

24 Primary Issues	Dominant queries and considerations for each issue
Climate mitigation	<p>What is the understanding of the science of climate change? Is there a plan to mitigate the effects of Climate change? Is the strategy effective for the short vs long-term (i.e. 2030 vs 2050) Should climate mitigation be prioritised over and above any aspects of the nation's economic prosperity? Should renewables be provided subsidisation at the expense of Fossil extraction industries? What Carbon absorption and carbon sequestering practices will be adopted by the government? What coastal conservation and mitigation infrastructure has been committed to for increases in fire, flood, drought and cyclones?</p>
Drug Reform	<p>Should "illegal" Drugs be managed as primarily a criminal or a medical issue? Should the European models of drug addiction management or even the model of complete decriminalisation of Portugal be pursued? Should subsidisation of essential drugs be increased, maintained or lessened? What should underwriting of drug research be committed to in Australia?</p>
Economy	<p>Should the government accept that the rate of growth of the Australian economy has slowed down considerably and provide for measurable ways in which it can address the issue? Is Economic growth at all a necessity for the economic and social wellbeing of the Australian community? Should our reliance on natural resources be the focus of our economic dependence, or should we strive to manufacture and raise the economic complexity of our nation? Should the slow job growth rate be increased with strategies designed to minimally match even ABS's underestimated unemployment rate for the country? Should Household Debt be minimised to facilitate freeing up finance otherwise lying fallow in the bank, to be spent in the economy, and generate a expansionary expenditure multiplier effect on the economy? What examples are there of specific industry development, manufacturing and construction being planned? Is continued privatisation of former public sector assets a desirable goal or should the government desist from PPP models and commit to reversing privatisation? Should offshoring taxable income and asset shifting remove wealth from Australian economy and increase corporate influence to shift wealth to ruling class or does all that wealth trickle down? Should a reduction in Tax in the lower and middle class brackets be provided to ensure money is spent in the economy creating a economic multiplier as opposed to ferretted away in off shore accounts?</p>
Education	<p>Is Education dominantly a right or a privilege for Australian adults, and should the educated incur the dominant cost? Should Australia return to (or follow European models) where Education should be paid for by public funds to make it dominantly accessible for the working class? Should HECs fees be abolished, retained, expanded or completely forgiven? Should degrees in STEM fields Vs Arts Vs Professional fields attract differentiated fee structures? Should tertiary education and/or TAFE be fully publicly funded? Should short-term CBT courses be abandoned for fully qualified trade training for apprenticeships?</p>
Employment	<p>Is a Full employment model sought by John Curtin (minus the misogyny of removing women from work) after the war or redeveloped contemporarily by Pavlina Tcherneva desirable? Alternately should the concept of a NAIRU be applicable whereby a specific unemployment rate must be sustained to avoid wages and inflation from rising? Should private employment facilities be maintained or abolished, given their reputation for fraud and personal abuse, for a single public sector employment service guided by the ethics and principles of public sector requirements? Should funding and staffing resources for Centrelink be reduced, stabilised or expanded? Given the job market where a shortage is evident in any measure of unemployment, what are the actual strategies in place to create jobs? Should we end "Work for the Dole" and the "PaTH program", which benefits Employers more than the workforce, and substitute a Job Guarantee Program with a minimum wage assurance? What consideration is given to Active Labor Market policies integrating education and industry?</p>
Energy	<p>Should current energy production facilities be protected and maintained, or should renewable and alternative programs be built to phase fossil fuel energy facilities out of existence? Should subsidisation of coal and Gas industries be maintained in light of the likes of the Liddell power station scheduled to close in 2023 and leave a possible energy supply gap, or should it be immediately transferred to renewable energy projects? What policies exist to ensure the continuance of Energy security provisions?</p>
Environment	<p>What is understood about biodiversity and ecosystems, and how do droughts and wildfires and chemical pollution influence them? Do professional services for managing floods, bushfires and biodiversity collapse need government funding, or should the current model of volunteer services, SES and wildlife services be maintained by public charity? What specific strategies for water management, hazzard reduction, reforestation, air cleansing, conservation of the Barrier Reef and wetland protections exist or are proposed? What Land use planning and retrofitting of housing to cope with the consequences of inevitable climate change are in place? What constraints on Fracking, fossil mineral extraction, logging will be applied?</p>
