



Election Campaign Draft Policy Platform Proposal of Progress Party
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To My Fellow Australians,

I would like to invite you, as an Australian with concern for domestic and global issues, to consider this party and policy platform proposal. It is a mature policy proposal document recommending some very radical, and very serious, political, and social change and endeavour.

If you are concerned, as I am, about the careless and cavalier attitude that some of our politicians and public servants have towards such matters as national and regional security, you may find this document interesting. Perhaps even refreshing. Many readers will almost certainly find some policy proposals unusual, and even disturbing. I humbly recommend to those readers that such proposals are healthy for any economically, ethically, and scientifically strong, free-thinking, and free-speaking civilisation, and civil environment. I ask you to consider them carefully, and with forward-thinking courage and flexibility.

If you think that recent foreign policy, trade and investment, and defence decisions made by our Federal governments have been damaging, irrational, and often infantile in their outlook: then join me in proposing some radical and sweeping legislated changes to Australian politics and political process.

For too long, Australia has been an effective duopoly that is a democracy only in a nominal sense (only in name). Some of the more radical and sweeping changes that I – and the party that I wish to establish - will propose include:

- Party-return prohibition legislation to stop – by implementation and enforcement of Federal parliamentary law – duopolistic election outcomes.
- No ‘see-saw’ legislation ensuring no two same parties can be elected for more than four terms (12 years).

This will ensure no two-party-as-one-party see-saw election outcomes and make our democracy perhaps the most authentic form of parliamentary democracy globally. It will also allow the possibility of truly radical, prevailing, foundational political and social change that ensures a fairer and more prosperous future for all citizens, regardless of their cultural heritage, family wealth, disposition towards business, fiscal acumen, and existential luck. This includes the real possibility of significant evolutionary changes to our democratic model.

In the still-shrinking global village, the correct response to a stable great power like China is not insular protectionism and geopolitical-peer inspired, alarmist aggression. This is especially so where the alarmism is based upon ideological moral panic, and rooted in religious fundamentalism masquerading as sober, scientifically guided policy (including economic, political, and environmental science.)

For example, the recent rout of Australia’s tertiary-education export industry was more due to careless foreign policy and political actions, than to the devastating effects of the zoonotic COVID-19 virus. It is no secret that wholly unnecessary ideologically and religiously inspired anti-Chinese attitudes helped create said disaster.

I also propose radical revisions to domestic policies affecting First Nations peoples. Structural abuse such as First Nations youth incarceration must stop. This is not some politically-correct footnote, but a resounding human-rights exclamation mark. I propose (very seriously) we engage China (including Taiwan) as a partner in their space program, and that as one condition of establishing outback Chinese space-bases, we require China fund several outback English, Mandarin, and First-Nations language-technology schools from year 10 to university bachelor and diploma level, with automatic industry employment for students. This will provide a concrete, reliable, life-elevating opportunity for outback youth.



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Note that new policies result in the renumbering of all following policies.

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II. Values and Beliefs

1. Pragmatic globalism
2. Progressive, positive scientism and scientific worldview
3. Pragmatic fiscal egalitarianism with social realism
4. Individual liberty of thought, speech, and endeavour
5. Prosocial economic liberalism
6. True secularism (not de-facto theocracy/religio-cracy)
7. Secular human rights
8. Humanistic, ethical, techno-centric, neo-positivism
9. Free enterprise *with* worker rights and protections.
10. First Nations human rights
11. Government run public universities
12. Total gender equality
13. Feminism and LGBTQ rights
14. Utilitarian birth control and family planning
15. Environmental sustainability and green power
16. Pragmatic roboticisation of labour forces
17. Protection of a free press

III. Political Evolution and Change

All our political ambitions are informed by our scientific (pro science) and scientific (scientifically informed) outlook, and our core values of scientism, progressivism, secularism, pragmatism, globalism and the pragmatic observation of liberty and empathetic fairness.

It is often no accident that new social and cultural movements arise in a nation or in a civilisation. Postmodernism, and the so called 'post truth' movement in the US, are an expression of the fact that existing cultural, political, and social systems are failing many, if not *most*, citizens. These failures have always occurred in civilisations. The traditional division between left and right politics, and that between capitalism and socialism-communism, are now unhelpful.

Moreover, so-called liberal and parliamentary democracies in their current forms are now far past their use-by date. They have consistently delivered – in Australia, The Commonwealth, the UK, France, and the US - duopolistic systems that are comprehensively, unconvincingly democratic, if not simply undemocratic.

