



Rise Up Australia Party Policy Principles

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- (a) To reform Parliaments (Federal and State) and their processes so that they are the true, sovereign policy-makers in their respective Constitution-allocated fields, and so that the Executive government and the Treasury are obedient to the Constitution and to the Parliaments, and so that all such governmental processes are transparent and openly accountable to the people of Australia;
- (b) To establish full employment and fair wages as central tenets of just social and economic policies; this includes genuine decentralisation that encourages private sector jobs (tourism, eco-tourism, abattoirs, timber mills etc) in rural and regional Australia through small business incentives and supportive transport, telecommunications and tariff policies, and that reduces costs of congestion in major cities;
- (c) To promote harmony, freedom and tolerance among Australians; specifically we oppose multiculturalism; we rejoice that Australia is multi-ethnic, and that people who come here are free to celebrate (at their own, not taxpayers' expense) their own diverse backgrounds, while respecting Australian culture and complying with Australian laws;
- (d) To limit and reduce foreign ownership of our assets (including the media), to repay our foreign debt, and to reduce the influence of the International Monetary Fund, World Trade Organisation, UN etc on Australia's domestic policies and assets, while working with such organisations for the benefit of mankind;
- (e) To protect and enhance the right to private property and private ownership by working towards the dismantling of all unjust taxation, levies, duties, charges and imposts against the family home, family farm and business, and to empower individuals to effectively defend their homes, farms, jobs and businesses, and to ensure that economic, psychological and physical violence against any person, entity or property is a felonious act; this includes 'anti-trust' legislation that prevents cartels unfairly raising prices and limiting competitors (e.g. Coles+Woolworths, e.g. Telstra and NBN);
- (f) To ensure that banking serves the national interests of the Australian people, being conducted under the direction of the Parliament, including that food production and essential infrastructure are financed at concessional interest rates, and that citizens' personal deposits are protected by requiring that investment banking is kept separate from commercial banking as in the Glass-Steagall Act of the USA;
- (g) To develop prudent tariff policies to support or re-establish all sorts of manufacturing industries (that 'value-add' and provide high technology jobs) with a range of national system economic policies, such as those advocated by Deputy Prime Minister John McEwen; prudent tariffs could be used, for example, to provide a truly 'level playing field' by recognizing that Australian industries (and farms) incur costs in complying with the OHS, industrial relations and environmental laws of Australia, but that some overseas competitors do not incur such costs;

- (h) To develop and implement a coherent energy policy that acts in the best interests of Australia and of conserving resources and of encouraging energy efficiency; this includes Australia becoming self-sufficient in crude oil, being a net exporter of all forms of energy, having secure and cheap supplies of electricity, transport fuels and piped gas to provide competitive advantage to Australian industries and farms; specifically we reject “import parity pricing” that imposes ideologically-arbitrary and unnecessary costs on Australian consumers, industries and farms; we affirm that explorers for oil, gas and minerals must be rewarded with adequate returns (well above the long-term bond rate) on their assets and for their risks;
- (i) To create a logical and fair taxation system that favours producers of real wealth (farmers, workers etc) through honest labours, that encourages savings and thrift, that discriminates against shallow gambling and cartel-manipulations, that eliminates all irrational and oppressive taxation (especially that which constrains employment and the development of our nation's productive powers - one such insane tax is payroll tax which has the effect of punishing an employer for employing a worker); we favour adoption of the “Tobin tax” and similar import duties; we affirm that corporations are not entitled to use ‘transfer pricing’ to avoid paying taxes in Australia;
- (j) To improve our adversarial legal system, including that truth is the basis for justice, and that all persons, regardless of race, colour, creed, gender or wealth, are treated equally and impartially under our laws, and where the punishment (involving restitution as well as rehabilitation) fits the crime and where the rights of victims are respected and where “law and order” policies are based on reliable scientific evidence instead of on the populism of politicians in the lead up to elections; specifically we are opposed to any dual legal system, including that we reject and resist Sharia law having any place within Australia; we reaffirm the historic right to trial by jury and British common law as the basis of our laws, and that open Courts are preferable to bureaucratic Tribunals;
- (k) To eliminate counter-productive welfare payments in favour of encouraging savings and self-reliance and support for children, while maintaining an adequate social security system “to target assistance to those most in need, ensure greater adequacy of incomes, encourage and assist clients to enter or return to the work force or to provide for their own income security, and develop support for families, particularly those on low incomes” (Hansard, 20 Feb 1991);
- (l) To end all taxpayer-funded payments or services or concessions to institutions or associations (here or overseas) based on racial, ethnic, sexual preference or gender lines – i.e. to promote TRUE equality;
- (m) To protect religious freedoms; this means that no religion or religious practices are to be forced on another person, and that faith-based schools have the right to employ persons with values consistent with their faith-basis; we interpret the phrase “separation of church and state” in the sense in which the originator of that phrase, US President Jefferson, used it:- namely that the state shall not favour any particular church; he did not intend that churches and Christian values should not influence the formulation of governmental policies and laws, because these are never conceived in a moral vacuum, being always based on some person’s system of values;

