

LET'S GET

AUSTRALIA

BACK ON

TRACK

The Priorities of a Dutton Coalition Government

FOREWORD



Peter Dutton, Leader of the Opposition with wife Kirilly and children Rebecca, Harry and Tom.

We're all shaped by our background and life experiences. I was born into an outer suburbs working-class family. Mum and Dad – a secretary and bricklayer – didn't have much money. But they raised their five children with love, support and a strong work ethic.

From Grade 7 through to university, I worked in a butcher's shop after school. In that job, I saw the hard work required to run a small business – this helped me later in life to run my own small business that employed 40 people.

As a police officer for nine years, I encountered the best and worst of humanity. I worked on the beat, then as an investigator of organised crime, drug trafficking and sex offenders, with a focus on protecting women and children. My time in law enforcement made me appreciate, all the more, the importance of stable families and safe communities.

The roles I hold most dear are those of husband to Kirilly – to whom I've been married for 21 years – and father to Rebecca, Harry and Tom.

For more than two decades now, I've had the great honour to serve my community as the Member for Dickson and our nation as an Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Health, Immigration, Home Affairs and Defence. I've seen seven Prime Ministers in action, served under four, and learnt from observing all.

As the Leader of the Opposition, I've met thousands of Australians across the country from all walks of life. Australians are truly remarkable – people who are compassionate, stoic and fair; people who love their country.

But in the last three years, I've seen a change. One of the most incompetent governments in our history led by one of our weakest ever Prime Ministers has made bad decisions causing Australians to be worse off, our country to be less safe, and our nation to be divided. Consequently, instead of getting ahead, Australians have been held back. Aspiration has given way to anxiety. Optimism has turned to pessimism. And national confidence changed to dispiritedness.



When a government gets its priorities wrong, its policies go wrong, and things go wrong for the Australian people. The Albanese Labor Government has prioritised the agendas of Greens activists and union bosses. It has disregarded everyday Australian workers, families and small businesses – from city suburbs to regional towns to coastal communities.

I know that the right decisions aren't always popular but I've never been interested in taking the easy path. We live in the best country in the world because previous generations had the strength to make the right calls in our national interest. That's why I'm determined to get Australia back on track.

Unlike Labor, we will have the right priorities. And with the right priorities, we will have the right policies to end the cost of living crisis and make Australia prosperous, secure and united again. At the next election, I want all Australians to know what we stand for and our plan for the country. This publication outlines the 12 priorities of the Coalition under my leadership. It is our compact with Australians to govern with respect for the views, values and vision of everyday Australians.

Peter Dutton, Leader of the Opposition

The 12 Priorities of a Coalition Government

- 1 **Fight cost of living pressures**
- 2 **Build a stronger economy**
- 3 **Back small business**
- 4 **Deliver affordable and reliable energy**
- 5 **Fix the housing crisis**
- 6 **Rebalance our migration program**
- 7 **Keep Australians safe**
- 8 **Deliver quality healthcare**
- 9 **Grow a stronger Regional Australia**
- 10 **Focus on practical action for Indigenous Australians**
- 11 **Build strong and sustainable communities**
- 12 **Cut Government waste**



FIGHT COST OF LIVING PRESSURES

Under Labor

Australians are suffering from the worst cost of living crisis in a generation. Our living standards have collapsed and for the last 21 months Australia has been in a per-capita recession – the longest household recession on record.¹

Australia has experienced the biggest fall in household disposable incomes of any developed country in the past two years.

Since Labor was elected:

- **Interest rates** have gone up 12 times and payments on mortgages have tripled. Families with a typical mortgage have paid up to \$50,000 extra on their mortgages.

We are being left behind. In 2024 interest rates started coming down in most developed economies, including the US and most of Europe, but not Australia.

- **Annual electricity bills** have increased by up to \$1,000 more than promised by Labor. This is despite their promise to reduce bills by \$275 per annum. Families entering hardship arrangements with their energy provider have increased 66 per cent in two years, growing by a staggering rate of over 400 families a week.

¹ National Accounts, March quarter 2023 to Sept quarter 2024.

FACT

PERSONAL INCOME TAXES ARE 22 PER CENT HIGHER SINCE LABOR WAS ELECTED.



ABS National accounts, Sept quarter 2024

- **Government-spending-fuelled inflation** has driven up the cost of groceries, gas, education, health, insurance and other essential household items.

Australia's core inflation is higher than the US, Germany, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Italy, France, Canada and the entire Euro area.²

Australian families are struggling and under the Albanese Labor Government, **Australia is heading in the wrong direction.**

UNDER LABOR



GAS IS UP 36%



RENTS ARE UP 17%



ELECTRICITY IS UP 32% (BEFORE TAXPAYER FUNDED REBATES)



FOOD IS UP 12%

ABS Monthly Consumer Price Index, May 2022- November 2024

² ABS, quarterly CPI data, Sept quarter 2024; Trading Economics.

We Believe

Australians work hard and deserve a better standard of living. They deserve to have confidence that they can always afford the essentials in life.

The Coalition believes that it is the government's role to manage the budget in a prudent and responsible way, to ensure that inflation is low and wages are growing faster than household costs.

This means reducing wasteful and unnecessary spending and keeping the budget in balance. It means smaller government so that unfair high taxes are not placed on families, ensuring they keep more money in their pockets.

Ensuring inflation is low and stable allows interest rates to be low and stable and real wage growth to return. This provides certainty for families and businesses to be able to plan for the future.

Stable and sensible budget management is the key to keeping costs down across the economy. Our society relies on the strength of Australian families, and government must make every effort to lower living costs.

We live in the best country in the world and we want Australians to enjoy a high quality of life.



I remember living through the early 90s recession and the pressures it put on our family business and the sacrifices we made to make the household budget balance. When government spends what it can't afford, it drives up inflation. And high inflation makes each dollar you earn buy less. As Prime Minister, I will ensure living standards start to improve once again, and we revive optimism and confidence about our future.

Peter Dutton, Leader of the Opposition



Our Solution

A Dutton Coalition Government will **fight cost of living pressures**. By getting inflation down and alleviating household cost pressures, our standard of living can be restored and Australians can get ahead.

We will rein in wasteful spending and repair the federal budget.

This will ensure that the government is helping to bring inflation down, not driving it up with reckless spending.

Responsible budget management will take pressure off the Reserve Bank, creating an environment for much needed interest rate relief for Australians.

We will drive down costs that flow through each stage of the economy. By reducing key business input costs, the benefits will flow through to lower prices for the consumer at the check-out.

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

- Rein in wasteful government spending that is fuelling inflation and get interest rates down.
- Deliver cheaper energy through our balanced energy plan, including renewables, gas and zero-emissions nuclear.

- Keep supermarkets from exploiting suppliers and consumers through new competition policy, including divestiture powers.
- Strengthen the Food and Grocery Code, increase penalties and establish a Supermarket Commissioner.
- Protect the retirement savings of Australians from unfair new taxes.
- Increase the amount older Australians and veterans can work without reducing pension payments.
- Boost housing supply and help young Australians overcome the deposit hurdle to entering the property market.

These priorities will **fight cost of living pressures** for Australian families.



Every Australian should be able to comfortably meet their needs and have a standard of living that is growing.







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Grocery price rises are putting pressure on my family's weekly shop, at a time when people are doing it tough.

When I met Peter and told him how this is impacting us, he took the time to listen and understood the extra pressure this puts on household budgets.

The Coalition's plan for greater supermarket transparency to ensure fair competition will benefit families like mine, along with small businesses and farmers who need someone to stand up for them.