Gender equality	<p>Is there an intrinsic difference between the abilities and capacity of women that warrant different remuneration rates to be continued? Should society's laws, wages, and expectations confer and demand equality irrespective of gender? Should gender quota be mandated for public and corporate boards? What subsidisation for affordable childcare is proposed? What support for Domestic Violence, legal aid, shelter and anti-misogynistic legislation is proposed? What support for abortion rights, right to choose and protection of bodily autonomy? Should family court decisions protect the safety (DV), rights (access) and obligations (financial) of all family members autonomy (children) and responsibility (parents) or be biased towards gender considerations in a dominantly patriarchal society?</p>
Government accountability	<p>Should Government accountability prioritise security or transparency in the affairs of State? Is an anti-corruption body with complete parliamentary independence advisable? On the other hand, should some political control be maintained to avoid the lessons afforded by the anti-corruption body's revelation of the Brazilian scandal and corruption that had a substantial rise of Right-Wing Populism that resulted in Bolsonaro's rise to power? Should the consideration of the risk of reputational damage outweigh the need to have a transparent anti-corruption body investigating individuals? Should an adequate budget be facilitated for investigations or just prevention? Should a model of a Federal ICAC include public or private hearings? Should corporate donations be considered bribes which corrupt democracy? Should politicians be provided employment in private enterprise in areas related to their portfolios upon leaving parliament?</p>
Healthcare	<p>Is Healthcare dominantly a right or a privilege for Australians, and who should bear the dominant cost of managing the health of the nation's people? Does Australia need to mitigate the rising cost of public health and remove further procedures and payments under Medicare, or should treatments currently removed be restored? For example, should dental and mental health be covered by Medicare? Should the private health insurance industry be phased out for a fully paid public health initiative, or does private health insurance have a place in our economic model? Should health budgets accommodate funding for alternative therapies and disease prevention? Did considerations from the pandemic lead to frameworks which ignored global scientific medical advise, were anti-vaccine or anti-social in a manner that risked infecting others?</p>
Housing and cost of living	<p>Does the need for homeowners' and Landlords' investments need to be protected from the financial collapse that might impact their lifestyle capacity, or is housing and cost of living affordability a priority? Should monetary policies of interest rates be applied as blunt economic policy to push down demand nationally to manage our high inflation? Alternately, should government fiscal policy be applied to target demographics needing to cope with the supply shocks of the Pandemic, international wars (Ukraine), fires, floods and access to adequate staff to run businesses to cope with high inflation? Should social housing stock be increased, and should it include blended social housing as well as estates (the latter to provide community social support)? Should public housing funding - currently underfunded - be elevated to cope with the under-resourced population's needs? Should taxation driven pricing such as Capital gains concessions and negative gearing be stripped to halt the acceleration of housing prices?</p>
Immigration & refugees	<p>Should asylum seekers be prohibited from seeking unnecessary refuge status and jailed for the attempt to access safety? Should arbitrary detention be abolished and offshore processing end, reducing the exorbitant costs associated with both? Should they be swiftly processed and assimilated into a multicultural society at similar speeds as demonstrated by the European States? Should relative compliance with the UN protections for refugees be acknowledged and implemented as it was under Menzies, Whitlam or Fraser? Should there exist a vast disparity between how we treat refugees based on their mode of transport (i.e. boats, ships or planes)? Should an avenue exist in Indonesia or Malaysia or Sri Lanka through which asylum seekers can apply for refugee status? Should our refugee intake be, reduced, maintained or increased? Should Immigration be considered a national security issue that overrides transparency and government accountability? Should we import labour from abroad or focus on education and training for locally unemployed citizens? Should employers have to prove there are no local Australian employees available at a fair market acceptable rate of pay, before seeking visa applications from foreign labour?</p>

