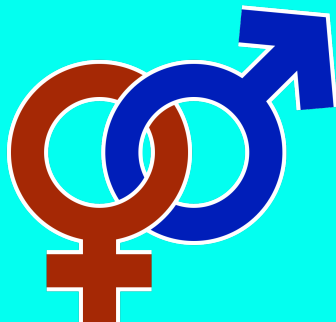
- Year 1: Free ambulance services implemented.
- Year 2–3: Rollout of fully covered specialist appointments.

Establish a dedicated Medicare Expansion Hotline for patient enquiries.

Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports & Vice Versa

Purpose: To ensure fair competition & rankings in sport

In the past 5–10 years, the rise of transgenderism has been significant, beginning with just a few individuals who wanted to be different. However, it has since evolved into what some consider a disgraceful act, primarily impacting women. Many women are tired of having to compete against men—in the Olympics, locally, and at the state level.



Therefore, this policy also proposes declaring that Australia recognises only two genders: male and female. This means that even if another country does not follow the same rule, if they are in Australia or competing against an Australian, they would be disqualified and fined an appropriate amount.

Some may view this as a dictatorial policy, but it is intended to ensure that women regain their fair opportunities. It is time to “Make Women Female Again.” There is no more “in-between” or “neither”; it is one or the other. Even if someone identifies as female while being biologically male, the government will treat them according to their birth sex.

For example, if someone was born male and later transitioned to female, and conscription were to be reinstated, that individual would still be sent to war. These are the only recognised sex symbols in Australia.

This is not a woman—this is “Lia Thomas”, a trans athlete and the first openly transgender athlete to win an NCAA Division I national championship. That award, many argue, was taken from the women who rightfully earned it.



Banning Puberty Blockers for Minors

Purpose: Make sure that children don't ruin their body for life

Ever since their release, puberty blockers have prevented many innocent childhoods from flourishing. Puberty blockers are drugs that physically stop the body from going through puberty and should have been banned a long time ago. For a product like this to be available to someone under the age of 18—effectively halting the natural development of a human being—is inhumane.

In this policy, we will outline our rules regarding puberty blockers and provide a more detailed explanation of why they will be banned for minors. Hormone therapies involving oestrogen and testosterone are only prescribed in Australia once a young person has been deemed capable of giving informed consent, usually around the age of 16. However, for puberty blockers, parents can currently consent on behalf of their child at a younger age.

Fortunately, for children in Queensland, the Crisafulli Government has recently banned the use of puberty blockers for minors. This means that most children in Queensland will remain as children, without being forced to alter their bodies.



At present, puberty blockers are only available in New South Wales through certain public hospitals, and access is limited, often requiring a waitlist. It is recommended that patients make a long appointment with their GP to discuss options. You may also refer to your local Primary Health Network's HealthPathways, if applicable. Gender-affirming HealthPathways have been localised across most of NSW.

A Family Court ruling (*Re Jamie*, 2013) overturned the previous requirement that adolescents and their families must apply to the Family Court of Australia to obtain approval to commence puberty blockers before age 18—provided both parents give consent.

Currently, people under 18 can only begin treatment when there is no dispute between parents (or those with parental responsibility), the medical practitioner, and the young person regarding:

- The adolescent's Gillick competence; or
- A diagnosis of gender dysphoria; or
- The proposed treatment for gender dysphoria.

We will ensure that no one under the age of 18 is permitted access to puberty blockers, and we will put an end to this practice once and for all.

Removing 3 flags from all Government Buildings

Purpose: be united under one flag, destroy division, create harmony



Australia is a country, Australia is united under ONE flag, we do not plan to remove the Aboriginal or Torres Islander flag from existence, but if the Prime Minister is to stand in front of a flag, it should without a doubt be the national flag. The PM is there for all Australians, no matter their background. Should we be flying the Chinese flag? Or the Indian flag?

Government buildings should reflect our national unity, not division. Displaying three flags at once has unintentionally created confusion about which symbol represents us all. The national flag—representing the Federation, the Constitution, and the shared identity of every citizen—must be the primary and sole flag flown on official government premises.



This is not about erasing heritage; it is about reaffirming that Australia, though diverse in culture and background, is one nation under one banner. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags can and should still be flown at cultural events, commemorative ceremonies, and in contexts that celebrate Indigenous history and contribution. But on official government grounds, especially where decisions are made for the whole country, it is time to return to a unified symbol that belongs to every Australian.