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***Laura, mother of three,
Queensland***



BUILD A STRONGER ECONOMY

Under Labor

Despite inheriting a strong economy from the Coalition, with unemployment and interest rates at historic lows, Labor has damaged the Australian economy in just three years.

Wasteful government spending, unnecessary red tape and higher taxes have stifled growth and productivity. Labor's budgets have seen an additional \$347 billion in spending – that's an additional \$33,000 for every Australian household.

Debt is rising with interest payments on the debt forecast to increase to almost 1 per cent of GDP and annual taxes have increased by \$109 billion. Despite record tax revenue from the mining and resources sector, this year Labor will oversee the largest deterioration in the budget on record in dollar terms (outside the pandemic and GFC), and we are facing a decade of deficits.

FACT

**LABOR IS SPENDING
\$12 FOR EVERY
\$1 SAVED.**



Confirmed in 2024-25 MYEFO

Last year the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) confirmed government spending is keeping inflation higher for longer. The RBA Governor said that inflation is now "homegrown", meaning it's a direct consequence of reckless spending and Labor's wrong priorities.

The International Monetary Fund has projected that in 2025, Australia will have the second highest inflation of any developed country.¹

Our economic conditions have deteriorated and under the Albanese Labor Government, **Australia is heading in the wrong direction.**

1 IMF, *Financial Review*, 23/10/2024.

We Believe

Governments must live within their means.

Spending should be considered and responsible, minimising the need to collect additional tax and further burden Australian families and small businesses.

The Coalition believes that it is the responsibility of government to spend taxpayer money wisely and to ensure that, through sound economic management and financial restraint, our economy is best protected against unexpected economic shocks.

We believe in the core principle that you should keep more of what you earn and that hard-working Australians should be rewarded for their hard work. Taxation is the killer of aspiration and the best reward for hard work is lower taxes.

For decades the mining and resources sector has not only provided good jobs and bolstered our economy but sustained public investment in healthcare, schools and infrastructure. The Coalition stands unwaveringly with Australia's resources sector – when that industry is strong, our nation is strong.

The private sector should drive economic growth, with the role of government to support Australian industry and the economy by being efficient and not creating obstacles to success.



I have always understood that managing a strong and growing economy underpins our prosperity. As Prime Minister, I will apply the principles of lean, efficient government that enables businesses to grow and make decisions to re-energise our economy.



Peter Dutton, Leader of the Opposition

Our Solution

A Dutton Coalition Government will **build a stronger economy** by delivering a back-to-basics economic agenda.

The solution to Australia's economic challenges is to take the pressure off inflation by reining-in wasteful spending, simplifying regulatory environments and cutting red tape to stimulate private sector growth.

Our economic agenda will get the Budget under control.

We will back the private sector to lead our economy's growth. Our priority will be providing businesses with the policy settings they need to grow and thrive.

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

- Rein in wasteful spending to take the pressure off inflation and get interest rates down.
- Provide lower, simpler and fairer taxes to boost economic growth.
- Turbocharge our mining and resources sector by accelerating approvals and cutting red and green tape.

- Increase export opportunities for Australian farmers and businesses by negotiating new free trade agreements.
- Support Australian businesses to lead in emerging scientific and engineering fields such as advanced manufacturing, medical research, artificial intelligence, blockchain, and space, turning innovation into high-paying jobs and global opportunities.
- Invest in productive infrastructure, such as roads and rail, to unlock greater and more efficient economic activity.
- Bring focus and support back to our neglected regions as central to our nation's productive capacity.

These priorities will ensure we **build a stronger economy**.





BACK SMALL BUSINESS

Under Labor

Business conditions in Australia are collapsing.

Last year was the worst calendar year on record for business insolvencies.¹ Electricity prices for small businesses have risen by up to 52 per cent.²

The number of businesses not able to pay their invoices is also at record highs and has more than doubled in the past year.

These statistics reveal a complete failure by Labor to deliver an economic plan that supports small businesses to grow, thrive and create more jobs.

Labor's industrial relations agenda has been driven by union demands, resulting in less flexibility and increased regulation for the small business sector.

The changes create more red-tape and harm job creation, making life harder for small business.

Borrowing costs for small businesses have reached the highest levels in 16 years and persistent high inflation is resulting in an increased cost of doing business, impacting profit margins and investment.

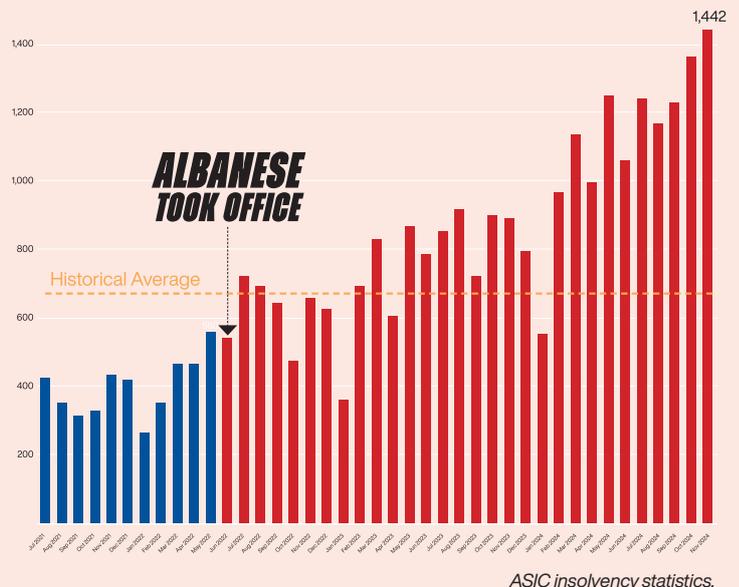
Australia is struggling under a productivity recession, with labour productivity falling by

almost 6 per cent since Labor was elected.³ A sustained fall of this size is unprecedented and must be reversed.

Australian manufacturers have been some of the hardest hit. They are competing with producers in countries where energy costs are lower. High energy prices make it more expensive to produce goods locally and make us less attractive on the global market.

Businesses are struggling and under the Albanese Labor Government, **Australia is heading in the wrong direction.**

Business insolvencies in Australia



1 ASIC insolvency statistics.

2 <https://energyconsumersaustralia.com.au/projects/retail-tariff-tracker>.

3 ABS, Australian National Accounts, September quarter, 2024.

We Believe

We are a nation of small and family businesses, with over 2.5 million small businesses employing almost half of Australia's workforce.

The Coalition believes that a successful small business sector is the key to Australia's long-term economic prosperity. Governments should at all times seek to reduce cost and regulatory burdens, in order to support the sector.

This means reducing unnecessary taxation on industries to prevent unfair cost burdens being passed on to businesses and the consumer. It means reducing taxes which prohibit and discourage businesses from growing and investing.

We believe excessive red tape obstructs job creation and whilst appropriate rules are a fundamental aspect of our democratic society, we should always look to limit inefficient and redundant regulation.

We believe all businesses deserve a fair go. Governments should treat all industries equally and not pick favourites to support preferred parts of the economy.

We value the contribution small businesses make and believe their hard work should be rewarded.

When I was young I worked in our family building business. I learned firsthand how important it is for government to get out of the way of business. As Prime Minister, I will ensure businesses aren't stifled by unnecessary interference and regulation.

Peter Dutton, Leader of the Opposition

Our Solution

A Dutton Coalition Government will **back small business** as the key driver of economic growth and security. We will be unashamedly pro small business, delivering reforms to help the small business sector grow and get back on track.

