

How the parties compare against our priority conservation policies:



✓ Good policy ½ Moderately good policy ✗ Takes us backwards

	Lib/Nat	Labor	Greens
Protect native forests and reform the logging industry	✗ The coalition supports the status quo of native forest logging and woodchipping, burning native forests for electricity generation and has no plan to protect new areas of native forests.	✗ Labor supports the status quo of native forest logging and woodchipping, burning native forests for electricity generation and has no plan to protect new areas of native forests.	✓ The Greens support the formal protection of high conservation value forests across southern Australian promote the need for extensive reform of the logging industry to exit native forest logging and move into existing plantations.
Create large marine protected areas	✗ While the Libs have a good track record on marine in the Great Barrier Reef and Great Australian Bight, their new policy clearly will lead to a poor result for marine protection. Mr Abbott undermined his policy saying marine parks planning would be frozen for 12 months and he failed to commit to large marine sanctuaries.	½ Labor has a good performance in government in bioregional marine planning. Their new marine policy indicates ongoing support for further marine protected areas, a commitment to ensure the first draft of these in the south west is delivered quickly and funds for affected industries and conservation management.	✓ The Greens have led by committing to large marine sanctuaries using science which would deliver international standards for protection in each marine bioregion. Recent Greens' statements have raised concerns about them being pressured to reduce committed levels of marine protection.
Protect Northern Australia's natural/cultural heritage	✗ There has been no pledge to adequately conserve the natural & cultural assets of this special region, and in fact in the hands of the Coalition, Cape York & the Kimberley would remain under threat from large-scale destructive development. The Coalition supports the polluting LNG site near Broome.	½ Labor has shown some promise to deliver for the region, restating their commitment for World Heritage on Cape York with consent from Traditional Owners, other support for Indigenous people to conserve their lands and has committed to National Heritage listing of some of the Kimberley, but has not rejected the proposed massive LNG industrial site at James Price Point near Broome.	✓ Greens demonstrate their strong ecological values & recognise the importance to conserve Northern Australia, including support for world heritage listing of Cape York if consented to by Traditional Owners and have said they oppose polluting industry on the Kimberly coast and will work towards a much higher level of protection for the region - with the consent and support of Traditional Owners
Manage our great rivers and waterways	✗ The coalition has no plans for the environmental protection of rivers. They also intend to overturn the Wild Rivers legislation which offers such protection in Queensland.	½ Labor policies include some support for the permanent environmental protection of our rivers.	½ The Greens support the protection of our healthy rivers through regulation and legislation. This includes a principle for no new large-scale dams on Australian rivers.
Indigenous conservation opportunities and jobs	✗ The Coalition has little policy or record of support for Indigenous Conservation. Their inadequate response to the development of carbon market opportunities, such as fire management of Northern Australia's savannas, diminishes Indigenous business opportunities and jobs in the area of environmental services and carbon trading. Their approach is below par, and would see progress halted or reversed.	½ The ALP have performed well by significantly expanding the National Reserve System through the Indigenous Protected Areas program, increasing the number of real jobs in environmental services and opening opportunities in carbon markets. They fall short with a lack of new or improved policies and funding for the Indigenous conservation sector.	✓ The Greens have strong Indigenous Rights, Climate and Conservation policies; support the extension of the Indigenous Protected program to the Marine environment; and strongly support Indigenous conservation in Cape York and the Kimberley. They are positive in this area, and have now announced policies and funding for the Indigenous conservation sector.
Reduce carbon emissions by protecting forests and woodlands	½ The coalition recognises the value of green carbon, promotes the planting and restoration of degraded ecosystems as a climate measure but fail to offer protection of forests and woodlands and a climate change solution.	½ Labor have introduced some encouraging policies in regards to tree plantings on farms but fail to protect and enhance carbon storage by protecting and restoring native forests and woodlands.	✓ The greens have a comprehensive policy of protecting and restoring forests and woodlands for their carbon sequestration and storage potential and climate change benefits.
No new uranium mines or expansion	✗ The Coalition are recklessly supporting existing and new uranium mines across the NT, South Australia and WA. On a positive note, they are also supporting the inclusion of the Koongara uranium deposit into Kakadu National Park.	✗ Labor are recklessly supporting existing and new uranium mines across the NT, South Australia and WA. On a positive note, they are also supporting the inclusion of the Koongara uranium deposit into Kakadu National Park.	✓ The Greens are strongly opposed to uranium mining, recognising it as a dirty, dangerous industry that Australia does not need

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