Australia needs unity more than ever. And unity starts with symbols that reflect our collective identity, not our differences.

“Australia is one of the only countries in the world that permanently flies multiple flags on government buildings. While cultural and indigenous identities should be honoured and celebrated, the role of a national government is to speak to and represent a united people under a single banner—just as almost every other country does.”

— Vice President, Reform Party of Australia

Introducing ‘M8 Day’ as the official federal election day



Purpose: Make it easier to take time off work, create plans early, incentivise voting on the day.

Australia deserves certainty, pride, and unity around its most sacred democratic event - Election Day. From now on, M8 Day (May 8th) will be set in stone as Australia's official Election Day, recognised as a national public holiday. No more guessing, no more shifting dates to suit political

convenience. Every Australian will know: on May 8th, we decide our future together.

Election Day should be treated with the respect it deserves. It is the one day when every citizen, no matter their background, has an equal say in the direction of our nation. What better way to recognise that than with a dedicated public holiday giving everyone the time and opportunity to fully participate without barriers?

Setting May 8th (M8 Day) as the permanent Election Day is about more than just convenience. It sends a message that voting is not a chore; it is a celebration of democracy, a shared tradition that belongs to every Australian. Just as we set dates for ANZAC Day and Australia Day, M8 Day will remind us all, every year, of the power and privilege of living in a free and democratic society.

This is not about favouring one political party or another; it is about respecting the democratic process itself. It is about enshrining a national tradition that will outlive any government or political cycle. A country that cherishes its democracy must treat Election Day with the dignity it deserves and that starts by giving it a permanent, public place on our calendar.

Australia needs stability, pride, and participation in its democracy. And that begins with M8 Day - a true celebration of the people's voice.

“Democracy is strongest when it is honoured openly and consistently. M8 Day will give every Australian the time, the pride, and the certainty to participate in shaping our shared future.”

— Vice President, Reform Party of Australia

Referendum Reform: Mandating Transparency Before the Vote



Purpose: Have transparency before elections, tell the people what to expect.

Australia's Constitution is not something to be altered behind closed doors or after ballots are counted. It is the foundation of our democracy — and any proposal to change it must be put to the people *before* a government is formed, not once power has already been secured.

From this point forward, any political party seeking to alter the Constitution must clearly and publicly declare their intention during the election period. No government should ever be allowed to gain power under one platform, only to pursue constitutional change once in office. The people deserve to know exactly what is on the table before they cast their vote.

This reform is about honesty. It is about transparency. And above all, it is about respecting the will of the people. Constitutional change should never be used as a post-election bargaining chip or policy surprise. It is too important for that.

This does not prevent a party from seeking change — it simply requires them to be honest with voters *before* they are handed a mandate. Australians deserve to make informed choices. If a party believes in constitutional reform, they should be proud enough to campaign on it — not hide it until it's too late to push back.

“No Australian should wake up after an election to discover they voted for something they were never told about. Constitutional change must be transparent, honest, and earned — never snuck through the back door.”

— Vice President, Reform Party of Australia

Coalition Clarity: Mandatory Pre-Election Partnership Statements



Purpose: Tell the people what to expect, helps people decide who to vote for.

Australians have a right to know not just *what* they are voting for — but who they are voting with.

From now on, every candidate in a federal election must submit a clear and public Coalition Statement.

That statement will declare which party or parties they are willing to work with in the event of a minority chamber. No more smoke and mirrors. No more post-election surprises.

Too often, parties campaign as though they stand alone, only to strike deals with opposing sides once the votes are in. Australians deserve to know: If you don't win outright, who will you shake hands with?

This reform ensures that voters are making an informed decision based on truth, not political theatre. If a candidate or party plans to govern with the help of others, they must say so before the election — not after.

This is about democratic integrity. It's about restoring trust. And it's about ensuring that every vote is cast with the full picture in view.

"Australians have had enough of post-election backroom deals. If you're asking for our vote, we have a right to know exactly where you stand — and who you're willing to stand next to."

— Vice President, Reform Party of Australia

Tougher Sentences for Repeat Offenders: Protecting Australians, Restoring Justice



Purpose: Protect the community, make sure people get justice.

Australia must send a clear message: crime is not a revolving door. Repeat offenders who show disregard for the law and public safety must face real, serious consequences — not endless second chances.

We propose mandatory harsher sentences for repeat offenders to restore confidence in our justice system and protect law-abiding citizens.