Indigenous	<p>Should indigenous status and systemic oppressions of the past be addressed?</p> <p>Should aboriginal people assimilate completely into generic European/British style Australian culture?</p> <p>Should income management programs for Aboriginal communities be maintained or abandoned?</p> <p>Should social welfare and support facilities for Aboriginal members of society be diminished, maintained or expanded?</p> <p>Should we continue to recognise the invasion of Australian aboriginals as a day of national celebration or the day of independence from British rule?</p> <p>What promotions of economies and education should exist in remote indigenous communities?</p> <p>Should the promotion of indigenous health and legal services be increased, maintained or diminished?</p>
Industrial relations	<p>Should industrial wage-fixing be indexed or follow the principles begun with the Accord and followed by enterprise agreements models which limit wage rises?</p> <p>Should wage theft be prosecutable in the same manner as generic theft?</p> <p>Should wage theft be distinguished as a separate legal event?</p> <p>Should sub-minimal wage payments by businesses be prosecutable?</p> <p>Should the minimum wage be raised to keep up with CPI increases, especially during a period of high inflation?</p> <p>Should reforms for facilitating union access to sites be broadened to promote the protection of workers, or should employers have the right to reduce access to their property?</p> <p>Should the ABCC be abolished, given its proven failure to secure safe workplaces?</p> <p>Should the government strengthen OH&S prosecutions?</p>
Infrastructure	<p>Should regional and urban infrastructure needs be differentiated by virtue of the consequences of individual choices for lifestyle and accommodation?</p> <p>Should the disadvantage of rural existence be prioritised so that an equitable lifestyle can be maintained equivalent to Urban dwellers?</p> <p>Should infrastructure projects be focused on the marginal voting patterns of districts or the needs of communities?</p> <p>Should we be committing to infrastructure to improve air, water and carriage of supply (piping) to facilitate recovery and transport of essentials to rural communities and agricultural recovery?</p> <p>Should Australia compete in the digital marketplace with expanding to fibre based NBN to lift our placement of 56th in the world for average download speeds or is our technological complexity sufficient for our immediate needs?</p>
LGBTQ rights	<p>Do the State recognise and hetero normative birth status of individuals hold priority in gender assignment and sexual orientation?</p> <p>Should the State interfere in the Sexual or gender choices of its populous or defer to the individual person's choice?</p> <p>Should sexual or cisgender societal constructs limit access to legal protections, fair wages or equality?</p> <p>Should the State preference religious minority perspectives to discriminate against individuals when our plebiscite vote count showed an Australian majority clearly disagrees?</p> <p>What support for marriage equality, tolerance of discrimination, child support for same sex couples?</p>
Media Management	<p>Privatising the ABC & SBS to end public broadcasting for State sympathetic propaganda and restore funding for independent public broadcasting to maintain independent journalism to hold State to account?</p> <p>Should Australia follow Canadian lead in laws that stipulates that broadcasters "shall not broadcast any false or misleading news" to facilitate integrity of news reporting or should ideological propaganda of the State be allowed in the interests of freedom of expression?</p> <p>Should Parliament pass truth in political advertising laws for print and TV media releases or is that inconsistent with values that uphold freedom of speech?</p> <p>Should legislation criminalising print/video journalism be abolished to facilitate the public's right to know and expose government mismanagement or corruption?</p>
Monetary principles	<p>Do you hold to the Monetarism theories of economic models developed by Adam Smith, Friedrich Hayek and Milton Friedman and promoted by Alan Greenspan, Robert Murphy, Paul Krugman and Jonathan Hartley?</p> <p>Alternately, do you hold to the post-Keynesian theories based on John Maynard Keynes and regenerated as the Modern Monetary models promoted by Prof Bill Mitchell, Stephanie Kelton, Pavlina Tcherneva and Warren Mosler?</p> <p>Is the Phillips curve a useful model by which to direct economic policy for Australia?</p> <p>Are the current inflation problems in Australia a result of demand-pull or supply-shock issues?</p> <p>Are fiscal or monetary policy effective strategies to deal with current inflation issues?</p> <p>What role do taxes have in providing funding for Federal versus State Governments?</p> <p>Do federal governments issue currency as a sovereign right, or do taxpayers fund all national government initiatives leaving the money supply entirely at the mercy of the tax and bond market systems?</p>
Poverty and inequality	<p>Should disadvantages in finance, socioeconomic standing or class be differentially addressed to lift people's finances to the status of the minimum wage earner?</p> <p>Should our success in business, class and industry be encouraged on the expectation that growing affluence will lift all classes by association and charity?</p> <p>Should JobSeeker be raised to facilitate better capacity to look for, educate, prepare and transport one to job opportunities, given the paucity of job opportunities compared to employment numbers?</p> <p>Should compulsory income management be scrapped to facilitate better personal management of limited resources?</p> <p>Should NDIS and Disability pensions provide for easier access to resources including allowing for residential accommodation mobility?</p>