This is why we have already committed to extending the value of assets eligible for instant write-off to \$30,000, for firms with annual turnover up to \$10 million.

We will implement a pro small business agenda focused on saving time and money and delivering less government intervention and greater business freedom.

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

- Reverse the damaging aspects of Labor's complex industrial relations reforms, including returning to a simple definition of a casual worker.
- Curtail union militancy in Australian workplaces and reintroduce a tougher Australian Building and Construction Commission.
- Cut red and green tape that is stopping businesses from getting ahead.
- Deliver cheaper, cleaner and consistent energy, through our balanced plan for energy including renewables, gas and zero-emissions nuclear.
- Reduce the tax burden on business expenditure.
- Deliver competition policy to give small businesses a fair go.
- Ensure we train our next generation with the skills required for the workforce of the future.

These priorities will drive productivity growth and **back small business**.

Supporting Australia's Workforce

We have the backs of Australian workers, and we have the backs of small and family businesses. The Coalition has a strong track record of job creation and skilling our workforce. Only strong economic management can generate the prosperity where new businesses open, new jobs are created and real wages rise sustainably. It's not only about creating jobs for those Australians who are unemployed, but making it easier for businesses to create better paid jobs. This is important for all Australians as they aspire to grow in their careers and seek out the opportunities that will allow them to support their family and ultimately plan for their retirement.





When Mr Dutton says 'small businesses are the lifeblood of our communities' he's on the mark.

Increasing the instant asset write off to \$30,000 – compared to Labor's \$20,000 limit – is a strong signal that the Coalition understands the need to stimulate small and medium businesses in this country.

Making the instant asset write off an ongoing measure – as opposed to Labor's yearly question mark over the policy – creates all-important certainty for businesses.



**Daniel Hunter,
Business NSW**





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DELIVER AFFORDABLE AND RELIABLE ENERGY

Under Labor

Australian households and businesses are paying amongst the highest energy prices in the world.

Labor promised to reduce annual electricity bills by \$275. Yet for many Australians, electricity bills have increased by up to \$1,000 more than promised.

These increases are not just being felt when the electricity bill arrives. Electricity inflation is impacting the cost of doing business, driving up the prices of everyday goods and services.

Australians are facing record levels of hardship and increasing uncertainty about reliability.

Labor has a 'renewables only' approach to our energy system, resulting in high prices and a grid that is increasingly reliant on weather-dependent and unreliable energy sources.

Solar and wind will continue to play an important and growing role in our energy mix. However, there are limitations, because these energy sources only produce electricity when the wind is blowing, and the sun is shining. The best battery technologies provide only a few hours backup.

We need a balanced energy mix that is reliable 24/7. Essential services such as our hospitals rely on it. The Australian Energy Market Operator has warned of the risk of reliability gaps, leaving us vulnerable to blackouts.

Labor broke its promise to reduce electricity bills by \$275 and under the Albanese Labor Government, **Australia is heading in the wrong direction.**

We Believe

Australia is the greatest country in the world, yet an essential service like electricity will not be able to be relied upon under Labor.

The Coalition believes we need to deliver cheaper, consistent and cleaner power. Labor's industrial scale renewables-only roll-out is destroying prime agricultural land, our national landscapes and our coastlines.

We are committed to achieving net zero-emissions by 2050. This must be done through considered planning that doesn't inflict higher power prices on the Australian economy and that doesn't result in manufacturing jobs moving offshore to countries with higher emissions than Australia.

The shift must be planned and importantly, deliver lower prices to the consumer and be used as a catalyst for technological advances and industry growth.

We believe we need a responsible growth of renewables which avoids massive overbuild across pristine landscapes and agricultural land.

By minimising the footprint and costs of our energy system, this will deliver economic, social and environmental benefits for all Australians.



The Coalition's energy plan will cost 44 per cent less than Labor's plan through to 2050.

Frontier Economics, Economic analysis of including nuclear power in the NEM, December 2024.

Whether running a business or a household, we should all expect reliable and affordable energy – not as a privilege but as a basic necessity. As Prime Minister, I will power-up our nation with the cheaper, cleaner and consistent power that Australia needs. This is a policy which ends political short-termism and is in the long-term interest of our country.

Peter Dutton, Leader of the Opposition

Our Solution

Australia needs cheap, clean and consistent power and through our energy plan, a Dutton Coalition Government will **deliver affordable and reliable energy**.

We need new baseload reliable energy generation to replace retiring coal-fired power plants, and we have a plan to address these challenges.

We will deliver a balanced energy mix with renewables, gas, storage and zero-emissions nuclear. This will ensure retiring 'always on' baseload power is adequately replaced to guarantee reliability of the system, with an ongoing source of clean and 24/7 power.

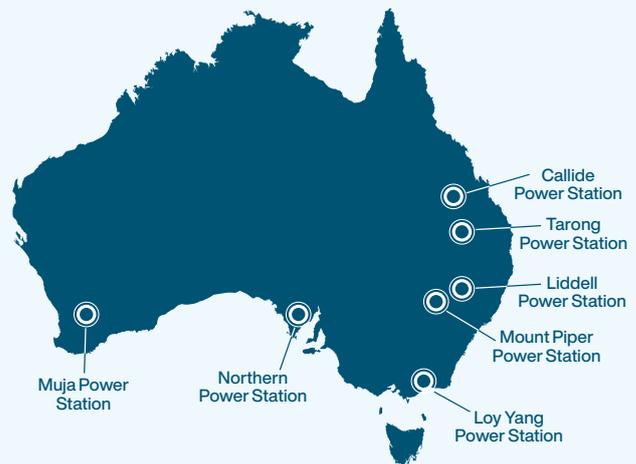
We will deliver zero-emissions nuclear energy in Australia, which has been proven to get electricity prices and emissions down all over the world.

31 countries, including the US, UK, Canada, France and Japan, have signed a pledge to triple nuclear capacity by 2050, highlighting the critical role that nuclear plays in cheaper, cleaner and more consistent power. Australia is the only country in the top 20 economies that is not using zero-emissions nuclear power, or taking steps to put it in the mix.

We will unlock more Australian gas to drive down prices and safeguard our energy security. Affordable gas is critical to the ongoing viability of Australia's heavy industry and manufacturing sector.

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

- Deliver lower energy bills for families and businesses.
- Deliver an energy plan that saves Australians up to \$263 billion through to 2050 compared to Labor's plan.



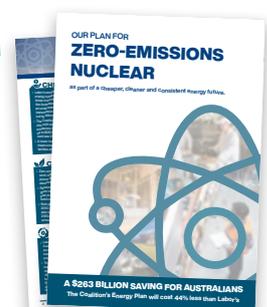
- Establish a civil nuclear program in Australia, including operating nuclear power plants in seven locations across the country.
- Unlock more Australian gas to safeguard our energy security and reliability, through streamlined approvals and by encouraging increased exploration and development.
- Develop gas in key basins, like the Beetaloo, and include new gas generation in the capacity investment scheme.
- Enable the responsible and sustainable growth of renewables as part of our future generation requirements.
- Avoid the overbuild of transmission lines and greenfield industrial solar and wind projects that regional communities don't want.
- Ensure retiring coal generation is replaced by reliable baseload energy.

These priorities will **deliver affordable and reliable energy**.

OUR NUCLEAR ENERGY PLAN EXPLAINED

We will:

- Lift the moratorium on nuclear technology in Australia, allowing us to establish a nuclear program.
- Form partnerships with the most experienced nuclear companies in the world to develop and operate seven Federal Government owned nuclear power plants across Australia.
- Initially develop two establishment projects using small modular reactors or modern larger plants.
- Establish integrated economic development zones centred on these new nuclear plants to attract manufacturing, value-add and high-tech industry.
- Create regional deals to unlock associated investment in modern infrastructure, services and community priorities.



