

## Submission to Budget proposals 2021

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### 1. Climate Change

Australia is only one of two countries that basically denies human factors affecting the present phase of climate change. That is embarrassing to my rational sense of what is happening on this planet. The planet is burning and we are subsidising exploration for oil and gas resources. Expanding coal exports appear to be counter-intuitive and only driven by powerful lobby groups.

Recommendation: Make a stand on climate change and set actual goals in years how we will reduce our carbon foot print. Government to strongly participate in all international efforts to limit climate change effects

### 2. Electric Power generation

Pleas drop the gas supported power policy, and support the trend towards renewable energy sources mainly solar power and wind power. Support distributed battery operation and distributed synchronisation devices.

Recommendation: Actively promote renewable energy sources for electricity production.

Implement the report by AEMO: *Our 20-year plan for the National Electricity Market*.

### 3 Plastic flood

The one way single use plastic packaging epidemic that engulfed our daily lives endangers our whole planet life on earth and in the oceans. It appears the plastics lobby has been successful in stopping any action to reduce this plastic flood.

Recommendation: Make clear guidelines prohibiting all one way plastic packaging without refundable deposits. Encourage alternatives to plastic such as fibre packaging materials.

### 4. Transportation

Humans have to regain their right to use roads free of fear to be overrun by heavy transport vehicles or speed hogs in cars. Therefore, the use of walking, bicycles, rollers scooters, skates and skateboards and similar slow motion devices on public roads must be encouraged to replace cars by giving safe road space to such slow traffic.

Recommendation : Increase the tax on petrol to discourage private car use and encourage use of the excellent bus and rail systems in each state. Expand drastically the use of safe walkways, cycle ways at the expense of motorway construction.

### 5. Proposed Badgerys Creek airport

It is time to cancel all Commonwealth funds towards this white elephant.

Events in the last year have shown that an overseas airport will not be required in Sydney for the foreseeable future, At least until low carbon emission flights are practical. The site shall be converted into a surface transport hub. If a high speed train service were in operation now as I recommended twenty years ago between Melbourne and Sydney about 26,000 flights annually between these cities would not be required thus avoiding a huge carbon foot print generated by flight transportation. Sydney's West needs high value jobs transferred from the Sydney CBD, not pies in the sky.

To build a city around an airport providing large employment opportunities as envisioned by the NSW Government is a pie in the sky. All activities inside a modern airport are fully automated requiring only a few supervising and cleaning staff. High technology aircraft jobs are already outsourced to Hongkong and Singapore and will not come back.

Recommendation: Stop Commonwealth funding towards all activities for the proposed Badgerys Creek Airport. Start funding a high speed rail network.

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## 6. University costs

All university education shall be free and based on merit only.

Recommendation: Abolish all fees for university students. Entrance by merit only.

## 7. Heritage preservation and museum funding

Our few heritage buildings and artifacts throughout Australia are being dismantled at an alarming rate by all state Governments. Museums are left as corporations to find their own funding and shrink as a result. The result has been to obliterate much history.

Recommendation: To restore a heritage and cultural revival through Commonwealth initiatives in a ministerial portfolio.