



POLICY DOCUMENT

Advance Australia Party

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A new vision for Australia's future.

Australia stands at a crossroads. Our nation has been blessed with vast natural wealth, a resilient people, and a rich history of innovation and progress. But for too long, our resources have been undervalued, our industries have been under-utilised, and our people have not reaped the full rewards of their hard work. It is time to change that.

The Advance Australia Party is founded on a simple yet powerful belief: Australia's future should be built by Australians, for Australians. We are a nation of builders, pioneers, and problem-solvers, and our policies will reflect the values that have made this country great—strength, fairness, and opportunity for all.

We believe in an Australia that harnesses its full potential, where every citizen benefits from our natural wealth, where businesses thrive under fair and intelligent policy, and where the government is accountable to the people—not to foreign interests or corporate monopolies.

Our vision is bold:

- A **stronger** economy—one that rewards innovation, investment, and hard work.
- A **fairer** tax system—where industries contribute their fair share and everyday Australians get a better deal.
- A more **independent** Australia—where our wealth is reinvested in our people, not lost to overseas corporations.

- A nation that **leads** the world in **prosperity**, **opportunity**, and national **pride**.

This Policy Document is not just a blueprint—it is a commitment to action. It outlines the practical, principled steps we will take to secure a better future for all Australians. Together, we can advance our nation towards a more prosperous, self-reliant, and fairer future.

It is time to Advance Australia.

1. A Stronger Economy

A strong economy is the foundation of a thriving nation. It creates jobs, funds essential services, and secures Australia's future prosperity. The Advance Australia Party believes in an economy that is dynamic, self-reliant, and built for the benefit of all Australians—not just a privileged few.

Our approach prioritises **fair taxation, responsible resource management, support for local industries, and future-proofing our economy** to ensure long-term stability. With **strategic reforms**, we can build a system that rewards hard work, fosters innovation, and ensures Australian wealth stays in Australian hands.

Key Policies for a Stronger Economy

1. A Fairer Resource Taxation System

The Sliding Scale Royalty Model

Australia's resource wealth belongs to its people. Our current royalty system does not maximise national benefit, allowing major corporations to extract vast wealth while contributing disproportionately little.

The Advance Australia Party will implement a **Sliding Scale Royalty Model** with a **base rate of 22.5%**, ensuring that royalties increase when commodity prices are high and decrease when they are low. With 50% of proceeds to the state of origin and 50% to the federal government. This approach will:

- Generate **tens of billions in additional revenue** for public services.
- Provide **stability** for resource companies in downturns, ensuring continued investment.
- Ensure **fair compensation** for Australia's natural resources.

2. Revitalising Australian Manufacturing & Industry

Global supply chain disruptions have **exposed Australia's over-reliance on foreign imports**. To rebuild **domestic manufacturing and industry**, we will:

- Provide **tax incentives** for Australian companies that manufacture locally.
- Introduce **"Buy Australian" procurement policies** for government projects.

- Invest in **advanced manufacturing**, including clean energy, pharmaceutical and high-tech industries.
- Reduce red tape for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to encourage growth.

3. Tax Reform for a Fairer Economy

Our taxation system should **reward hard work and innovation, not burden working Australians while multinational corporations exploit loopholes.**

The Advance Australia Party will implement:

- **Corporate Tax Integrity Measures** to close loopholes that allow tax avoidance.
- A **simplified and fairer tax system** that reduces unnecessary complexity for small businesses.
- Lower income taxes for middle-class Australians to **boost spending power and economic growth.**

4. Strengthening Regional and Agricultural Development

Australia's **regional and agricultural sectors** are vital to our economy. We will:

- Support **water security initiatives** to protect Australia's farmers.
- Increase funding for **regional infrastructure**, including transport and digital connectivity.
- Implement **stronger safeguards against foreign buyouts** of Australian agricultural land and water rights.

5. Smart Investment in Infrastructure & Technology

A modern economy needs **world-class infrastructure and technological innovation**. We will:

- Expand **nationwide high-speed internet and telecommunications**.
- Upgrade **transport infrastructure** to improve logistics and trade.
- Fund **clean energy innovation** to position Australia as a global leader in renewable energy exports.