Learn more at: www.AustraliaNeedsNuclear.org.au



FIX THE HOUSING CRISIS

Under Labor

Home ownership is the defining issue of our generation. Not enough homes are being built and the Australian dream of home ownership has vanished for too many.

On every single metric, housing has gone backwards under Labor.

The construction of new homes is at decade lows and Labor has overseen falling rates of approvals and first home buyers.

The deposit hurdle is too high for many trying to break into the market and access to finance has become almost unattainable for the average worker.

Labor has run the biggest migration program in a generation, with a net increase of almost a million new arrivals in Labor's first two

FACT

LABOR ARE ON TRACK TO FALL SHORT OF THEIR 1.2 MILLION NEW HOMES TARGET BY 400,000 HOMES.

Master Builders Australia chief economist, Shane Garrett, Herald Sun, 15/10/24.



years, yet there has been no plan for where these new arrivals will live.

National rents have skyrocketed by 17 per cent and families with a typical mortgage are now up to \$50,000 a year worse off.

Home ownership has become an unaffordable dream and under the Albanese Labor Government, **Australia is heading in the wrong direction.**



We Believe

The Coalition believes that home ownership provides economic security and independence and should be achievable for every Australian.

Owning a home provides a secure base for the family unit and becomes a source of pride as well as the primary asset of household wealth.

We believe that the aspiration of home ownership should be in reach for all Australians.

The government has significant influence on both supply and demand factors that affect housing affordability.

We believe that government policy settings must keep the balance so that the supply of housing is meeting demand, and that policies to increase supply and manage demand are both needed to fix Labor's housing affordability crisis.

Today, the dream of home ownership is beyond reach for so many. Entering the property market shouldn't be limited to those who can rely on the bank of mum and dad. As Prime Minister, I will restore the dream of home ownership and make it achievable again.

Peter Dutton, Leader of the Opposition

Our Solution

A Dutton Coalition Government will act immediately to **fix the housing crisis**.

Through our plan, we will free up more than 100,000 homes in the next five years and will unlock up to 500,000 new homes through new infrastructure funding.

We will manage housing demand through a sensible migration intake that our housing supply growth can handle. We will cut red tape in the construction sector and invest in critical infrastructure to support the building of more homes.

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

- Boost housing supply to alleviate the shortages that have shut new buyers out of the market.
- Fund essential infrastructure like water, power and sewerage at housing development sites.
- Fight inflation to take pressure off interest rates and rents.
- Reduce migration to sensible levels that our housing supply can handle.
- Implement a two-year ban on foreign investors and temporary residents purchasing existing homes in Australia.
- Support first home buyers and older women to overcome the prohibitive challenge of saving for a home deposit by allowing superannuation savings to be used to help build their deposit.
- Address supply chain constraints and invest in skills development.
- Ensure we have an adequate number of skilled visas for those in the construction sector to support our capable local workforce.

- Cut red and green tape to allow builders to get on with the job of building more homes, including freezing further changes to the National Construction Code.
- Restore the Australian Building and Construction Commission to tackle union corruption that has contributed to driving up building costs by up to 30 per cent.
- Maintain the Home Guarantee Scheme, a former Coalition Government initiative to help first home buyers save for a deposit.

These priorities will ensure we build more homes and **fix the housing crisis**.







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Buying a house right now is really hard.

When we met Peter to talk about the pressures that exist for young families to buy the house they need to raise their children, he listened. And he told us it was important to him that changes were made to make it easier on families like us.

The Coalition’s plan to help councils deliver the infrastructure needed to build more houses will definitely help thousands of families like ours enter the market.

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***Shafeen and Hamida,
Victoria***



REBALANCE OUR MIGRATION PROGRAM

Under Labor

Australia is the greatest multicultural nation in the world, something all Australians should be proud of. However Labor has created an unsustainable migration program with significant consequences.

Net migration to Australia reached almost 1 million people in Labor's first two years – 70 per cent higher than in any previous two-year period. A new person is migrating to Australia every 46 seconds. This is unsustainable and is severely impacting our social and economic infrastructure.

The integrity of our migration system has been undermined by Labor's border security failures. This has seen criminal people smuggling syndicates back in business with almost 500 people having attempted to enter Australia illegally on 26 boats - of which seven have reached Australia.

FACT

**UNDER LABOR,
EVERY 4 YEARS OUR
MIGRATION INTAKE IS
THE SIZE OF ADELAIDE.**



*Budget 2022-2023; Budget 2024-2025 and 2024-25
Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO).*

Thousands of visas have been granted to people from some of the most dangerous parts of the world without adequate background and security checks. Convicted criminals have been released from immigration detention into our communities, often proceeding to re-offend against innocent Australians.

Australia's migration program is unsustainable and under the Albanese Labor Government, **Australia is heading in the wrong direction.**



We Believe

The Coalition believes in sensible and managed migration that is sustainable and in line with our capacity to adequately provide for existing, as well as new citizens.

We celebrate the role of migrants in our communities and the incredible contributions they make to our society. By ensuring the proper and orderly management of our intake, we can ensure that the benefits of migration continue.

We believe that Australia needs strong and secure borders to ensure that anyone entering our country is doing so legally.

It is vital that the integrity of our migration system is maintained. Strong border protection laws are required to stop those who seek to illegally enter our country.

We expect people seeking to migrate to our country to respect the values of our democratic Australian society.

As Immigration Minister, I oversaw Operation Sovereign Borders that restored integrity to our migration system. When we lose control of our borders - or have regular migration at unsustainable levels - the ramifications are felt across our nation. The Coalition will ensure our borders are secure, return migration to sustainable levels, and ensure our migration program relieves pressure on housing, infrastructure and services.

Peter Dutton, Leader of the Opposition

Our Solution

A Dutton Coalition Government will **rebalance our migration program** to restore confidence and integrity, and to relieve pressure on housing and community services.

We will structure our intake to a level that Australia can properly sustain without impacting on the quality of life and economic prosperity of Australia and Australians.

We cannot and will not allow high migration settings that erode living standards, overburden our infrastructure or exacerbate housing shortages in our communities.

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

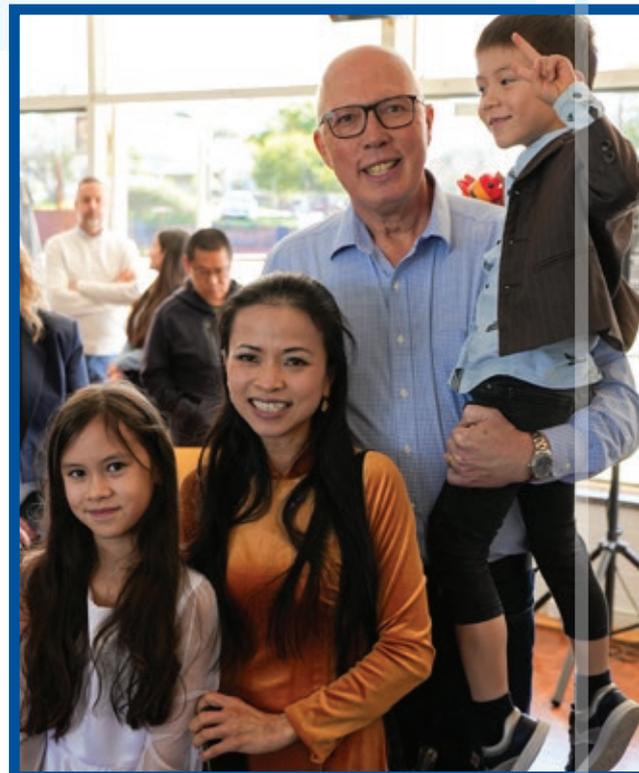
- Urgently address the record levels of migration intake under Labor by reducing the permanent migration intake by 25 per cent.
- Reduce the number of international students studying at metropolitan universities.