1. **Clear Thresholds:**
After two serious offences (such as assault, robbery, drug trafficking, or sexual offences), mandatory tougher minimum sentences apply for all further convictions.
2. **No Early Release by Default:**
Repeat offenders would no longer be automatically eligible for early parole. Parole must be earned, not assumed.
3. **Cumulative Sentencing:**
Sentences for multiple offences would be served consecutively, not concurrently — meaning real time served for every crime committed.
4. **Limited Judicial Discretion:**
Judges may only reduce sentences in exceptional cases, and must publish clear reasons when doing so.
5. **Victim-Focused Justice:**
The system must prioritise the rights of victims and law-abiding citizens over the privileges of repeat offenders.

This reform is about protecting our communities, restoring respect for the law, and ensuring that crime carries real consequences. Australians deserve a justice system that defends their safety, not one that excuses repeated criminal behaviour.

“Justice must protect the innocent, not shield the guilty. Tougher sentences for repeat offenders will bring real accountability back to our legal system.”

— Vice President, Reform Party of Australia

Securing Australia's Future: Investing in Stronger Borders



Purpose: Protect Australia and its communities.

A nation that cannot control its borders cannot guarantee its future.

Australia is a proud, sovereign country. We decide who comes

here, on what terms, and in what numbers — not people smugglers, not cartels, not foreign interests. But in recent years, cracks have appeared. Weakness invites exploitation. Now is the time to reinvest and reinforce Australia's borders with strength, technology, and willpower.

The numbers tell the story:

- In 2022–23, the Australian Border Force received \$1.9 billion in funding — a figure that has not kept pace with the scale of the challenge.
- Operation Sovereign Borders costs approximately \$400 million annually — a small price for stopping illegal arrivals but increasingly strained by new pressures.
- Recent reports show illegal maritime ventures are once again testing Australia's resolve, with over 20 boats intercepted since 2022.

We propose an immediate increase in border security funding by 25%, or approximately \$475 million annually, to achieve the following:

1. **Enhanced Maritime Surveillance:**
Upgrade aerial and naval patrol capacity to monitor and intercept vessels more effectively, before they reach our shores.
2. **Stronger Northern Infrastructure:**
Modernise facilities in critical areas such as Darwin, Christmas Island, and the Torres Strait to ensure rapid response capability.

3. **Advanced Detection Technology:**
Invest in drones, satellite surveillance, and AI analytics to identify illegal crossings, drug trafficking, and organised criminal networks.
4. **Increased Border Personnel:**
Recruit an additional 2,000 Border Force officers over the next four years, with a focus on front-line coastal protection.
5. **Permanent Offshore Processing Centres:**
Maintain and upgrade offshore processing to remove the incentive for dangerous and illegal boat journeys.

Border security is not just a defence issue — it is a national prosperity issue.

Every successful illegal entry undermines our immigration system, burdens our public services, and increases risks to our communities.

We welcome migrants — but we welcome them legally, fairly, and on Australia's terms.

*"A country that cannot defend its borders cannot defend its sovereignty.
A government that neglects border security neglects its people."*

— Vice President, Reform Party of Australia

Australia must invest now — not after a crisis. A strong border today is the guarantee of a strong nation tomorrow.

Strengthening Our International Relations

Purpose: Strengthen ties, keep peace, and protect national interests

International relations are not just about diplomacy; they are about protecting Australian jobs, securing new markets for our goods, strengthening our defence, and ensuring that Australian values are represented on the world stage. A weak or passive foreign policy leaves Australia exposed. A confident, engaged Australia secures opportunity, prosperity, and peace.



Where Australia stands today:

- Australia's exports account for approximately 23% of our GDP — our economy depends heavily on stable international partnerships.
- Defence spending is now approximately 2.1% of GDP — but strategic partnerships are equally important to national security.
- Australia currently ranks 21st globally for diplomatic influence — a ranking we must improve if we are to shape the future, not be shaped by it.

We propose a bold, clear plan to strengthen international relations:

1. **Expand Regional Partnerships:**
Deepen engagement with key Indo-Pacific neighbours — including India, Japan, Indonesia, and Vietnam — to promote security, trade, and stability in our region.
2. **Prioritise Trade Agreements:**
Fast-track negotiations for free and fair trade deals that benefit Australian industries, farmers, and exporters — while protecting Australian standards and sovereignty.
3. **Strengthen the AUKUS Alliance and QUAD Cooperation:**
Invest in long-term defence and technology partnerships that ensure Australia remains secure and ahead in an increasingly militarised world.