Conclusion: Advancing Australia's Economic Future

A strong, self-reliant economy is within our reach. Through **fair taxation, resource management, industry support, and smart investment**, we can create a future where **Australians benefit first from Australia's wealth**. The Advance Australia Party is committed to **restoring economic strength, fairness, and independence**—ensuring prosperity for generations to come.

It's time to **Advance Australia** with a bold, forward-thinking economic plan that puts the nation first.

2. A Kinder Economy

A prosperous nation must also be a compassionate one. The Advance Australia Party believes that economic success must translate into social well-being, ensuring that every Australian has access to secure housing, essential healthcare, and financial protection in times of hardship.

A kinder economy means **reducing inequality**, providing **universal access to basic needs**, and creating a safety net that empowers individuals rather than trapping them in disadvantage.

Key Policies for a Kinder Economy

1. Increased Refugee Intake & Border Security

Australia has a proud history of offering refuge to those in need. To uphold our humanitarian obligations while ensuring national security, we will:

- Increase **refugee intake from UNHCR camps**, prioritising those fleeing war and persecution.
- Maintain **strong ocean border security** to prevent unsafe and illegal boat arrivals, reducing **unnecessary deaths at sea**.
- Ensure a **fair and controlled migration policy**, protecting the integrity of Australia's immigration system.

2. Managing Immigration for Housing Stability

With the current **housing crisis**, immigration levels must be carefully managed to prevent further undersupply. We will:

- Implement **temporary reductions in general immigration** until housing availability stabilises.
- Prioritise **skilled migration programs that align with workforce shortages**.
- Ensure **new arrivals have adequate housing support** before entering the rental market.

3. Expanding Social Housing Programs

Access to safe and affordable housing is a fundamental right. To address the growing housing crisis, we will:

- Increase **federal investment in social and affordable housing**.
- Provide **tax incentives** for private sector partnerships in affordable housing developments.
- Implement a **rent-to-own scheme** to help lower-income Australians transition to homeownership.

4. Universal Dental & Optical Healthcare

Good health should not be a privilege. To strengthen Medicare, we will:

- Expand **Medicare to cover dental and optical services**.
- Increase **bulk-billing incentives** for essential healthcare services.
- Establish **community dental and optical clinics** in underserved regions.

5. Strengthening the NDIS & Disability Support

The **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)** is essential for supporting Australians with disabilities. We will:

- **Increase funding** to ensure **timely and quality care** for NDIS participants.
- Implement **stronger oversight** to prevent roting and ensure services remain accessible.

- Expand **employment programs for disabled Australians**, creating pathways to independence.

6. National Income Protection Insurance

Inspired by **Switzerland's economic security model**, we propose a **National Income Protection Insurance** scheme to provide financial security during unemployment or illness. This system will:

- Offer **temporary wage support** for individuals who lose their jobs.
- Be **funded by a joint contribution model** from employers and employees, ensuring sustainability.
- Provide **retraining and upskilling programs** to help Australians transition into new industries.

7. Reforming the Prison System

A fair and rehabilitative justice system strengthens society. Australia should look to **Nordic models** that focus on rehabilitation over punishment. We will:

- Transition from a **punitive model to a rehabilitative system**, reducing reoffending rates.
- Expand **education and vocational training programs** in prisons.
- Improve **mental health services** for incarcerated individuals, aiding successful reintegration.

Conclusion: A More Compassionate Australia

A strong economy is only meaningful if it improves the lives of all Australians. By investing in **social housing, universal healthcare, and income protection**, we can create a **more equitable, supportive, and prosperous nation**.

The Advance Australia Party is committed to ensuring that **no Australian is left behind**—because a fair society is the foundation of true national success.

It's time to **Advance Australia** towards a **kinder, more secure future**.

3. A Smarter Australia

Anation's strength is built on the education of its people. The Advance Australia Party believes in **raising Australia's education standards** by adopting **global best practices**, supporting **teachers**, and ensuring that **every child has access to high-quality education and lifelong skills**.

Key Policies for a Smarter Australia

1. Raising Teacher Standards & Wages

- Increase **teacher salaries** to attract and retain the best educators.
- Raise **university entrance requirements** for teaching degrees to improve educational quality.
- Implement **mandatory continuing professional development** for teachers to ensure high standards in education.