- Properly plan and invest in our infrastructure and housing needs so that the level of migration into our country is no higher than what is sustainable.
- Secure our borders and restore integrity to the migration system.
- Strengthen our detention laws to keep violent criminals, whose visas have been cancelled, properly monitored and off the streets.

These sensible steps will **rebalance our migration program** and deliver sustainable and manageable intake levels to protect the living standards of all Australians.

We are a people of many backgrounds, of many faiths, who practise many cultural traditions. Despite these differences, we are united as Australians by the things we have in common: our love of family, our appreciation for friends and colleagues, our attachment to community, our sense of duty, our aspiration and optimism, our respect for law and liberty, our pride in our country, and our desire to protect democracy.

Peter Dutton, Leader of the Opposition





KEEP AUSTRALIANS SAFE

Under Labor

Australians are anxious about the more dangerous world they are living in, with geopolitical tensions and, more recently, rising crime on home soil.

Labor is not showing leadership and strength during this time, and inaction and weakness is leading to Australians becoming increasingly worried amid current security challenges.

Crime and hate have spread across many parts of our communities.

At our universities, places of worship and on the streets, antisemitism and extremism are out of control.

Labor has watered down Operation Sovereign Borders and failed to deliver maritime surveillance, allowing people smugglers to bring people on to our shores undetected.

More than 280 serious criminals have been released from immigration detention into the community

FACT

LABOR HAS OVERSEEN MORE THAN \$80 BILLION IN CUTS AND DELAYS TO AUSTRALIA'S DEFENCE BUDGET.



Budget 2023-2024; Budget 2024-2025 and 2024-25 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO).

under Labor, with many reoffending against innocent Australians.

Labor's approach to national security is weak, as shown by cuts to important defence spending (now under 2 per cent of GDP) and the significant shift in Australia's foreign policy position towards our ally Israel.

Australia needs leadership in the current environment yet under the Albanese Labor Government, **Australia is heading in the wrong direction.**

We Believe

The Coalition believes that the safety and security of our nation and the communities that we live in are the first responsibility of government.

We believe that investing in the best capabilities for the Australian Defence Force is an investment in peace, and that peace is achieved and maintained through a strong army, navy and air force.

We believe that in a dangerous world Australia needs to work more closely than ever before with our allies and partners and stand up for our interests and values on the international stage.

We believe that community safety is a core part of our national security, and our security and intelligence agencies must be given the resources and powers they need to protect Australians.

It is the government's responsibility to foster national unity by standing firmly against sectarianism and extremism and promoting harmony and tolerance in our society.

We believe that strong and decisive action must be taken to keep Australians safe.

Peter was a police officer for nine years (Pictured with his grandmother).





I served in the Queensland Police Service, which was rewarding but also confronting. As Home Affairs Minister and Defence Minister, I was responsible for strengthening our Defence Force, strong borders and safe communities. As Prime Minister, I will be a leader who doesn't shirk the hard and necessary decisions which must be made in these tough and precarious times.

Peter Dutton, Leader of the Opposition



Our Solution

A Dutton Coalition Government will get to work immediately to **keep Australians safe** against rising threats domestically and internationally.

National security and community safety will be the first priority of a Dutton Coalition Government to ensure that Australians feel safe and united.

That's why we have already announced measures such as an Antisemitism Taskforce that will refer any visa holders involved in acts of antisemitism for immediate cancellation and deportation.

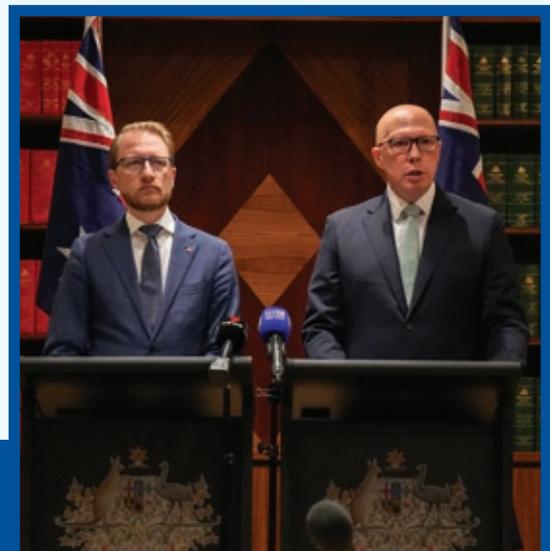
That's why we have announced measures to tackle local crime, such as working with the states and territories to deliver uniform knife laws and limiting and restricting the sale and possession of knives to minors and dangerous individuals.

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

- Make defence capability acquisition decisions to equip our Defence Force with the best platforms they need and deserve at speed and scale.
- Increase the Defence budget to address the cuts and delays by Labor.
- Back the Defence industry sector as a key partner in delivering capabilities.
- Repair strained relationships with our allies such as Israel, and ensure our AUKUS, Quad and Five Eyes relationships continue to deepen.
- Work closely with our Pacific family and Southeast Asian neighbours to secure a safe and prosperous region.
- Progress the Coalition-initiated AUKUS partnership, the greatest defence initiative in a generation.

- Collaborate with law enforcement to deliver coordinated and effective anti-crime measures.
- Build on the success of Operation Sovereign Borders to expand and enhance our border security to stop people smuggling and secure our borders.
- Restore Home Affairs to its rightful place as the pre-eminent domestic national security policy and operations portfolio.
- Tackle the increasing prevalence of drugs in our community.
- Protect our children from emerging threats to their safety and wellbeing online and equip parents with the awareness and tools they need to keep their children safe online.
- Double funding for the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation.
- Make it illegal to post material glamourising violence, drug and property crimes to increase a person's notoriety.

These priorities will help **keep Australians safe**.



Announcing a Coalition Government will establish an Antisemitism Taskforce and deliver a \$32.5 million security funding package to protect Australia's Jewish community.



DELIVER QUALITY HEALTHCARE

Under Labor

Our health system is facing significant challenges and Labor has no plan to address them.

We have a serious shortage of GPs, which means seeing the doctor has become harder and this will worsen into the future. By 2031, it is expected that we will have a shortage of up to 8,000 GPs across Australia.¹

Seeing a GP has never been more expensive, with the GP bulk billing rate dropping 11 per cent under Labor² and Medicare currently covering the lowest percentage of GP fees on record.

In 2023, 1.2 million Australians avoided seeing a GP due to the cost. This is exposing patients and leaving many vulnerable to adverse health outcomes.³

¹ RACGP data, January 2025.

² Department of Health and Aged Care, Medicare Annual Statistics, July 2024.

³ Cleanbill-Blue-Report-Regional-Breakdown-February-2024.pdf

Mental health remains one of the greatest health challenges we face and despite growing awareness, government investment remains inadequate. 240,000 Australians are currently without the extended support they need⁴, due to Labor's cuts to Medicare subsidised mental health support.

Critical unaddressed problems in the health system and Labor's cost of living crisis have led to worse patient outcomes, GP shortages and more Australians ramped or waiting for healthcare.