1. We will introduce and enforce parliamentary laws to prevent 'see-saw' duopoly. No political party will be permitted more than three consecutive terms, and no two given parties will be allowed more than four evenly split (two each) consecutive terms. (See below.)

Prohibited 12 year electoral outcomes: Enforcement of the *Fourth Term and Fifth Term Rules*

The Monopoly: Fourth Term Rule

Major Party 1	Major Party 1	Major Party 1	Major Party 1
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This indicates that

- i. There is risk of extreme, pathological duopoly
- ii. Major party policies, particularly economic policies are too similar
- iii. Major party parliamentary legislative ideologies are too similar
- iv. Political competition is stymied
- v. Lack of overall political party policy divergence
- vi. Lack of appropriately resourced other parties

Solution

Major Party 1	Major Party 1	Major Party 1	Any Other Party
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- i. Second place gets government.
- ii. Effects on campaign strategies of major parties at term 4 irrelevant (for anticipatory campaigning lapse effect).
- iii. Answer to MP1 and MP2 complaints: "You had two/three terms, you didn't succeed."
- iv. If the first runner up party is ill-resourced, major party resource re-allocation (Non optional) will be ordered and assigned. This will be the purview of the Attorney General (and newly established States' Attorneys in case of a republic.)
- v. Resets at term 5

In the event that certain feature of economic policy are extraordinarily successful, The attorney General, incumbent Treasurer, and States' attorneys may decide (five week deadline) on the carry over adoption of no more than 25% of the prior government's economic policy base.

The See-Saw: Fifth Term Rule

Major Party 1	Major Party 2	Major Party 1	Major Party 2	Major Party 1
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This indicates

- i. There is a mature, pathological duopoly
- ii. Major party policies, particularly economic policies are too similar
- iii. Major party parliamentary legislative ideologies are too similar
- iv. Major party policy platforms and ideologies are too similar
- v. Failure to act in the public interest in terms of progress of government
- vi. Political competition is stymied
- vii. Extreme duopoly
- viii. Lack of overall political party policy divergence

- ix. Lack of appropriately resourced other parties
- x. Likely illegitimate megacult influences
- xi. Likely illegitimate corporate influences
- xii. Likely illegitimate other influences (including foreign)
- xiii. Illegitimate family/nepotistic influences
- xiv. Likely cronyism
- xv. Increased risk of political corruption

Solution

Major Party 1	Major Party 2	Major Party 1	Major Party 2	1 st Runner Up
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- i. First runner up at term 5 gets government.
- ii. Effects on campaign strategies of major parties at term 4 irrelevant (for anticipatory campaigning lapse effect).
- iii. Answer to MP1 and MP2 complaints: "You had two terms, you didn't succeed."
- iv. If the first runner up party is ill-resourced, major party resource re-allocation (Non optional) will be ordered and assigned. This will be the purview of the Attorney General (and newly established States' Attorneys in case of a republic.)
- v. Resets at term 6

The Big Swing: Fifth Term Rule

Major Party 1	Major Party 1	Major Party 2	Major Party 2	Major Party 1
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This indicates

- i. There is a mature, pathological duopoly
- ii. Major party policies, particularly economic policies are too similar
- iii. Major party parliamentary legislative ideologies are too similar
- iv. Major party policy platforms and ideologies are too similar
- v. Failure to act in the public interest in terms of progress of government
- vi. Political competition is stymied
- vii. Extreme duopoly
- viii. Lack of overall political party policy divergence
- ix. Lack of appropriately resourced other parties
- x. Likely illegitimate megacult influences
- xi. Likely illegitimate corporate influences
- xii. Likely illegitimate other influences (including foreign)
- xiii. Illegitimate family/nepotistic influences
- xiv. Likely cronyism
- xv. Increased risk of political corruption

Solution

Major Party 1	Major Party 1	Major Party 2	Major Party 2	1 st Runner Up
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- i. First runner up at term 5 gets government.
- ii. Effects on campaign strategies of major parties at term 4 irrelevant (for anticipatory campaigning lapse effect).
- iii. Answer to MP1 and MP2 complaints: "You had two terms, you didn't succeed."
- iv. If the first runner up party is ill-resourced, major party resource re-allocation (Non optional) will be ordered and assigned. This will be the purview of the Attorney General (and newly established States' Attorneys in case of a republic.)
- v. Resets at term 6
- vi. In the event that certain features of MP2 economic policy are extraordinarily successful, The attorney General, incumbent Treasurer, and States' attorneys may decide (five week deadline) on the carry over adoption of no more than 25% of the prior government's economic policy base.

