

Chapter 3 - Parks and reserves, and caring for landscapes and waterways

56.

Labor will support programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to work on and manage Country that support jobs, particularly through the expanded Indigenous Ranger and Indigenous Protected Area programs.

A new approach to forests and forestry

Amend 57.

Labor is committed to building Australia's carbon and environmental markets. It is a powerful way to restore and better manage landscapes, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create economic opportunity. Labor will prioritise investment in the highest carbon and biodiversity landscapes for restoration, protection and management and develop an industry plan that creates regional jobs and skills, and provides incentives to public and private landholders.

Replace paragraph 58.

Labor is committed to delivering the Glasgow Leaders Declaration on forests and land use which commits Australia to "halt and reverse forest loss and land degradation by 2030". Labor recognises that deforestation increases greenhouse gas emissions. Labor will deploy a variety of policy responses to deliver on our emission reduction and deforestation commitments including robust and additional nature-based solutions to prevent forest loss and degradation.

Labor will work with the states and territories on national vegetation mapping and monitoring programs.

Add additional paragraph 60.

Labor supports the sustainable future of Australia's forests and forest products industry and recognises the value and role of our forests in storing carbon and protecting biodiversity. Labor will work with states and territories to update the 1992 National Forest Policy Statement to ensure it is contemporary and fit for purpose. We will:

- Expand Australia's plantation estate to meet domestic and international demand for high-value, sustainably sourced wood products, and will develop an industry plan that facilitates regional job growth and vibrant sustainable communities.

- Deliver the management and restoration of native forests, recognising and rewarding carbon and biodiversity values and the need for their active and on-going management.
- Consistent with current government policy, ensure the application of National Environmental Standards to Australia's native forests.
- Harness the social, environmental, and economic benefits that our forests can provide.
- Recognise the skills, knowledge and competencies of timber workers and their communities, as well as the central role First Nations communities play in restoring country and determining social, economic and environmental benefits flowing from forest management activity.

New paragraph (possibly after paragraph 10) or in Chapter 1, after paragraph 115

Labor supports research, development and deployment of methane-reducing livestock technologies. We will continue to work with the industry to identify and overcome technological, economic and social barriers, including consideration of large-scale trials of technologies and of mechanisms to reward the emissions savings, with a view to meaningfully reduce methane emissions from agriculture.