



POLICY DOCUMENT

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A new vision for Tasmania'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. Starting with Tasmania.

1. A Stronger Economy

A strong economy is the foundation of a thriving state. It creates jobs, funds essential services, and secures Tasmania'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 in Tasmania

Tasmania has a GDP of approximately \$40 billion and it should be much higher as we have unique strengths where we can capture small portions of trillion dollar markets and bolster our GDP to \$200 billion or more.

1. Revitalising Tasmanian Manufacturing & Industry

Tasmania has unique global dominance in particular industries and can leverage their standing as a majority world supplier of certain goods.

- Introduce **“Buy Australian” procurement policies** for government projects and the PBS scheme.
- Invest in **advanced manufacturing**, including clean energy such as Bell Bays Biofuels plant, climb the pharmaceutical chain and develop our poppies into our own drugs for domestic and international sale.
- Reduce red tape for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to encourage growth.
- Encourage new synthetic materials where Tasmania can use existing infrastructure to develop new materials.

2. 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.
- Investigate low-environmental impact mining opportunities with strict ‘green’ oversight of operations

3. 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, starting with a high-speed rail cost investigation and development plan between the north to the south
- Fund **clean energy innovation** to position Australia as a global leader in renewable energy exports.

4. Greater oversight

A stronger oversight of existing treasury and budget measures to ensure budget integrity.

Conclusion: Advancing Tasmania'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 **Tasmanians benefit first from their own wealth** and are completely self reliant with

greater support for the nations endeavours. 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 allows the Tasmanian people to put themselves first in their own state.

2. A Kinder Economy

A prosperous state 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

As part of the AAP's national plan Tasmania can look to promote a community college where intake refugees can be trained in the local language and culture and prepare them for working and living in Australia.

- 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** in Tasmania.
- Ensure **new arrivals have adequate housing support** before entering the rental market.

3. Expanding Social Housing Programs in Tasmania

Access to safe and affordable housing is a fundamental right. Tasmania has cold winters and it's cruel to see someone live in the streets through such harsh weather. To address the growing housing crisis, we will:

- Increase **state investment in social and affordable housing** or provide grants to organisations that provide temporary shelter to those in need

- 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. Reforming the Prison System

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

- Transition from a **punitive model to a rehabilitative system**, reducing reoffending rates.
- Expand **education and vocational training programs** in prisons, particularly in Youth systems where our youth are at risk
- Improve **mental health services** for incarcerated individuals, aiding successful reintegration.

Conclusion: A More Compassionate Tasmania

Tasmania can show the rest of Australia how it's done to be more compassionate to ourselves and the rest of the nation. By investing in **social housing, rehabilitative systems**, we can create a **more equitable, supportive, and prosperous state**.

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 Tasmania

1. Raising Teacher Standards & Wages

- Raise **university entrance requirements** for teaching degrees to improve educational quality.
- Implement **mandatory continuing professional development** for teachers to ensure high standards in education.
- Increase education standards in schools to activate a child's creativity and educational will.

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** which is focused on training and preparedness, 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.**
 - Disability adjusted courses as well.

Conclusion: Investing in Tasmania's Future

A **Smarter Tasmania** 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

- Require all high school graduates to complete **one year of national service** which is focused on training and preparedness, focusing on:
 - **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**
- With a spread of unique resources and rare minerals Tasmania has a unique proposition to build defence capable equipment for Australia

3. Cybersecurity & AI Defence Initiatives

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

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 State 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. Electric Trams

For future sustainability populations and for strategic reserves Australia needs to advance from fuel based technologies to electric based technologies in general transport

- Work with local councils to investigate suitable electric tram solutions for local areas in major destinations

3. Expanding NBN & Regional Internet Access

- Upgrade **National Broadband Network (NBN) to full fibre-to-premises (FTTP)**.
- Ensure **affordable and high-speed Australian based satellite internet** for regional communities.

4. Roads

- Upgrade State roads to further enhance safety
- Investigate speed safety standards and maximum limits

- Investigate building standards of roads to reduce long term re-work and maintenance so the economy can run on safer roads

Conclusion: Building a More Connected Tasmania

By investing in **infrastructure, digital access, and new urban developments**, we can create a **stronger, more connected state** where opportunity is accessible to all Tasmanians and visitors. 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 Tasmania

1. Investing in Renewable Energy & Clean Technology

- Expand **solar, wind, and hydrogen energy infrastructure**. Focus on Bell Bay's \$2 billion dollar biofuels plant to reduce Australia's carbon footprint
- Support **research into nuclear energy feasibility** as a long-term sustainable option.
- Consider a micro reactor feasibility in a small town

2. Reforestation & Land Rehabilitation

- Support **farmers and landowners** in sustainable land management practices.
- Expand **protected areas and national parks** to safeguard biodiversity.
- Establish mining rehabilitation of sites is a government responsibility but at the business cost

3. Sustainable Agriculture & Circular Economy Initiatives

- Incentivise **low-carbon farming and regenerative agriculture and soil rehabilitation**

4. 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**.
- Investigate end-of-life fishing streams and end of life farming initiatives

Conclusion: A Sustainable Future for Tasmania

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 Tasmania

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 Tasmania

1. Expanding Healthcare Access

- Crack down on non **bulk-billing services** 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**.
- Strengthen **mental health support initiatives in schools and workplaces**.

3. Improving Preventative Healthcare & Public Health

- Encourage local community groups for exercise campaigns to reduce rates of obesity
- Increase **funding for Tasmanian made vaccination programs and disease prevention research**.
- Promote **better nutrition and exercise education in schools**.

4. Supporting Regional & Remote Healthcare

- 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.

Conclusion: A Healthier Future for All Australians

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 non-defence government contracts** and procurement decisions.

3. Electoral Reform & Citizen Engagement

- Lower the **barriers for candidates** to run for office, reducing reliance on major parties, remove fee for candidacy enrolment
- Expand **civic education in schools** to foster informed participation in democracy.

9. An Innovative Tasmania

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 Tasmania

1. Supporting Research & Development (R&D)

- Help direct **funding for university and private-sector research** in new industries.
- Strengthen **collaborations between academia and businesses** to fasten innovation.

2. 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 with component manufacturing in Tasmania
- Partner with **defence private space companies** to position Australia as a leader in space innovation.

3. Digital Transformation & Future-Proofing the Economy

- Modernise **public services through digital transformation** and public ownership of 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**.

10. 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 state bushfire and flood mitigation strategies**.
- Expand **funding for the SES, paid 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 animal racing but with better animal welfare protections such as retirement lifestyles (instead of being shot) and a no-kill per injury policy.

3. Enhancing Public Transport & Urban Mobility

- 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, state architecture and music industries.**
- Protect and promote **Australia's historical and cultural heritage sites.**
- Support **Indigenous-led cultural initiatives and programs.**

5. Indigenous Affairs

- **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.**