Health is not being prioritised by Labor and under the Albanese Labor Government, **Australia is heading in the wrong direction.**

⁴ Community Affairs Committee, Health and Aged Care Portfolio, Questions on Notice, April, 2023, p2.

We Believe

The health of all Australians will always be a top priority for the Coalition. There is nothing more important than ensuring we are a healthy and active society.

The Coalition believes all Australians are entitled to access quality healthcare. It doesn't matter where you live, or how old you are, you deserve to be cared for when you need it.

We believe healthcare in Australia should be patient-centric, ensuring that individuals are at the heart of every medical decision.

Patients should feel empowered to make decisions, whilst being supported by excellent health professionals.

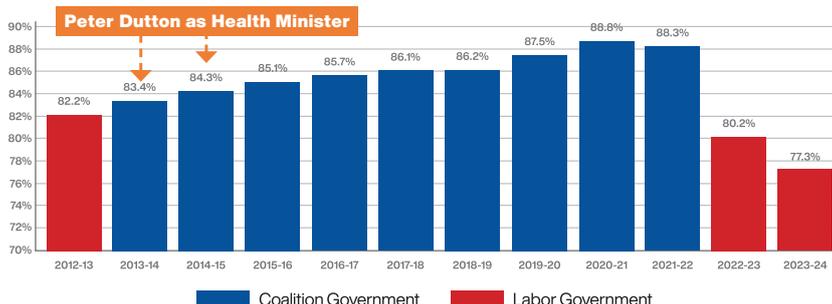
We support Medicare and a strong public health system, supported by a strong non-government hospital and health insurance sector. We value the private sector's participation in the provision of healthcare.

The Coalition backs frontline healthcare workers such as doctors and nurses, not bureaucrats, as those most qualified to shape our system and implement effective healthcare solutions.

We believe the role of government is to help Australians and to be there when they need it most.

Medicare Bulk Billing rate (GP Services)

Higher under Liberals. Fallen 11% under Labor.





As Health Minister, I was proud to increase hospital funding by 16 per cent and establish the Medical Research Future Fund. I increased bulk billing to 84 per cent and the Coalition finished its term in Government with bulk billing reaching 88 per cent. I believe that quality healthcare is the hallmark of a caring nation. As Prime Minister, I will continue to invest in key health services and a sustainable system we can all rely on.

Peter Dutton, Leader of the Opposition



Our Solution

The Coalition has a plan to address key challenges in our health system and to **deliver quality healthcare**.

Our primary focus will be on delivering a world class health system, with better health outcomes in the areas that are in desperate need of investment and reform.

That's why we have already announced we will restore the Coalition's doubling of Medicare-subsidised mental health sessions from 10 to 20 on a permanent basis and will invest \$400 million to re-build the GP workforce and encourage junior doctors to become GPs.

We will work collaboratively with patients, the Australian Medical Association and Royal Australian College of General Practitioners to deliver better health outcomes, drawing upon their knowledge and expertise to address current challenges and plan for future ones.

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

- Guarantee the growing funding of Medicare.
- Support Australians to receive healthcare in a timely way wherever they live.
- Grow our GP workforce to address increasing shortages through new incentive payments, entitlements and training support.
- Restore critical Medicare funding to help more Australians suffering from mental health conditions.

- Support Australians to access suicide prevention services.
- Invest in cancer treatments, such as specialist cancer nurses to support Australians with Ovarian Cancer – the deadliest cancer affecting women.
- Invest in cutting-edge medical research to drive treatment breakthroughs and advancements for Australians.
- Deliver new investments in best-practice women's health issues, such as endometriosis, menopause and peri-menopause.
- Support regional health worker attraction, recruitment and retention initiatives to ensure those living outside our metropolitan centres are not disadvantaged.
- Conduct a review of women-specific health items funded under Medicare and the PBS to ensure the best support is provided to Australian women.
- Reduce unnecessary waste in the health bureaucracy, redirecting it to frontline health services.
- Continue support for the timely access to medicines through community pharmacies.

These priorities will ensure we **deliver quality healthcare**, something all Australians deserve.

THE COALITION'S RECORD ON HEALTH

The previous Coalition Government:

- FACT** increased Medicare funding every year;
- FACT** increased hospital funding by 86%;
- FACT** delivered record bulk billing rates;
- FACT** made 2,900 new or amended medicines listings;
- FACT** doubled the number of Medicare subsidised mental health sessions; and
- FACT** delivered a world leading pandemic response.

Learn more at: www.liberal.org.au/health-facts



*David Littleproud,
Leader of The Nationals*

Life is harder for regional Australians under the Albanese Labor Government.

Families face a cost-of-living crisis, Labor has cut billions of dollars for regional road, transport and water projects and it's never been harder to access a country GP or find local childcare.

I'm driven to bring some common sense back to Canberra and to fight for a fairer share for families in regional, rural and remote communities.

Our plan will tackle the challenges faced by regional Australia head on and unlock our full potential. As part of a strong and united Coalition Government we will get Australia back on track.

*David Littleproud,
Leader of The Nationals*



THE NATIONALS
for Regional Australia

THE WOOLMARKET



GROW A STRONGER REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

Under Labor

Life is harder for regional Australians under Labor, who have neglected regional communities across the country.

Labor has actively undermined and sometimes outright blocked economic development opportunities in regional areas, such as in mining, gas, forestry, fishing, farming and manufacturing. Regional Australia – and our nation more broadly – are missing out on billions of dollars due to Labor’s hostile regional policies.

They have even provided taxpayer funds to support legal action against projects that would create jobs and a bright future for regional communities.

Services and infrastructure have deteriorated since Labor came to office. They have scrapped major road projects in regional areas. It has become harder and more expensive to visit a GP and more and more regional Australians are having to travel to the city for basic health treatment.

The gap in access to childcare, aged care and disability support is unacceptable, but Labor have no interest in addressing this.

Regional Australia is not getting the focus it deserves and under the Albanese Labor Government, **Australia is heading in the wrong direction.**

We Believe

The Coalition understands that rural and regional Australia provides the bulk of our exports and makes a vast economic contribution to Australia’s wealth and living standards.

We believe that our regions deserve a government that represents them, understands them, and invests in them.

Without our regions, Australia would be unrecognisable. A failure to invest in and enhance the drivers of our regional economies will cost Australia’s future growth and prosperity significantly.

We believe that all Australians deserve excellent fundamental service delivery, and that health and education in our regions should be of the highest standard.

We know that there will always be differences between life in the bush versus life in the city, but that a fundamental role of government is to ensure high quality essential services and support, regardless of postcode.

Regional Australia produces over 30 per cent of the national economic output.



DITRDC, Gross Regional Product Estimates, 2024

We believe that investing in our regions ensures that they will continue to be the powerhouse of our economy and that vibrant regional communities are the lifeblood of our nation.



With its priorities being Greens activists and union bosses, Labor has treated regional Australians as second-class citizens. Hardworking regions keep our economy strong. Without them, Australia would be poorer. The Coalition will stand up for everyday Australians from our suburbs to our regions.

Peter Dutton, Leader of the Opposition

Our Solution

A Dutton Coalition Government will **grow a stronger Regional Australia.**

Regional Australia will be well represented across a Dutton Coalition Government, with senior Ministers from rural and regional Australia in Cabinet and the Ministry.

We will have a strong regional perspective on all decision making, and always look for opportunities to ensure equity and fairness.

We will address critical gaps in access to essential services. Regional communities contribute significantly to our national economic and social fabric and deserve quality local services.

