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TERRITORY LABOR’S ROADMAP TO RENEWABLES

2015 was globally the hottest year on record.

Continued increases in temperature will have huge impacts for the Territory - for our economy, our lifestyle, our quality of life and our unique and spectacular natural environment.

We are already seeing the effects of climate change on mangroves and coral reefs across Northern Australia. This threatens Territory jobs and the environment.

Around the world responsible and smart countries, citizens and businesses are rapidly changing the way they invest, live and produce and consume energy.

They recognise the threat of climate change and the vast economic and environmental benefits of moving towards renewable energy.

Territory Labor has already outlined some of the steps a Labor Government would take to combat climate change – from including climate impacts in environmental assessments, to investing in research and innovation, and importantly, employing indigenous knowledge to help understand and adapt to the changes in our ecosystems.

A Territory Labor Government will also provide the vision and leadership, the long term plan, and the stability and certainty to implement an energy policy which transitions from fossil fuels to renewables in a way that grows the Territory and creates jobs.

Territory Labor will:

- Adopt a target of 50% renewable energy by 2030.
- Work with PowerWater, Territory Generation and Jacana to deliver this target.
- Commission a new Road Map to Renewables report, to be delivered in 2017, which will set out the options to achieve the target of 50% by 2030.
- Establish a Renewable Energy Unit with the Department of the Chief Minister to provide expert advice on the technological, regulatory, financial and legal requirements to achieve the target.
- Provide ongoing research and development funds for CDU and the Centre for Appropriate Technology (CAT)
- Ensure PowerWater, Territory Generation and Jacana remain 100% publicly owned.
- Guarantee that any power price rises are capped at CPI
• Ensure gas continues to provide stable base and peak load power during the transition to renewables
• Invest $5m to fund the installation of roof top PV to a wide range of school buildings across the Territory and help create the next generation of renewable energy innovators
• Invest $5m to further the development of Alice Springs as the Centre for Excellence for Solar Energy.

Labor will ensure the efforts across Government are coordinated to achieve our target of 50% renewables by 2030.

This policy certainty will allow business to invest and create jobs, provide savings for consumers, businesses and Government, and ensure we play our part in reducing carbon emissions.

It will also diversify power supply and provide better energy security for consumers and businesses.

The CLP have no target or policy for renewable energy and is only interested in running a deceitful and illogical campaign against renewables.

Public ownership of the Territory’s energy assets is essential to achieving this target and gives the Territory a strategic advantage, which is one reason Labor guarantees these assets will remain 100% publically owned.
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*Note- this expenditure is expected to save schools up to 40% of their energy costs.

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