2. Meals in Schools

- Provide **nutritious school meals** for all students to improve health and learning outcomes.
- Partner with **local farmers and food producers** to support Australian agriculture.

3. Coding & Digital Literacy from Primary School

- Introduce **coding and digital skills** from an early age to prepare students for the modern workforce.
- Integrate **STEM-based education** into all levels of schooling.

4. Curriculum Based on Global Best Practices

- Research and implement **proven educational methods** from high-performing countries such as Finland, Singapore, and Canada.

- Modernise the curriculum to **reflect real-world skills and adaptability**.

5. A National Service Year After Graduation

- Require all high school graduates to complete **one year of national service**, focusing on:
 - **Firefighting training** to assist during bushfires.
 - **First aid and medical response skills**.
 - **Survival skills and disaster preparedness**.
 - **Physical fitness and well-being education**.

Conclusion: Investing in Australia's Future

A **Smarter Australia** is one where every citizen is equipped with the knowledge and skills to succeed. Through **better teacher standards, modern curricula, coding education, school meals, and national service**, we will create a **stronger, more capable, and prepared nation**.

It's time to **Advance Australia** towards a **brighter, more intelligent future**.

4. A Strengthened Australia

National security and self-reliance are essential for Australia's future. The Advance Australia Party believes in investing in our defence capabilities, developing homegrown military technologies, and ensuring that our nation is prepared for any threat.

Key Policies for a Strengthened Australia

1. National Service & Conscription

- Implement **one year of mandatory national service** for all high school graduates, covering:
 - **Firefighting training**
 - **First aid and medical response**
 - **Survival skills and disaster preparedness**
 - **Physical fitness and mental resilience training**

2. Australian-Built Defence Technologies

- Increase **investment in local defence manufacturing**.
- Ensure **greater self-reliance in military equipment and cyber capabilities**.

3. Cybersecurity & AI Defence Initiatives

- Establish a **national cyber command** to defend against digital threats.
- Invest in **artificial intelligence for strategic defence applications**.

4. Increased ADF Spending & Capability Expansion

- Expand **the Australian Defence Force (ADF)** to meet modern security challenges.
- Strengthen **alliances and military readiness**.

Conclusion: A More Secure Future

A **strong, independent, and secure Australia** is essential for national prosperity. Through **military self-reliance, cybersecurity advancements, and a well-trained population**, we will **fortify Australia's future**.

It's time to **Advance Australia** with a **bold and strategic defence policy**.

5. A more connected people

A truly modern and efficient Australia requires world-class infrastructure, connectivity, and strategic urban development. The Advance Australia Party believes in building high-speed rail networks, expanding digital access, and creating future-focused satellite cities to ensure all Australians—regardless of location—are well-connected and have access to opportunity.

Key Policies for a More Connected People

1. High-Speed Rail for National Connectivity

- Develop an **integrated high-speed rail network** connecting major cities and regional hubs.
- Prioritise **strategic routes** that enhance economic development and reduce congestion.
- Invest in **sustainable and efficient rail technology** to future-proof transportation.

2. Expanding NBN & Regional Internet Access

- Upgrade **National Broadband Network (NBN)** to full **fibre-to-premises (FTTP)**.
- Ensure **affordable and high-speed satellite internet** for regional communities.
- Incentivise **private sector partnerships** to expand high-speed connectivity.

3. Creating State-of-the-Art Satellite Cities

- Develop **planned satellite cities** near **agricultural and resource hubs** to decentralise growth.
- Ensure **high-speed rail connections** to major urban centres.
- Implement **smart city technologies** for efficient energy use, transportation, and sustainability.

Conclusion: Building a More Connected Australia

By investing in **infrastructure, digital access, and new urban developments**, we can create a **stronger, more connected nation** where opportunity is accessible to all Australians. The Advance Australia Party is committed to making Australia a leader in **transportation, technology, and sustainable city planning**.

It's time to **Advance Australia** towards a **more connected and prosperous future**.

6. A greener Australia

Australia's natural environment is one of our most valuable assets. The Advance Australia Party believes in **balancing economic growth with environmental responsibility**, ensuring **sustainable resource management, clean energy investment, and strong conservation efforts** for future generations.