4. Establish New Diplomatic Posts:

Open 10 new Australian embassies and consulates by 2030, with a focus on emerging markets and strategic locations.

5. Promote Australian Values:

Actively champion democracy, free markets, human rights, and the rule of law — standing with partners who share these ideals and calling out regimes that threaten them.

6. Review Australia's Global Contributions:

Conduct a full audit of Australia's financial contributions to the British monarchy, the Paris Climate Agreement, and the World Health Organisation.

- Contributions must deliver clear, measurable benefits for Australians.
- If agreements or organisations no longer serve Australia's interests, we must renegotiate terms or withdraw.
- Taxpayer money should never be a blank cheque to foreign institutions.

Strong international relations protect Australia's sovereignty, economy, and future. Isolation is not an option. Nor is weak diplomacy. A government that invests in serious, principled engagement with the world invests in every Australian's security and prosperity.

"In a world where alliances shape destiny, Australia must be a player — not a pawn. Strong friends. Strong markets. Strong future."

— Vice President, Reform Party of Australia

The time to act is now. Australia's place in the world must be earned, not assumed.

Increasing Australia's Defence Spending



Purpose: Defend Australia, hold borders, help international relations.

The world is becoming more dangerous, not less. Regional tensions are rising, new threats are emerging, and the cost of complacency is growing by the day.

Australia cannot afford to be underprepared. Our defence must be strong, modern, and ready for anything.

For decades, defence spending was allowed to fall to historic lows, dropping to just 1.56% of GDP by the late 2000s. While recent governments have moved to rebuild our capabilities, it is not enough to meet the challenges ahead.

Where Australia stands today:

- Defence spending currently sits at around 2.1% of GDP.
- By comparison, the United States spends approximately 3.5%, Russia 4.1%, and China continues to rapidly expand its military budget.
- Australia's military personnel numbers are shrinking, with the ADF facing a recruitment shortfall of 4,400 as of 2024.
- Many critical defence assets — including ships, submarines, and aircraft — are either ageing or delayed.

We propose a clear plan for increasing Australia's defence capability:

1. Raise Defence Spending to 2.5% of GDP by 2030:

This would deliver an additional \$15–\$20 billion annually for new investments in equipment, personnel, and cyber security.

2. Expand and Modernise the ADF:

Recruit 15,000 additional personnel by 2035 to strengthen the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Fast-track upgrades to critical assets — including next-generation submarines, drones, and missile defence systems.

3. Strengthen Defence Industry Sovereignty:

Prioritise Australian-made military equipment and vehicles to boost local manufacturing and supply chain resilience.

Expand investment in domestic shipbuilding and aerospace technology.

4. Develop New Northern Defence Hubs:

Build and upgrade bases across northern Australia to project strength and deter any hostile action close to our shores.

5. Invest Heavily in Cyber and Space Capabilities:

Allocate at least \$5 billion over five years to advanced cyber defence, satellite surveillance, and critical space technologies.

A weak defence invites danger. A strong defence keeps the peace. Australia must never be vulnerable to coercion or attack. Investment in defence is investment in peace, prosperity, and the Australian way of life.

"If you want peace, prepare for war. Strong nations are respected. Weak nations are prey."

— Vice President, Reform Party of Australia

Australia must be ready — because the world will not wait for us to catch up.

Removing the Beer Tax



Purpose: help nightlife, increase spending

In Australia today, beer is taxed at one of the highest rates in the world. Every year, Australians pay over \$3.6 billion in beer taxes alone — driving up the price of a simple, cold drink with mates.

It's not just a few cents either. As of 2024:

- The federal beer excise is approximately \$60 per keg.
- A standard schooner carries over 40% tax before it even reaches your hand.
- Australia has the fourth highest beer tax rate in the developed world, behind only Norway, Japan, and Finland.

This is not about promoting alcohol abuse. It's about fairness and common sense. Australians are being punished for enjoying a legal, cultural pastime — while governments rake in billions.

We propose a simple, yet straightforward plan:

1. **Abolish the Federal Beer Excise Completely:**
Scrap the outdated and unfair beer tax to bring down prices at pubs, clubs, and bottle shops.
2. **Support Small Breweries:**
Allow independent breweries to reinvest in jobs, better products, and local communities instead of sending more to Canberra.
3. **Strengthen Hospitality and Tourism:**
Lowering beer prices will help revive pubs, restaurants, and tourism — industries still hurting after COVID shutdowns.

