

INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PEOPLE NOT PROFIT

Infrastructure projects and grants for people and communities, not corporate profits

For too long we have had infrastructure projects and planning that boost corporate profits, rather than serving people and communities.

The Liberal Party has used local community infrastructure funding for election announcements, with project decision-making based on politics, not what the community wants and needs.

The Greens will empower community voices, and improve how grant funding is allocated so it's transparent and meets genuine community needs.

We want infrastructure to work for all, not just the big corporations.

THE GREENS WILL:

- ▲ End the corruption of grants being co-opted by politicians for pork barrelling by ensuring grants funds are provided through transparent, accountable funding programs.
- ▲ Invest \$3 billion into local sports facilities, playgrounds and parks, allocated based on a transparent mechanism.
- ▲ Ensure the **community is at the centre of project planning** by requiring major projects over \$100 million to have an independent evaluation and community consultation.

POLICY INITIATIVE



PAYING FOR OUR PLAN

By making billionaires and big corporations pay their fair share of tax and winding back handouts to big polluters, we can build a better life for all of us.

1 in 3 big corporations pays no tax and many big corporations and billionaires send their profits offshore tax free.

The Greens will tax billionaires with a new 'billionaires tax', require big corporations making excessive profits to pay a 'corporate super-profits tax' and axe billions of dollars in handouts to the coal, oil and gas giants that are driving the climate crisis.

These measures have all been costed by the independent Parliamentary Budget Office.

When big corporations and billionaires pay their fair share, everyone can have the services they need for a better life.

PARKS, POOLS AND PLAYGROUNDS FOR ALL OF US

The Liberal Party has used funding for local community infrastructure to create election announcements, often without independent assessment or community consultation. The Greens will end the system that enables grant programs to be co-opted by politicians for pork barrelling.

A \$3 billion fund will allocate funding to local communities based on an independent assessment of applications, with clear criteria and decision making transparently determined and recorded. This will stop governments from using a corrupted and non-transparent process, and replace it with a fair process where community voices are heard.

Communities that have missed out for years would get funding for the parks, pools and

playgrounds they genuinely need. This new investment will create jobs all over Australia by funding local, shovel-ready projects that will provide direct benefits for decades to come.

BUILDING THE RIGHT PROJECTS

Far too often, governments are designing and building infrastructure to boost corporate profits rather than best meeting community needs. We must stop building roads and airports that are justified on the basis of secret economic and transport modelling, are not part of an overall transport strategy, and do not have input from the community. The Greens will change how infrastructure is planned and assessed, so that we can have properly designed public infrastructure that is built with community input.

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The Greens will require all projects worth over \$100m that receive any Commonwealth funding to go through an independent assessment, including in-depth community consultation. Our plan will ensure that communities have a voice when it comes to their infrastructure.

HOW THE GREENS HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR YOU

In the last parliament, it was The Greens who:

- ▲ Showed how The Liberal Party was behind sports rorts, using a community sports infrastructure fund to allocate grants based on electoral considerations.
- ▲ Introduced the 'Level Playing Field' bill to fund the clubs that missed out on community sport infrastructure due to sports rorts.
- ▲ Fought to hold The Liberal Party accountable for their rorts in building commuter car parks and other programs.

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