Key Policies for a Greener Australia

1. Investing in Renewable Energy & Clean Technology

- Expand **solar, wind, and hydrogen energy infrastructure**.
- Support **research into nuclear energy feasibility** as a long-term sustainable option.
- Offer **incentives for businesses and households** to transition to renewable energy solutions.

2. Strengthening Water Security & Conservation

- Implement **national water management strategies** to improve drought resilience.
- Increase funding for **water recycling, desalination, and sustainable irrigation**.
- Protect **Australia's rivers and groundwater reserves** from over-extraction.

3. Reforestation & Land Rehabilitation

- Launch a **National Reforestation Program** to restore degraded lands.
- Support **farmers and landowners** in sustainable land management practices.
- Expand **protected areas and national parks** to safeguard biodiversity.

4. Sustainable Agriculture & Circular Economy Initiatives

- Provide **grants for sustainable farming methods** to improve soil health and reduce emissions.
- Support **waste reduction and recycling industries** to create a circular economy.
- Incentivise **low-carbon farming and regenerative agriculture**.

5. Environmental Protection & Wildlife Conservation

- Strengthen **laws against deforestation and habitat destruction**.
- Increase funding for **wildlife conservation programs**.
- Introduce **stricter penalties for pollution and illegal land clearing**.

Conclusion: A Sustainable Future for Australia

A **prosperous future** must also be a **sustainable one**. Through **clean energy investments, conservation efforts, and sustainable industry reforms**, we can ensure that **Australia's natural beauty and resources remain intact for future generations**.

It's time to **Advance Australia** towards a **cleaner, greener future**.

7. A healthy Australia

A strong nation requires a healthy population. The Advance Australia Party is committed to strengthening Medicare, expanding mental health services, improving hospital infrastructure, and promoting preventative healthcare to ensure every Australian has access to world-class healthcare services.

Key Policies for a Healthier Australia

1. Strengthening Medicare & Expanding Healthcare Access

- Expand **Medicare coverage to include dental and optical care.**
- Increase **bulk-billing incentives** to improve affordability of GP services.
- Fund **new hospital and emergency department expansions** to reduce waiting times.

2. Investing in Mental Health Services

- Increase **funding for mental health programs and crisis intervention services.**
- Expand **access to psychological care through Medicare.**
- Implement **mental health support initiatives in schools and workplaces.**

3. Improving Preventative Healthcare & Public Health

- Launch **national preventative healthcare campaigns** to reduce rates of obesity, diabetes, and heart disease.
- Increase **funding for vaccination programs and disease prevention research.**
- Promote **better nutrition and exercise education in schools.**

4. Supporting Regional & Remote Healthcare

- Invest in **telehealth and mobile healthcare services** for rural areas.
- Provide **incentives for doctors and healthcare workers** to work in regional Australia.
- Expand **rural hospital infrastructure** to ensure quality care outside major cities.

5. Boosting Local Pharmaceutical & Medical Research

- Support **Australian-based pharmaceutical manufacturing** to reduce reliance on imports.
- Increase **funding for medical research and innovative treatments**.
- Strengthen **pandemic preparedness and rapid response capabilities**.

Conclusion: A Healthier Future for All Australians

By **expanding healthcare access, improving mental health services, investing in preventative care, and strengthening regional healthcare**, we will ensure a **strong, healthy, and resilient population**.

The Advance Australia Party is committed to building a **healthcare system that leaves no Australian behind**.

It's time to **Advance Australia** towards a **healthier, stronger future**.

8. A Stronger Democracy

A truly democratic nation must be transparent, accountable, and responsive to the needs of its people. The Advance Australia Party is committed to strengthening democratic institutions, increasing transparency, and ensuring that government serves the public interest, not corporate or foreign influence.

Key Policies for a Stronger Democracy

1. Political Donation & Lobbying Reform

- Introduce **strict caps on political donations** to prevent undue corporate and foreign influence.
- Increase **transparency in political lobbying**, requiring real-time public disclosure of meetings between politicians and lobbyists.
- Ban **foreign donations to political parties and candidates**.