- (n) To protect the traditional family unit, comprising man, woman and children; to promote marriage (as defined in the Marriage Act, 2004**) as an institution that provides the best nurturing environment for children and that has substantial economic benefits for society; while recognizing that adults are free to pursue their own sexuality in private, we reject and resist the promotion of homosexuality as a normal practice in schools and in public; we affirm the basic human right for a child to have both a male and a female as its parents (and to know who they are) in the best interests of the child; we oppose same-sex marriage, bigamy, polygamy and Centrelink funding of such and similar practices;
- (o) To protect children from abuse of all types; this includes protecting them from exposure to pornographic materials and premature sexualisation under the age of 18; we affirm that parents have the right and responsibility to create boundaries and to discipline their children within historically-proven non-abusive guidelines, and that parents may delegate that right to schools;
- (p) To protect all human rights, including the rights of an unborn child; we wish to make abortion history by providing those social conditions and factual educational information that support women in their lives so they are not forced into situations where they feel there is no option but to have an abortion;
- (q) To achieve foreign policy based on national sovereignties and that deter aggression; in particular to support the right of the State of Israel to exist within secure and defensible borders, and with Jerusalem as its undivided capital; we support the desire of Arab peoples in the region to live freely and with dignity;
- (r) To develop and maintain an effective system for defence of our nation state, our institutions and our people against physical, psychological and economic warfare; this involves providing an army, navy and air force equipped with modern weapons that have sufficient local content that our security is not jeopardized in times of war; this involves Australian citizens honouring and respecting those, living and dead, who have committed themselves to serving in the defence forces, and the support of their families;
- (s) To reform electoral laws and electoral authorities to ensure truly fair, honest and verifiable elections and to eliminate voting fraud;
- (t) To ensure that all school children are taught a curriculum that includes a balanced view of history, that includes the history of Western civilization (Greek, Roman and European), Aboriginal history, Magna Carta, Westminster democracy and the Judeo-Christian heritage that has come to us through for example the words of Henry Parkes, founding father, who said, “We are pre-eminently a Christian nation, as our laws, our whole system of jurisprudence, our constitution ... are based upon and interwoven with our Christian beliefs”;

- (u) To provide that Australia’s Health System would be people-focussed, positive and both curative and preventative, being based on the historic principles of Christian charity to all human beings in need regardless of creed, race, sexuality, socio-economic status etc and on freedom of conscience;
- (v) To ensure that Australia’s natural resources (forestry, minerals, fisheries, agriculture, water, biodiversity etc) and unique environments are managed wisely in accord with rational science and not by ideological environmental mantras; we therefore advocate expansion of scientific research by Australians on such areas as the marine environment, ecosystems, timber, agriculture etc. We believe in “climate change” – for thousands of years the climate has been changing and it will continue to change; the notion that anthropogenic emissions of the plant-food carbon dioxide have affected, or will affect, the macro-climatic changes that would have occurred anyway as part of nature (e.g. volcanoes, solar variations etc) is a quasi-religious hypothesis unproven by objective scientific facts. Computer modelling always involves subjectivity and should not be used as the sole basis for policies;
- (w) To see that Australia’s media, the arts and entertainment enterprises preserve freedom of speech and build national character by acting responsibly, accurately presenting truth as truth and opinion as opinion, while, within widely-accepted community norms, avoiding gratuitous violence and socially-degenerating themes;
- (x) To ensure that Australia has transport and communications infrastructure that serves the needs of a modern ‘first-world’ productive economy and that provides for the social interactions of all Australians; this means we need a coherent transport policy that integrates road, rail, air, coastal shipping; we affirm that vital transport infrastructure (Qantas, airports, major rails, ports, freeways etc) should have majority ownership by Australian citizens or governments; we favour a fully or partly Government-owned Very Fast Train between Melbourne and Sydney (then Brisbane); we affirm that telephone and internet services should be available to over 99% of Australians by a competitive private industry sector (with majority Australian shareholders);
- (y) To eliminate homelessness and deficiencies in aged-care by a variety of policies, including making low-cost housing more affordable by, inter alia, releasing more residential land, providing more jobs in rural/regional areas, and by substantially assisting the existing support agencies (such as Salvation Army etc) to provide low-cost communal housing and rehabilitation/job-training services;
- (z) To see that Australia continues to be a world-class sporting nation, by encouraging Australians of all ages to participate in a wide range of sports.