



A strong plan for Australia.

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THIS Federal election is crucial for the future of our nation. It is about a fair go for Australians struggling with cost of living pressures.

With so much economic uncertainty and political turmoil around the world, and Australian Government debt continuing to grow at

an unsustainable \$100 million a day, our nation is at the crossroads.

Increasing living costs, interest rates and new taxes are pushing many Australian families to the edge. It shouldn't have come to this.

The Coalition has a clear plan to improve Australia. We offer you a plan, based on 12 realistic, modest and prudent commitments that are achievable and deliverable over the next three years.

I guarantee to take real action to deliver on these commitments.



RESTORE THE BUDGET SURPLUS WITHIN THREE YEARS AND START PAYING LABOR'S DEBT

THIS will put downward pressure on interest rates and protect our standard of living.

It will help to ensure that current and future generations of Australians will not be burdened by unnecessary debt and high debt interest payments.



END LABOR'S WASTE AND RESTORE CABINET GOVERNMENT

LABOR has wasted too much taxpayers' money.

The Coalition will not repeat Labor's disastrous home insulation program.

The Coalition will also stop the billions of dollars being wasted through the 'school halls' program.



REJECT LABOR'S MASSIVE NEW MINING TAX AND OTHER TAXES THAT HURT PRODUCTIVITY

THIS will help maintain Australia's competitiveness in the global marketplace.

It will deliver long-term security to businesses and their employees who are and always have been in the engine room of Australia's strong economic growth and prosperity.



END GOVERNMENT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SMALL BUSINESS

THE Coalition will ensure more government work for small businesses.

The Coalition will introduce new rules to ensure the government pays its bills to small business on time.

Small business will receive greater support, including unfair contract protections and a dedicated small business Ombudsman.



ENFORCE STRICT BORDER SECURITY AND CONTROL

THE Coalition will maintain rigorous offshore processing of those arriving illegally by boat, reintroduce temporary protection visas (to deprive people-smugglers of a product to sell) and be ready, where possible, to turn boats back.



LINK POPULATION GROWTH TO THE PROVISION OF BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE

THE Coalition will set immigration numbers on the basis of economic and environmental sustainability and what our infrastructure can support.

Net overseas migration to Australia will be reduced from almost 300,000 under Labor (2008-09) to no more than 170,000 annually.



TAKE DIRECT ACTION ON WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT

THE Coalition will provide holistic management of the whole Murray-Darling water system so that water can be distributed fairly and equitably among all those people who depend upon it.

The Coalition is the only major political group with a clear policy to address climate change.

Our Emissions Reduction Fund will purchase abatements to improve the environment and reduce emissions by 5 per cent by 2020.



PROTECT PRIVATE HEALTH AND IMPROVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SYSTEM

THE Coalition will introduce local hospital boards staffed by local health experts.

By preserving the private health rebate, the Coalition will help to take the strain off the public health system and reduce waiting times.

The Coalition will significantly expand frontline mental health services with a new \$1.5 billion Mental Health Plan, expanding frontline services including establishing 20 early intervention centres, 800 new dedicated beds and 60 additional youth mental health *headspace* sites.



HELP GROWING FAMILIES TO GET AHEAD WITH SIX MONTHS PAID PARENTAL LEAVE

THIS will give mothers the right to their full wage for six months so they can stay at home with their new baby. It will support and strengthen young families when they most need help.



PROVIDE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

THE Coalition will work with local councils and police to ensure that more crime-prone areas have closed circuit TV (CCTV), security patrols, graffiti cleaning squads and other security initiatives.



RAISE STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

THE Coalition will work with the states to give principals the right to pay the best teachers more.

To reduce cost of living pressures on families, the Coalition will increase the maximum Education Tax Rebate up to \$500 for primary school children, up to \$1,000 for secondary school children and will increase the list of eligible expenses.



RESTORE WORK-FOR-THE-DOLE AND MUTUAL OBLIGATION

THE Coalition believes that working age people in good health should work – preferably for a wage but, if not, for the dole.

The Coalition will reverse Labor's softening of mutual obligation requirements.

Find out more at liberal.org.au

We will end the waste.

We will pay back the debt.

We will stop new taxes.

We will help families.

We will stop the boats.

We will do the right thing.

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TONY ABBOTT AND THE COALITION TEAM.

Stand up for families. Stand up for real action.