



Queensland Community Alliance 2020 Election Policy Proposals

Executive Summary

Safe and Connected Communities

1. **Increase investment in Community Neighbourhood Centres as the backbone of our community infrastructure for the 21st Century:**
 - a. Immediately increase emergency response capacity through funding a full time “Brief Intervention Social Support Worker” for each community neighbourhood centre to respond to the Covid pandemic: \$14.5 million per year.
 - b. Queensland Community Neighbourhood Centre Enhancement Strategy - including co-design, pilot and rollout:
 - 18 month Co-design/co-creation phase –\$1.5m
 - 12-18 month Pilot phase – \$2.05m
 - Rollout phase – \$14.5million per year.
 - c. Provide a Community Organising Capacity Fund to train 600 community workers and leaders over 4 years: \$1.5 million over 4 years.
2. **Develop a new strategy for addressing Social Isolation and Loneliness with a whole-of-person, whole-of-community and whole-of-government approach.**
 - a. Commit to developing and implementing a new strategy for addressing Social Isolation and Loneliness.
 - b. Undertake a Parliamentary Inquiry into Social Isolation and Loneliness, within the first 12 months on new parliament, to form the basis of this strategy:
 - c. Secure funding for Ways to Wellness pilot in Mt Gravatt for 3 years (\$300,000).
3. **A Welcoming New Queenslanders package that addresses specific issues raised by CALD communities for people seeking asylum, digital divide in education, the reporting of workplace mistreatment, and addressing Domestic and Family Violence (D&FV).**
 - a. Provide income support and other social safety nets for Finally Determined cohort facing destitution during COVID crisis i.e. approx. \$4 million over 6 months.
 - b. Grants via application processes for schools to enable CALD families to access digital equipment and data in anticipation of home-schooling due to further COVID waves. Fund community grants programs for digital education for CALD families.
 - c. Fund community organisations to provide work rights education to new Queenslanders and assistance to vulnerable migrant workers about issues. This will complement the commitment



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of Alliance organisations to provide workplace rights information in relevant languages and develop training for community champions.

- d. Long term investment to build capacity in CALD communities to be partners in the prevention of Domestic & Family Violence.

Real Jobs for a Real Future

4. Create direct public employment through State Government and Local Government, specifically targeting those who have lost jobs and hours through the pandemic.

Use direct public employment to stimulate private demand by creating 3000 new jobs in state and local governments, specifically targeting those who have lost jobs & hours through the pandemic. \$100 Million.

5. Renewable Energy Superpower Package

- a. Fast-track 3 Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) in Darling Downs, Fitzroy and North Queensland with a \$300m package, and explore connected renewable industry precincts.
- b. Mandate increased investment by Qld's Government Owned Companies in renewable generation:
 - Increase the budget of CleanCo to ensure it reaches its 1GW mandate by 2025.
 - Change in mandates of CS Energy and Stanwell Corporation:
 - Allow them to investment in renewables.
 - Set a level of renewable investment in their mandate at 1 GW.
- c. Enhance grid stability through a Virtual Power Plant based on the South Australian model. While ensuring that this operates on a fully integrated and coordinated basis to ensure functioning of the system across generation, transmission and distribution.

6. Cutting electricity costs through renewable energy

A package of measures to permanently reduce energy costs and stimulate economic demand. The total package would cost \$200M and include:

- a. Expand solar on social housing to cover one-third of Queensland's social housing units. Approximately \$100m, creating 500 direct installation jobs.
- b. Significantly expanded Interest-Free Loans for Solar and Storage for households to install solar and batteries in priority areas for energy demand.
- c. Time-limited expansion of rebates for energy-efficient appliances, including heat-pump hot water and Peaksmart air conditioning, refrigerators and washing-machines.
- d. Energy efficiency grants and loans to manufacturing companies and tourism/accommodation providers.

7. Living Wage Foundation

Fund the establishment of a Living Wage Foundation to enable civil society and consumers to lead a movement that makes Queensland jobs secure and appropriately paid. \$300,000 per year for 3 years.