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

- Invest in roads, rail and local infrastructure for communities and economic production.
- Fund enabling infrastructure to unlock new housing in regional and rural Australia such as water, sewerage and access roads.
- Protect jobs and businesses in traditional local industries like timber, salmon and mining that are under threat from Labor and the Greens.
- End Labor's live sheep export ban.
- Ensure government regulation is balanced and genuine, not used for activist causes or obstructing our regional industries.

- Protect prime agricultural land from destruction by ideological projects and stop Labor's water buybacks.
- Develop and support access to export markets and trade opportunities to advance regional businesses.
- Improve access to telecommunications and high speed internet.
- Invest in practical local water infrastructure projects to support agriculture, industry and economic development.
- Deliver essential services that are of high quality regardless of geography.
- Work with local industries to address chronic regional workforce shortages.
- Support regional health worker attraction, recruitment and retention initiatives.
- Back local solutions to provide better access to flexible childcare and education services for families living in regional, rural and remote communities.
- Support existing regional industries to grow and foster new manufacturing and processing opportunities to capitalise on the competitive advantages of our regions.
- Turbocharge our mining and resources sector and lean into growing opportunities like critical minerals by accelerating approvals and cutting red and green tape.
- Unlock economic growth in Northern Australia.

This will be the basis to **grow a stronger Regional Australia.**

We will unashamedly support our miners, farmers, fishers and foresters and back their industries.

Peter Dutton,
Leader of
the Opposition





FOCUS ON PRACTICAL ACTION FOR INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

Under Labor

Labor has failed to achieve meaningful results in addressing Indigenous disadvantage.

Their sole focus was the Voice to Parliament referendum. Since Australians voted no, Labor has had nothing to say or do to provide leadership or focus on the serious issues blighting many Indigenous communities across regional and remote Australia.

Some measures in the Closing the Gap framework are actually going backwards. Labor's distraction is leaving the most vulnerable people in Indigenous communities at great risk.

For Labor, symbolism and tokenism are the priority, rather than practical action to address the varied instances of inequality, poverty and neglect.

Scrapping the cashless debit card is an example of ideology triumphing over real-world experience. Labor has not worked in the best interests of communities affected by the outcomes of such policies.

Labor are not addressing significant challenges for Indigenous Australians and under the Albanese Labor Government, **Australia is heading in the wrong direction.**

We Believe

The Coalition believes that Australia must be a great place for all of us to live, and that it is completely unacceptable for any Australian to endure diminished opportunity or standards of living because of their heritage.

We believe that the challenges facing Indigenous Australians are varied and complex, and that treating all Indigenous Australians as having the same problems is discriminatory and wrong.

The Coalition is proud of our history representing Indigenous Australians. The first Indigenous Senator, Member of the House of Representatives, and Cabinet Minister were all members of the Liberal Party.

We believe in treating people as individuals, not groups, and in enabling and fostering individual opportunity and reward for effort. We want to invest in pathways that provide bright futures for those who are marginalised.



Our Solution

A Dutton Coalition Government will **focus on practical action for Indigenous Australians.**

We want to target and address the significant disadvantage and neglect within regional and remote Indigenous communities.

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

- Focus government efforts on delivering improvements in our most marginalised Indigenous communities.
- Undertake a full audit of all government programs and expenditure in Indigenous affairs to identify failed and/or unnecessary funding that can be reprioritised towards frontline solutions.
- Launch a Royal Commission into Sexual Abuse in Indigenous Communities to shine a light on the horrors of these crimes and identify systemic reforms to be implemented that will end this scourge.

- Reintroduce the Cashless Debit Card for working-aged welfare recipients in consultation with communities, to make sure children are getting the support from their parents that they deserve.
- Provide more housing as a fundamental need of those in Indigenous communities and beyond.
- Boost law and order in Indigenous communities.
- Empower Indigenous communities to use their land for economic development.
- Provide practical solutions to improve health outcomes for Indigenous women and children.

These measures will **focus on practical action for Indigenous Australians.**



Having travelled throughout regional and remote Australia, I've seen firsthand the challenges facing the most vulnerable Indigenous communities. As Prime Minister, I will make tough decisions and prioritise practical support to the frontline rather than seeing more money be wasted on more Canberra-based bureaucracy which has done nothing to better the lives of disadvantaged Indigenous Australians.

Peter Dutton, Leader of the Opposition





BUILD STRONG AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Under Labor

Labor's economic failures have led to poor quality service delivery by government.

Key performance indicators across a wide variety of government services have deteriorated.

Despite record tax revenues being levied on all Australians, Labor has presided over waste and mismanagement of the key services and support we all rely on.

Labor has damaged the economy through wasteful spending and the wrong priorities. This hampers the ability to invest in important infrastructure, environmental and social programs that improve the quality of life for Australians.

Distracted by issues like the failed Voice Referendum, Labor has neglected the core responsibilities of government and consistently prioritised symbolism over practical and tangible action.

Our community and social services are in an unacceptable state and under the Albanese Labor Government, **Australia is heading in the wrong direction.**

We Believe

The Coalition believes a strong economy is the key to fulfilling our aspirations for Australia.

We believe when the budget is healthy, we can sustainably support and better expand community services.

We believe that while we are all Australians, we each have unique and diverse needs, and it is the role of government to understand those needs and to deliver targeted improvements.

Young Australians should be given a quality education and taught the basics, such as reading, writing, maths and science, through explicit instruction.

Older Australians should be supported by aged care services that maintain well-being, independence and dignity.

Families should have access to affordable child care, ensuring parents can balance their professional and personal responsibilities.

People living with a disability should have tailored strategies to support their specific needs.

Veterans should be recognised for their incredible sacrifices, with their specific health and employment challenges prioritised and addressed.

We believe that local small businesses should prosper so we see growth in demand for services, hospitality and tourism.

We believe that inherent in conservative values is the need to preserve and protect our environment and leave our next generation with something better than what we inherited.

We believe that as a free, democratic, outward looking nation that values opportunity and fairness, Australia has so much to be proud of. We believe that what unites us as Australians is far more powerful than anything that divides us.



A confident and resilient country is reflective of strong families and well-supported communities. As Prime Minister, I want to ensure our schools are nurturing children in a responsible way. I want those with disability, our veterans, and older Australians to be treated with dignity and respect.

Peter Dutton, Leader of the Opposition

Our Solution

A Dutton Coalition Government will **build strong and sustainable communities**.

We will prioritise quality service delivery and invest in communities to improve the lives of all Australians.

Our investments in services will be underpinned by a healthy budget and growing economy. The healthier the federal budget, the healthier our communities can be.



Giving families greater choices around work and care

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

- Allow eligible parents to either receive superannuation contributions on government funded paid parental leave (PPL), or an additional two weeks of funded PPL, or a one-off payment equal to the total value of the superannuation entitlement for PPL.
- Drive improvements to maintain low out-of-pocket child care costs for Australian families.
- Support greater access to child care places in regional Australia.



- Focus on providing targeted assistance to families in greatest need by offering the highest subsidies to those with the lowest incomes, the most hours of subsidy to those families working the most, and additional support for households with multiple children in child care.



Back to basics education

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

- Focus on teaching young children the basics through explicit instruction, making reading, writing, maths and science a priority.
- Match dollar-for-dollar agreements already announced by the Federal Government for schools funding.
- Put behaviour on the agenda to combat classroom disruption and improve the environments in which students learn.
- Back faith-based education - not attack it - because we believe choosing a school which aligns to one's faith or values is the right of every Australian family.
- Back parents to have a greater awareness over what is being taught in the classroom and set teachers up for success in the classroom through world-class teacher training.
- Support parents to protect their children from online bullying and harm.
- Create more apprentices and trainees and ensure the training system is delivering the skills Australians need.
- Ensure universities are focused on core academic instruction and research, rather than political agendas, and overhaul their policies to tackle antisemitism on campus.