PublicTransport	<p>Should independent transport (cars, bikes, etc.) be given prioritisation in funding and corridors of transport or should mass transit options (busses, trains, ferries) hold priority?</p> <p>Should planes, train and/or bus services be privatised?</p> <p>Should charging stations for electric vehicles be provided on all main roads?</p> <p>Should all public transport usage be subsidised by property portfolios? (i.e. shopping centres, apartments, urban centres)</p> <p>Should public transport be transitioned to electric and non-polluting alternatives?</p> <p>Are transport projects such as fast rail, which has proven to work in European and smaller countries, not be a focus on a country so vast as Australia?</p> <p>Should roads and single occupancy motor vehicles be prioritised over mass transit options?</p>
Security	<p>Is national security a prioritisation over individual licence and the public's right to know and the government's obligations for transparency?</p> <p>Should foreign interests be given priority and access to internal assets of the country in terms of housing, land and infrastructure?</p> <p>Should foreign donations be banned from Election funding (or for that matter any corporate donations irrespective of country of origin)?</p> <p>Should foreign aid be used to secure regional infrastructure facilities and secure Pacific and Indian ocean regions from foreign allegiances that impinge upon our security? (China)</p> <p>Is metadata trolling by domestic & foreign governments (Five eyes alliance/metadata laws) acceptable or should the Australian public's right to security and privacy be protected?</p> <p>How diverse and focused do defence concerns need to be for an Island in the middle of two vast pacific oceans, or is public paranoia justified?</p>
Social justice	<p>Should fair and equitable legal and social access be available to all citizens irrespective of race, creed or class, or should certain classes, creeds, religions or races be protected from integrated assimilation?</p> <p>What legal support for whistleblowers, journalists and citizens acting to protect higher ethical claims and what protections against dismissal, harassment and financial burden should be legally facilitated?</p> <p>Should laws preventing public assembly and protest exist to deter public inconvenience?</p> <p>Should homelessness be punished by hostile architecture and council/police harassment?</p> <p>Should institutional privilege, bullying and harassment of people face harsher penalties?</p> <p>Should there be stronger support for Multiculturalism as opposed to vague concepts of "Aussie values" given, almost half of all Australians were either born overseas or had a parent born in another country?</p>
Superannuation & pension	<p>Should the State provide adequate beyond poverty protections for Aged care and retirees, or should the elderly not have wasted their lifetime of opportunity not to be a burden on society?</p> <p>Should aged pensions be lowered to 65, given age discrimination being prolific in Australian employment opportunities?</p> <p>Should superannuation funds have to perform at a minimum level for their clients, and Super funds that underperform be forced to surrender their funds to better-performing bodies?</p> <p>Should we accept outsourcing the management of retirement funds to the private sector at all?</p> <p>Should the government guarantee super funds and a minimum performance index through public insurance?</p> <p>Should businesses who fail to meet their superannuation obligations face harsh penalties?</p> <p>Should businesses pay superannuation on casual employment and contractors specifically, as they represent a third of the employment market?</p> <p>Should the aged and disability pensions be fully indexed to CPI or just remain for specific supplementary costs?</p> <p>Should NDIS support be cut out at age 65, or is it assumed that disabilities do not need to be managed upon reaching pension age?</p> <p>Should 'assisted dying'/euthanasia be available or prolonged palliative care irrespective of patient's wishes or health or pain take priority?</p>
Worker's Rights	<p>Should the government support a pay rise to lift wages to match inflation, and by what mechanism would that be achieved?</p> <p>Should the five day week and the necessity for workplace attendance where remote telecommuting is available, given the evidence that productivity has increased under the conditions faced during the pandemic?</p> <p>Should there be support for domestic violence and child or aged care leave mandated in workplaces?</p> <p>Should the right to strike be inhibited in any industry and suffer any penalties or restrictions?</p> <p>Should unionisation of workplaces face any disincentives?</p> <p>Should the Gig economy and contracting face more robust scrutiny and contain the same obligations for superannuation, leave and time off for illness?</p> <p>What guarantee of continuation of earning capacity and financial security should a worker expect from their community and how can Government assure workers of that guarantee?</p>