The Big Kid: Fifth Term Rule

Major Party 1	Major Party 1	Major Party 1	Major Party 2	Major Party 1
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This indicates

- i. There is increased risk of extreme, pathological duopoly
- ii. Likely general, temporary, democratic failure
- iii. Major party policies, particularly economic policies are too similar
- iv. Major party parliamentary legislative ideologies are too similar
- v. Political competition is stymied
- vi. Lack of overall political party policy divergence
- vii. Lack of appropriately resourced other parties
- viii. Possible social breakdown or extreme fiscal inequality
- ix. Likely illegitimate megacult influences
- x. Likely illegitimate corporate influences
- xi. Likely illegitimate other influences (including foreign)
- xii. Illegitimate family/nepotistic influences
- xiii. Likely cronyism
- xiv. Increased risk of political corruption

Solution

Major Party 1	Major Party 1	Major Party 1	Major Party 2	1 st Runner Up
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- iii. Answer to MP1 and MP2 complaints: "You had two/three terms, you didn't succeed."

- iv. If the first runner up party is ill-resourced, major party resource re-allocation (Non optional) will be ordered and assigned. This will be the purview of the Attorney General (and newly established States' Attorneys in case of a republic.)
 - v. Resets at term 6
 - vi. In the event that certain feature of economic policy are extraordinarily successful, The attorney General, incumbent Treasurer, and States' attorneys may decide (five week deadline) on the carry over adoption of no more than 25% of the prior government's economic policy base.
- 2. We endorse the general spirit of the republican movement. We endorse exit from the British Commonwealth and removal of the office of Governor General, with removal of the Queen from Parliament and the House of Representatives. The Crown, with its ties to the British monarchy and parliamentary system, is a hindrance to Australia's development as an Australasian nation seated between the Pacific Rim and Indian Ocean, and the base of South-East Asia.
- 3.
- 4. Globalism must be pragmatic, since many nations in the world are simply not ready in political, social-psychological, or even civilisational sense, for open-borders commerce and a true global village. Yet insular protectionism, geopolitical and geostrategic peer-pressured militarism, and foreign policy motivated by fundamentalist and religious moral panic are all exceedingly unwise responses to many global challenges. Especially to those involving great powers. We will introduce a referendum process for such actions as those which recently culminated in the demise of our tertiary education export industry.
- 5. True secularism and proper exclusion of megacult (especially supernaturalistic) ideology from either active direct or indirect influence in government and on government policy. We propose parliamentary and federal laws to properly ensure genuine secularism. The following should be made illegal:
 - a. Overt demonstrations of religion and faith by religious members of parliament and Prime Ministers
 - b. Political decisions that financially benefit any organisation, institution, or individual that is associated with the religious or faith institution to which any member of parliament or prime minister belongs. Such conflicts of interest are unacceptable.

IV. Economic and Fiscal Policy Evolution

- 6. If there is one thing that the rise of China, with its revisionist, hybrid, free-market-cum-socialist system, has demonstrated: existing models of political economy and economic laws are inadequate in the new global economy. They are inadequate for domestic national economies, and for global economic engagement. They have resulted in regression to increasingly insular and protectionist outcomes, exacerbated by often nonsensical political and ideological motives. Current systems and models cannot keep pace with a global

economic environment in which technologies like the internet, blockchain, and artificial intelligence algorithms drive the development and widespread use of complex, nascent and historically incipient money forms like cryptocurrency/Bitcoin and non-fungible tokens.

We need to achieve the next phase of evolution in economic policy political economy, and to be unafraid of careful, but daring, change. Our party will embrace and encourage the development of hybrid economic and political-economic models and systems that deal effectively with such challenges as the rise of blockchain economies, economic grey-zone competition, and the unprecedented rapidity of global market volatility and fluctuations.

7. Australia must have financial laws and an electronic infrastructure investment that make advantaging such money forms as cryptocurrency and NFTs accessible people of all ages and education levels, and that simultaneously protect the everyday person from fiscal harm. This includes strong governmental control over banks and large financial institutions. It is not at all unreasonable to assert that the China's model of governmental control of banks, which puts banks under the proper control of the public legislative sword, is a model from which Australia can learn much.
8. The exposure to increased *rapidity* of volatility in the global and domestic sharemarket is matched by unprecedented increases in complexity for investors, including those with superannuation funds. We will fast-track appropriate legislative changes for management of investments to protect individual fiduciary consumers.
9. We regard compulsory superannuation as an intelligent and responsible social and fiscal mechanism, and an innovation ahead of its time. We will ensure the protection of the superannuation system from all kinds of abuse.
10. We will support and enforce intelligent, ethical curbs on the casino and gambling industry, including protections against aggressive indirect marketing and incurring of personal credit card debt outcomes. The gambling industry is not a secondary manufacturing industry, except for software and hardware development. Nor is it a pro-social industry. We will work with gambling businesses to encourage them to find pathways to less cynical and more pro-social business models, such as computer gaming and on line computer gaming championships with cryptocurrency integration (such as Dogecoin.)
11. One endemic problem in Australia, and across the Commonwealth and United States, is growing, anti-social, inappropriate, and unnecessary economic inequality. In addition to the abovementioned rapid technology evolution, this has been inadvertently catalysed by ease of access to global markets for big technology companies and the very real continuing development of the electronic global village. Big tech money making has exploded. However, social, and economic systems to make it advantageous to all, and to counter corresponding accelerated inequality-generating mechanisms, have not kept pace.