4. Respect Adults to Make Adult Choices:

Australians do not need their government treating them like children. We trust people to drink responsibly without needing a tax hammer over their heads.

Beer is a part of Australian culture — not a government cash cow.

Scrapping the beer tax is about fairness, freedom, and giving Australians a fair go.

"You shouldn't need to take out a mortgage just to shout your mates a round."

— Vice President, Reform Party of Australia

Enough is enough. End the beer tax.

Abortion Reform: Investing in Real Choices for Women



Purpose: save those vulnerable, give all humans rights again.

Australia's reproductive health system currently prioritises abortion services, often at the expense of alternative options such as adoption support and comprehensive maternity care. To provide genuine choice, it's imperative to invest equitably across all reproductive pathways.

Current Landscape:

- **Abortion Services:**
In South Australia alone, 4,905 abortions were performed in 2023, equating to 14.3 per 1,000 women aged 15–44. Nationally, there's a growing push for increased federal funding to ensure abortion access through agreements with states.
- **Adoption Services:**
In 2023–24, only 207 adoptions were finalised across Australia, with 173 being domestic adoptions. This stark contrast highlights a significant underinvestment in adoption pathways.
- **Caesarean Sections:**
Australia's caesarean section rate was 37% in 2020. Projections indicate this rate could reach 45% by 2030, underscoring the need for improved access and funding for such procedures.

Our Policy Proposals:

- 1. Enhance Pregnancy Support Services:**
Allocate an additional \$150 million annually to expand pregnancy support centres, counselling services, and emergency accommodations, ensuring women have access to comprehensive support regardless of their choice.
- 2. Invest in Maternity Care:**
Increase funding by \$100 million annually to improve access to elective caesarean sections and other maternity services, ensuring women can make informed choices about their birthing options.
- 3. Revitalise Adoption Services:**
Commit \$50 million annually to modernise adoption processes, reduce bureaucratic hurdles, and provide post-adoption support, making adoption a more accessible and supported option for families.
- 4. Establish a National Pregnancy Helpline:**
Create a 24/7 helpline offering unbiased information on all reproductive options, ensuring women receive comprehensive guidance tailored to their individual circumstances.
- 5. Ensure Equitable Funding Across All Reproductive Choices:**
Conduct a thorough audit of current reproductive health funding to identify disparities and reallocate resources to ensure balanced support for all options, including parenting, adoption, and abortion.

True choice is rooted in comprehensive support.

By investing equitably across all reproductive pathways, we empower women to make informed decisions that align with their values and circumstances.

“Empowering women means providing all the options — not just one.”

— Vice President, Reform Party of Australia

Upgrading Amenities in Every Town

Purpose: upgrade old amenities, spend more regionally, invest in our people

Australia's regional and suburban towns have powered our nation's economy, agriculture, and industries for generations. Yet for too long, these communities have been overlooked when it comes to vital services. It's time to reverse the neglect.

Formed in the regional electorate of Calare, our party understands firsthand the challenges regional Australians face — because it's where we began, and it's who we stand for.

We are committing to upgrading essential public infrastructure across every town — including hospitals, schools, police stations, fire stations, and ambulance bays — to deliver a safer, healthier, and more prosperous future for all Australians.

The Current Situation:

- **Hospitals:**
Regional and rural hospitals report staffing shortages 2–4 times higher than metropolitan hospitals.
- **Schools:**
Students in regional areas are 40% more likely to lack specialist teachers compared to those in cities.
- **Emergency Services:**
Volunteer fire brigades and ambulance services in rural Australia face critical underfunding, with equipment often decades old.



Our Policy Proposals:

1. **\$5 Billion Infrastructure Fund:**
Establish a dedicated \$5 billion fund to modernise hospitals, schools, police, fire, and ambulance stations across regional and suburban Australia over four years.
2. **Priority Health Upgrades:**
Fast-track upgrades to regional hospitals and community health centres, focusing on emergency departments, maternity wards, and mental health services.
3. **Modern Education Facilities:**
Upgrade primary and secondary schools with new classrooms, specialist facilities (science labs, arts rooms), and upgraded sporting grounds.
4. **Strengthening Emergency Response:**
Build or modernise 350 police stations, 200 ambulance bays, and 250 fire stations nationwide, prioritising regional areas most at risk of slow emergency response times.
5. **Local Jobs Guarantee:**
Require that at least 70% of construction contracts under this program go to local companies and workers, ensuring that funding directly benefits local economies.

