



SENATE CANDIDATES

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Delivering Affordable Reliable Energy for all Australians

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ISSUES

- Affordable and reliable electricity is the absolute foundation of modern life. It is needed for everything from heating and lighting to charging our phones, paying bills and powering our industries.
- Labor and the Greens Political Party want to put all our eggs in one basket with an expensive renewables-only approach to our electricity system, leaving Australians paying among the highest power bills in the world (up to 56 cents per kWh rather than 26 cents per kWh in the USA) and risking the lights going out.
- Far from cutting power bills by \$275 per household per year as the government promised at the election, power bills have since increased by up to \$1000.
- No country in the world relies solely on solar and wind, and indeed, in the UK and European countries, there is a realisation a renewables only approach does not work and they are turning to nuclear energy.
- In their desperation to meet renewables targets, Labor is steamrolling regional communities into industrialising farmland, and in doing so, destroying the very environment they claim to protect.
- The rights of property owners are being significantly eroded by government and power companies.
- Far from producing cheaper power, as the government claims, cutting coal-fired power back to under 10 per cent of the total in just six years will create massive disruption, vast additional costs, and widespread blackouts.
- 90 per cent of baseload electricity, predominantly from coal fired power stations, is coming to the end of life over the next decade with no viable options to replace them.
- Heavy industries and associated jobs are moving offshore where the cost of energy is cheaper. This will only accelerate if we continue on the renewables only trajectory.

SOLUTIONS

Jim and Lachlan will fight to:

- Legislate that the main objective of the electricity supply system is to provide access to reliable and affordable electricity for all Australian households and businesses.



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- Repeal the ban on nuclear energy and support the establishment of a civil nuclear programme in Australia, funded by the private sector with new power stations located adjacent to existing coal and gas fired plants.
- Maintain our current coal and gas fired power stations to support the energy transition to nuclear.
- Phase out all subsidies for industrial scaled renewable developments, while still supporting community energy resources, such as roof top solar.
- Stop the reckless destruction of natural areas and high quality farmland by so called renewables projects.
- Protect the rights of rural landowners in their dealings with power companies.