These are easy to implement and develop in a win-win framework for business, consumers, and workers. Our party will seek to maintain and increase the ability for individual entrepreneurship and endeavour, especially with an emphasis on science and tech development, while ensuring the fair and even distribution of wealth. It is technology itself

(see our robotic labour force initiative) along with economic innovation (see our proposed space program partnership with China) that should be harnessed to help achieve this outcome

12. Our party will place a heavy emphasis on secondary manufacturing. Exporting iron and other primary resources to China is a staple of our economy. However, we feel that it should be secondary to the technology manufacturing capabilities of a first world nation. This requires partnership with great powers. However, despite the apparent appropriateness of historical and cultural ties, partnering with the US, European nations, and Great Britain on technology development projects can be very costly and restrictive, and in the case of the US can involve unwanted interference and geostrategic and geopolitical pressures.

It is also often difficult due to stringent IP law/restrictions, political and cultural impositions and habits, commercial ownership, and, importantly, expensive exchange rates. Partnering with China (including Taiwan) presents an enormous and unprecedented opportunity for Australia which should not be missed due to archaic and unsuitable ideological restrictions that serve only the specious ideological whims of a few.

13. We will reverse the current trend of anti-intellectual and nonsensical curbs on foreign expertise, especially in science and technology research. The best way to go about this is to implement initiatives to partner with great powers that are willing to make a positive and generous investment into our national infrastructures. China has proven its willingness to do so in the past. If we engage with China on sensible and fair terms, our nation can benefit immensely. We intend to require of foreign research and technology partners that they invest in local education and development. Our proposed China space base partnership is one such initiative that will boost our nation's fiscal and technological wellbeing.

V. Taxation

14. Taxation of religious/megacult institutions.

15. Increased taxation of

- a. Large foreign-owned weapons corporations
- b. Gambling and casinos
- c. Private media conglomerates
- d. Non-secondary manufacturing big business
- e. Geological primary resource exporters

16. Incentivising reduced taxation of

- f. Local secondary manufacturing at all levels
- g. Local technology innovation companies
- h. Local and foreign medical science companies
- i. Local and foreign scientific research firms doing non military applications
- j. Space industry – foreign and local

- k. Zero taxation for Chinese space base programs involving education infrastructure investments and contribution. Matched for any foreign space base partnership with willing to undertake similar commitments.

VI. Foreign Policy and Defence Policy

The Australian government currently seems intent on participating in negative, counterproductive, and dangerous regional and global military engagement, including dangerous and risk-seeking military-policing and brinkmanship actions that apparently incur only actual and potential costs for the Australian people. They have recently partnered our nation – *without* necessary public consent or democratic consensus – with ‘The Quad’, in unnecessarily, and dangerously, threatening China militarily in the South China Sea.

Simultaneously, the Morrison government has all but destroyed an entire lucrative tertiary education industry by dismally mismanaging ties with China based on completely irrational ideological, and fundamentalist religious motives. COVID-19 does not bear responsibility for this outcome, and the mismanagement was in progress prior to the pandemic. Chinese scholars could have been included in a travel bubble some time ago, and there is no real reason why on-line tuition could not have occurred on a large scale had the Morrison government not damaged Sino-Australian relations and trade and foreign relations with wanton, unfounded, alarmist warmongering.

That same tertiary education export market is being re-acquired and re-engaged by the very nation(s) whom Australian politicians have unwisely volunteered our nation and its defence forces to assist in irresponsible militarism in the South China Sea. That militarism clearly only benefits the military industrial complex of Quad ‘partner’ nations like the United States of America, and our current Crown-Commonwealth masters – The United Kingdom. This is being done unilaterally based on the misguided political imperatives, and corresponding fundamentalist religious and cultural ideologies, of a few. This flawed process must not be allowed, nor tolerated, and our party will stringently oppose such outcomes, and legislate against them.