Strong communities need strong foundations. We believe every Australian town deserves world-class services — no matter their postcode.

"We won't let small towns be second-class citizens in their own country."

— Vice President, Reform Party of Australia

Proposed high speed rail nationwide

Purpose: Unleash Australia's infrastructure rail potential



Reform Au is pledging a high speed rail that spans cross-country from Sydney to Perth, Darwin to Melbourne, etc. the rail will cap at 350 kilometres an hour. The proposed train is similar to the 'Whoosh', currently in service in Indonesia, which has seen great success.

Indonesia's high speed rail system currently travels between the capital Jakarta and city of Bandung, similar to the current proposal of Sydney to Newcastle high speed rail with a cost of \$30-40B. The Whoosh only had a price tag of \$7B.

Reform Au argues that by drawing from the Indonesian model, Australia can deliver a cost-effective & efficient transport solution. This solution will drastically reduce travel times between major cities, stimulate regional economies, and relieve pressure on domestic air travel. By investing in proven technology and international partnerships, Reform Au believes this infrastructure could be delivered at a fraction of the cost of previous government proposals, while still achieving world-class standards.

Proposal map:

IN PROGRESS

Our Pledge to Deliver for Australia

If elected, the Reform Party of Australia makes an unwavering commitment to deliver the comprehensive "Steps to Reforming Australia" outlined in this document. We understand that trust must be earned, and we pledge to work tirelessly every day to implement these crucial reforms for the benefit of all Australians.

Our Commitment to You:

- We will act with urgency: Recognising the pressing challenges facing our nation, we will prioritise the swift and effective implementation of these policies.
- We will be transparent and accountable: We will regularly report on our progress, providing clear updates on the implementation of each reform and holding ourselves accountable for the outcomes.
- We will put Australians first: Every decision we make will be guided by the principle of prioritising the needs and interests of the Australian people.
- We will listen and engage: We are committed to ongoing dialogue with Australians, understanding the impact of these reforms, and making adjustments as needed to ensure their effectiveness.
- We will work with integrity: We will uphold the highest standards of honesty and ethical conduct in the delivery of these promises.

Specifically, within our first term, we commit to:

- Immediately commence the staged reduction of net overseas migration as outlined in our plan to alleviate pressure on housing and infrastructure.
- Introduce legislation to ban foreign ownership of residential property and launch a significant government-backed affordable housing construction program.
- Enact an immediate cut to the petrol excise for the entirety of our term, providing direct cost-of-living relief.
- Begin the legislative process to lift the ban on nuclear energy and initiate planning for Small Modular Reactors.
- Introduce legislation to establish new Mining Designated Zones and streamline the refining of critical minerals within Australia.
- Implement the Australian Unified Tax Framework, simplifying the tax system and lowering the tax burden for individuals and businesses.

- Launch the First Home Buyer Scheme (FHB Assist 1.0) to make home ownership more accessible for first-time buyers.
- Legislate the inclusion of ambulances and specialist doctor consultations under Medicare nationwide.
- Enforce clear rules keeping men out of women's sports and vice versa, ensuring fairness and integrity in competition.
- Pass legislation to ban puberty blockers for minors, protecting children from irreversible medical interventions.
- Implement the policy of flying only the Australian National Flag on all government buildings, reinforcing national unity.
- Establish May 8th ("M8 Day") as the permanent federal election day and a national public holiday, celebrating our democracy.
- Enact Referendum Reform requiring transparency and pre-election disclosure of any proposed constitutional changes.
- Mandate Pre-Election Partnership Statements for all candidates, ensuring clarity on potential coalition arrangements.
- Introduce and enforce tougher sentences for repeat offenders, prioritising community safety.
- Increase investment in border security to strengthen Australia's borders and protect our sovereignty.
- Increase Australia's Defence Spending by raising defence spending to 2.5% of the GDP to ensure our security, sovereignty, and readiness in an increasingly dangerous world.
- Removing the Beer Tax by abolishing the federal beer tax to give Australians a fair go, support small businesses, and strengthen hospitality without treating adults like children.
- Invest in Real Choices for Women by equitably funding pregnancy, adoption, and maternity care — ensuring real, supported choices for every circumstance.
- Upgrading Amenities in Every Town through adding \$5 billion local infrastructure investment.



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