2. Strengthening Government Transparency & Accountability

- Establish a **Federal Anti-Corruption Commission** with the power to investigate government misconduct.
- Introduce **stronger whistleblower protections** to safeguard those who expose corruption.
- Implement **mandatory public reporting on all government contracts** and procurement decisions.

3. Electoral Reform & Citizen Engagement

- Implement **optional preferential voting** in all elections to ensure fair representation.
- Lower the **barriers for independent candidates** to run for office, reducing reliance on major parties.
- Expand **civic education in schools** to foster informed participation in democracy.

4. Media Integrity & Misinformation Prevention

- Strengthen **media ownership laws** to prevent monopolisation and ensure diverse perspectives.
- Increase penalties for **deliberate misinformation campaigns** that undermine public trust.
- Support **independent public-interest journalism** through funding and legal protections.

5. Reforming Political Pensions & Entitlements

- Tie **MP and PM retirement pensions** to the **national average and median wages** to ensure fairness.
- Reduce **excessive lifetime benefits** for former politicians.
- Implement **transparent reporting** of all MP entitlements and travel expenses.

Conclusion: A More Accountable & Representative Government

A strong democracy is built on **integrity, transparency, and active citizen participation**. By implementing **political donation caps, stronger anti-corruption measures, electoral reforms, and media accountability**, we will **restore trust in government and empower all Australians**.

The Advance Australia Party is committed to ensuring that **democracy works for the people, not just the powerful**.

It's time to **Advance Australia** towards a **fairer, more democratic future**.

9. A Thriving Regional Australia

Regional Australia is the backbone of the nation, contributing significantly to agriculture, mining, tourism, and manufacturing. However, **underinvestment in infrastructure, healthcare, and education has led to population decline and economic stagnation** in many rural areas. The Advance Australia Party is committed to **revitalising regional Australia** by ensuring fair investment, improved services, and sustainable development.

Key Policies for a Thriving Regional Australia

1. Boosting Regional Infrastructure & Transport

- Expand **road, rail, and air transport networks** to improve regional connectivity.
- Fund **high-speed rail links between major cities and regional hubs**.
- Upgrade **regional airports and freight corridors** to support local industries.

2. Strengthening Regional Healthcare Services

- Invest in **new and upgraded regional hospitals** to reduce the need for long-distance travel.
- Expand **telehealth services** to ensure rural communities have access to medical specialists.
- Provide **financial incentives to doctors and nurses** to work in rural and remote areas.

3. Supporting Agricultural & Primary Industries

- Ensure **fair water distribution and security** for farmers.
- Invest in **agricultural research and innovation** to improve productivity and sustainability.
- Protect **Australian farmland from foreign acquisitions**.
- Support **small and medium-sized farms** with financial grants and modern equipment.

4. Encouraging Regional Business & Workforce Growth

- Introduce **tax incentives for businesses relocating to regional areas.**
- Support **regional start-ups and local manufacturing industries.**
- Expand **vocational training programs** to equip regional workers with in-demand skills.

5. Strengthening Digital Connectivity & Education

- Upgrade **regional internet infrastructure** with **fibre-to-premises (FTTP) NBN.**
- Ensure **equitable access to affordable satellite internet for remote communities.**
- Expand **regional universities and TAFE programs** to retain students locally.

Conclusion: Empowering Regional Australia

By investing in infrastructure, strengthening regional industries, and improving essential services, we can create a **prosperous and self-sufficient regional Australia.** The Advance Australia Party is committed to ensuring that **no community is left behind** and that **regional Australians have the same opportunities as those in urban centres.**

It's time to **Advance Australia** towards a **thriving, connected, and empowered regional future.**

10. An Innovative Australia

Innovation is the key to future economic prosperity and technological leadership. The Advance Australia Party is committed to fostering **cutting-edge research, supporting start-ups, and embracing emerging technologies** to position Australia as a global leader in innovation.

Key Policies for an Innovative Australia

1. Supporting Research & Development (R&D)

- Increase **funding for university and private-sector research** in high-growth industries.
- Strengthen **collaborations between academia and businesses** to fast-track innovation.
- Provide **tax incentives for companies investing in R&D and new technologies**.