Our Solution



Combating the scourge of family and domestic violence

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

- Support the extension of emergency payments to support women and children fleeing domestic violence.
- Make it an offence to use mobile phone and computer networks to cause an intimate partner or family member to fear for their personal safety, to track them using spyware, or engage in coercive behaviours, and ensure tough bail laws apply to these new Commonwealth offences.
- Work with states and territories to develop uniform knife laws across all jurisdictions.
- Ensure child protection and the safety of women will be enduring priorities, by increasing resources to the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation and through practical support to protect victim survivors of domestic violence and their families.



Quality disability support

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

- Guarantee NDIS funding to support those with permanent and significant disabilities.
- Provide practical support to help those living with a disability overcome barriers and enable them to find and keep employment.
- Ensure all levels of government provide the support required for people with a disability.
- Eradicate fraud and waste from the NDIS to deliver value for taxpayer dollars.



Independent and dignified aged care

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

- Fund a sustainable aged care system that is flexible to individual circumstances and provides as much choice as possible.
- Address the growing waiting list for home care, particularly in regional communities.
- Ensure older Australians can live with dignity and get the support they require.
- Assist older Australians wanting to access home care packages to stay in their homes for longer.
- Work with providers and other stakeholders to ensure the aged care system delivers for all older Australians wanting to access it.

 **Genuine conservation**

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

- Focus on practical and genuine environmental conservation.
- Support community driven initiatives to green Australia’s landscapes.
- Minimise the footprint of our energy system to protect pristine landscapes and agricultural land.
- Secure the National Water Grid by supporting projects which will improve water security for communities and farmers.
- Play an active role in funding and fostering the protection, restoration and sustainability of our land and waterways.
- Support practical initiatives to address climate change.
- Ensure the preservation and protection of our natural wonders like our treasured Great Barrier Reef.

 **Community focused support**

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

- Support and strengthen youth, community, multicultural and volunteer groups and charities, acknowledging the critical role they play in society.
- Deliver practical solutions to improve education, health and safety outcomes for Indigenous Australians.

- Invest in regional health, road and rail projects, and community infrastructure programs to ensure regional Australians are not disadvantaged due to their location.
- Address the root causes of homelessness by investing in improved services in areas such as mental health.
- Ensure the welfare system is fit for purpose and provides a safety net for those Australians most in need.
- Deliver nothing but the best for our veterans whose service to our nation deserves nothing less.
- Support the arts and Australian cultural, sporting and recreational pursuits to foster and enhance community wellbeing.
- Ban gambling advertising during the broadcasting of live sport.

These measures will **build strong and sustainable communities** for all Australians.

“ Our country, particularly because of the values we adhere to, should always treat with respect and dignity those who have served us in uniform, people who have left their families, parents and loves ones to go and fight in another part of the world. ”

Peter Dutton, Leader of the Opposition





We have met Peter several times to prevent other families going through what we have, and each time he has listened to our concerns with compassion and support.

Peter cared about our story and what happened to our family. He got the safety issues which are happening in the community.

It's a no-brainer that Jack's Law should go national, and it's Peter who has strongly backed it. He is the leader who will make that happen.



***Belinda and Brett Beasley,
Community Safety Advocates,
Queensland***







CUT GOVERNMENT WASTE

Under Labor

Labor is wasting our money on the wrong priorities. They spent nearly half a billion dollars to hold a divisive referendum that was comprehensively rejected by the Australian people.

Labor's record spending is putting pressure on inflation and keeping the interest rates that are hurting Australian households and businesses higher for longer.

The size of the public service has exploded under Labor, with 36,000 extra Canberra based bureaucrats employed since the last election.¹ Labor is more focused on overseas travel, conferences and symbolism, rather than delivering for Australians.

FACT | **LABOR SPENT \$174 MILLION OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS ON ADVERTISING IN 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR.**



Taxpayer-funded advertising for political benefit and the appointments of mates to well remunerated roles has become a priority under Labor. Symbolism is being prioritised over practical action. Political objectives and nepotism have trumped merit and serving Australians.

Meanwhile, the performance of the Labor Government across key indicators in service delivery has plummeted.

Australian taxes are not being spent responsibly and under the Albanese Labor Government, **Australia is heading in the wrong direction.**

FACT | **THE FAILED VOICE REFERENDUM COST NEARLY \$500 MILLION.**



¹ Budget 2024-25; Budget Paper 4, p181.

We Believe

Every dollar that the government spends comes out of the pockets of everyday Australians. Australians work hard and expect their taxes to be spent prudently, responsibly, and fairly.

The Coalition believes in responsible and prudent budget management that helps keep inflation and interest rates low.

We believe in an efficient and effective government that provides the services Australians rely on.

We believe governments should be focused on outcomes, not activity, and have a culture of efficiency and value for money.

We believe in, and value, a quality public service that provides frank advice, is free from political agendas and a culture of activism, and is focused on delivering genuine public services that benefit Australians.





Taxpayer money is your money – and a government must always spend Australians’ money wisely and responsibly. Since coming to power, Labor has spent an additional \$347 billion. The creation of an extra 36,000 Canberra based public servants hasn’t improved the lives of Australians one iota. At the next election, the Coalition will rein in Labor’s reckless spending.

Peter Dutton, Leader of the Opposition



Our Solution

A Dutton Coalition Government will **cut government waste**.

We will spend what is necessary to deliver high quality services and support to Australians, where they need it most, while scrapping pointless programs and activist-focused positions.

We will cut government waste and re-align the government’s priorities to the priorities of hard-working everyday Australians.

Government expenditure will be focused on addressing the challenges faced by Australian families and businesses, such as the cost of living and high-quality health and social services.

A Dutton Coalition Government will:

- Halt the growth of the Canberra based public service.
- Deliver an efficient and responsive public service focused on the needs and priorities of Australians.
- Scrap symbolic and pointless appointments and programs.
- Cut red and green tape that restricts business and increases the cost of living.
- Responsibly manage the budget to take pressure off inflation.

These priorities will help **cut government waste** and ensure a Dutton Coalition Government’s agenda aligns to the expectations of Australians.



A Coalition Government will respect your money, and put the values and views of everyday Australians first.





THE PRINCIPLES OF A DUTTON COALITION GOVERNMENT

A government I lead will be underpinned by the principles of the Westminster system of Cabinet Government. We will:

- ✓ Be consultative and make decisions after input from those with experience and expertise.
- ✓ Consider a wide variety of perspectives including those beyond the public sector bureaucracy.
- ✓ Be a Cabinet that respects and encourages alternative perspectives and respectful debate.
- ✓ Keep the promises we have made to the people of Australia and focus on the priorities outlined in this document.
- ✓ Lead a public service that is capable, focused and driven to deliver on the government's priorities for all Australians.
- ✓ Be a government reflecting the views and values of Australians, comprised of people with varied backgrounds and experiences to ensure the best decisions are made.







*The next federal election
is a sliding doors moment
for our nation.*

*A returned Labor
government – in majority
or minority – will see
setbacks set in stone.*

*A newly elected Coalition
Government is the only
chance to get our country
back on track and to
reignite our national
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of hope.*



Peter Dutton

To find out more about our plan go to:

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