

# ***Refresh Australia!***

## ***Add values to build prosperity***



Welcome to ***Refresh Australia!***

The ***Refresh Australia!*** Campaign is about engaging with others -- family, friends, co-workers, members of your faith community, politicians and electoral candidates -- and taking action to add values to the discussions and debates in the current political climate. We need to shift the agenda towards a refreshed Australia and so we have targeted **three key policy areas** for this campaign --

- **Climate Change/Renewable Energy**
- **The future of Indigenous Australia**
- **Industrial Relations/our work/life balance**

This campaign will extend well beyond the federal election 2007 as we believe that the social/sustainability justice values implicit in the three agenda areas must be incorporated into ongoing policy development for the future prosperity of this country.

We invite you to be part of the campaign by engaging in one or more of the following specific **ACTIONS**. See the specific campaign sheets for details.

- Lobby Peter Garrett and/or Malcolm Turnbull re a legislated renewable energy target of 30% by 2020 and an interim emissions target of 30% cut in emissions by 2020
- Lobby the Prime Minister and Mal Brough and/or Leader of the Opposition Kevin Rudd and Jenny Macklin re genuine partnerships with Indigenous Australia
- Lobby Julia Gillard and/or Joe Hockey re a fair IR system that ensures proper work/life balance, rights for workers and the role of unions

And also.....

- **DISTRIBUTE THE CARDS AND CAMPAIGN KIT MATERIALS** (our 'campaign on a card' message and the three A4 sheets - one per issue - with information and suggested actions) to family, friends, co-workers, members of your faith community. Engage in conversation with them around the importance of these issues in building a prosperous and sustainable future for all Australians. **SET UP A STALL AT YOUR LOCAL MARKET**. SAO can help with resources.
- **HOST A DINNER OR TEA PARTY** discussion on the issue you feel most passionate about... **TO MORE DEEPLY ENGAGE WITH THE ISSUES IN CONVIVIAL WAYS**. SAO can help with resources.

- **CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FEDERAL MEMBER AND OPPOSITION CANDIDATES ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN** because the upcoming election is one of the best opportunities to make our positions and values heard loud and clear.

Send them the campaign card and/or a letter outlining your concerns. Ask them to meet with a group of you to talk about these issues. (Choose 1, 2 or all 3 issues and feel free to use the points below and the campaign briefing notes as a guide when writing or speaking with MPs or your local electoral candidates. Go to the SAO website for templates and e-cards.)

*Points you may wish to include in letters and lobbying ...*

- Australia has one of the strongest economies in the world.
- We are in a position to be world leaders in developing and adopting renewable energy sources, especially solar technologies, wind power and geo-thermal energy. As a developed nation we can show true leadership for a future that is renewable and sustainable but to do so we need substantial and definitive interim and long-term targets to reduce our carbon emissions and develop strong industries in renewable energy provision. Advocate 30% by 2020 cut in emissions and 30% by 2020 renewable energy targets legislated as mandatory.
- As long as the gap between the living standards and life expectancy of non-Indigenous and Indigenous Australians continues we are not a truly prosperous country -- there is dis-ease in our prosperity. We have the resources to turn this around. We need the political will and commitment to do so and essential to this is a bipartisan approach and genuine partnerships with Indigenous people.
- The changes wrought in the way we work and organise the workplace are adversely impacting work/life balance for families and communities. The power balance has been skewed too far in favour of employers. It is crucial to enshrine the rights of workers and the role of unions in ensuring fairness and balance with regards to work/life.
- As an Australian I am concerned about these issues. Ask to know what the party's policy position on these issues is.

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