2. Encouraging Blockchain & Cryptocurrency Adoption

- Establish **regulatory frameworks to support responsible cryptocurrency use**.
- Encourage **blockchain adoption in government and finance** for secure transactions.
- Position Australia as a **global leader in decentralised finance (DeFi) and digital asset innovation**.

3. Developing AI & Cybersecurity Capabilities

- Invest in **artificial intelligence (AI) research and applications** for economic growth.
- Strengthen **national cybersecurity measures** to protect digital assets and infrastructure.
- Promote **AI-driven solutions in healthcare, defence, and public services**.

4. Expanding Space & Advanced Manufacturing Industries

- Support **Australia's space industry** to compete globally in satellite and exploration technology.
- Develop **high-tech manufacturing hubs** for aerospace, robotics, and nanotechnology.
- Partner with **private space companies** to position Australia as a leader in space innovation.

5. Digital Transformation & Future-Proofing the Economy

- Modernise **public services through digital transformation** and automation.
- Support **the gig economy and remote work industries** with fair protections.
- Encourage **nationwide adoption of smart city technologies**.

Conclusion: Pioneering Australia's Future

By embracing **blockchain, AI, space exploration, and future technologies**, we will position Australia as a **global innovation powerhouse**. The Advance Australia Party is committed to ensuring **Australia leads the next wave of technological advancement**.

It's time to **Advance Australia** towards an **innovative, high-tech future**.

11. Other initiatives

Beyond our core economic, social, and technological policies, the Advance Australia Party recognises the need for additional reforms and initiatives to ensure a **better quality of life, stronger governance, and a more resilient nation**. This chapter outlines other key initiatives that will contribute to a **fairer, safer, and more prosperous Australia**.

Key Additional Policies

1. Strengthening Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Response

- Increase **investment in national bushfire and flood mitigation strategies**.
- Expand **funding for the SES, volunteer firefighting brigades, and disaster response agencies**.
- Develop **regional resilience programs** to better equip communities for extreme weather events.

2. Animal Welfare & Conservation

- Strengthen **animal cruelty laws** with harsher penalties for offenders.
- Increase **funding for wildlife conservation and habitat restoration programs**.
- Support **ethical and sustainable farming practices**.

3. Enhancing Public Transport & Urban Mobility

- Expand **high-speed rail projects** to connect more cities and regions.
- Improve **public transport infrastructure and accessibility**.
- Promote **clean and green transport alternatives**, including expanded cycling lanes and electric vehicle incentives.

4. Arts, Culture & National Identity

- Increase **funding for the creative arts, film, and music industries.**
- Protect **Australia's historical and cultural heritage sites.**
- Support **Indigenous-led cultural initiatives and programs.**

5. Affordable Childcare & Work-Life Balance

- Expand **subsidies for childcare to ease financial strain on families.**
- Support **flexible work arrangements and parental leave reforms.**
- Encourage **greater workplace protections to promote work-life balance.**

6. Indigenous Affairs

- Recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the **First Peoples of Australia and the traditional custodians** of the land
- **Treaty development** in partnership with indigenous communities
- An indigenous **governor-general** system elected by a council of elders, a new form of government. Changing the model from the Commonwealth to an Aboriginal Sovereign model whilst retaining the traditions of the Westminster system.
- Guaranteed seats in parliament. An additional 7 seats in the senate and an additional 8 seats in house of representatives.

All to be of indigenous Australians voted for by the indigenous peoples of Australia. These 15 are also tasked with being the council responsible for electing the Governor-General from amongst their council. The governor-general must sit for a minimum of two election cycles (unless medically unable).

- **Justice Reform** - along with our change from incarceration to rehabilitation focus on alternatives to custody for non-violent offences and invest in early intervention and cultural education
- Ensure **equitable access to schooling, training and university**

Conclusion: Advancing Australia in Every Way

While our core policies focus on economic strength, social equity, and innovation, these additional initiatives reflect our broader commitment to **building a stronger, fairer, and more resilient nation**. By addressing **emergency preparedness, animal welfare, transport, culture, and family support**, we ensure a **holistic approach to national progress**.

It's time to **Advance Australia** in every aspect of life, ensuring a **better future for all Australians**.