Militaristic engagement and warfare are completely unique and different to all other foreign policy matters in their implications and consequences. They *must* be treated on a comprehensively different basis to all other foreign and domestic policy. This is especially so in relation to democratic assent, and legal and political ratification of any foreign military engagement or action.

- 17. Parliamentary and federal laws against any kind of foreign military action without a referendum (on-line for rapidity of response) and the true democratic assent of a majority. This will prevent the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Department of Defence unilaterally, and without proper democratic assent, committing Australia and Australians to unnecessary dangerous and risky military actions. Our navy and troops cannot be allowed to be engaged in foreign theatres without majority decision from a properly conducted national public referendum.
- 18. We will introduce legislation to stop any military-industrial business or ‘missile shop’ from being involved in any marketing endeavour, think tank, or research institute that is also

taxpayer funded. There must be parliamentary legislation to stop the military industrial complex and its businesses from:

- a. Using taxpayer funds or being supported directly or indirectly by taxpayer funds in for marketing, research, or development.
 - b. Being involved in any organisation or body of any kind that has government funding and that can influence public opinion via marketing and the media.
 - c. Influencing the actions, decisions, or policies of the Department of Defence, the Department of Home Affairs, the Department of Foreign affairs, or any other government department responsible for domestic and foreign policy.
19. We will introduce parliamentary and federal legislation to prevent any MP involved in any sense in defence policy from having any financial interest in military industrial (weapons technology development and manufacturing) businesses of any kind. This includes public podium endorsements of private military businesses. Private and commercial for-profit motives must never influence Australia's military commitments. Ever.
20. Nuclear weapons proliferation is insane. We oppose it. We oppose any moves by great powers to exacerbate the current global nuclear hazard status, including Great Britain's recent announcement of the desire for increased nuclear deterrents. We regard the use of such deterrents in response to alleged and speculative cyber threats as completely irrational, and an abject failure of geostrategic defence policy. Moving the hand on the doomsday clock forward is unwise and acceptable.
21. Defence is still a national policy priority to preserve continental integrity and regional stability. Chinese weapons technology is exceptional, and is far cheaper than American, British, and European alternatives. We propose partnership with China (including Taiwan) on weapons technology development, and the purchase of Chinese aircraft (including serious negotiations for export variants of technology like the Chengdu J-20 stealth interdiction platform and PL-15 missile). These alternatives should be compared on a cost and value basis to those on offer by the US and Great Britain (mostly the former, since their technology, like that of China, is developed for a nation with geographic size similar to that of our own).
22. Militaristic alarmism and war-monger rhetoric from MPs, for whatever purpose, will be criminalised. It is against national and regional security interests, endangers the life and limb of our armed forces, local citizens, and regional neighbours' citizens. It is magnified in its effects by social media and the internet, and MPs are certainly aware of this.
23. Involvement in any foreign intelligence security operation by foreign powers will require a referendum, or else multilateral

VII. Science, Technology, and Science Education

Our party is committed to the promotion of a scientific, and scientific, worldview, and to all that this entails for domestic and foreign policy, and for social progress.

24. We will introduce ground-breaking legislation for public and worker robotic ownership, and for public investment into domestic AI and robotics technologies. These technologies cannot be an 'elite only' benefit, whether the 'elite' in question is financial, ideological, or political.
25. The use and distribution of high science and technology is one thing that should be managed on a socialist-style basis. This promotes safety and appropriate regulation, as well as increasing public availability and benefits. Commercial interests should be free to innovate and do business, but overall technology strategy and high-science should be primarily the business of government. Among other things, this helps prevent commercial, private, military-industrial corporations from influencing defence and geostrategic policy.
26. We propose we request to engage China (including Taiwan) as a partner in their space program, and that as one condition of establishing outback Chinese space-bases, we require China fund several outback English, Mandarin, and First-Nations language-technology schools from year 10 to university bachelor and diploma level, with automatic industry employment for students. This would be done on a one base, one school basis, and will provide a concrete, reliable, life-elevating opportunity for outback youth.
27. Although we are pro-science, and ANSTO has proven to be a formidable and excellent Australian scientific institution: nuclear power is too dangerous to consider as a viable energy alternative for Australia. This is especially so since the Australian government has recently unwisely, and unnecessarily, increased the likelihood of involving us in armed regional conflict that might involve both ballistic and hypersonic weapons technology. Both technologies make domestic nuclear power installations extremely dangerous (a stray hypersonic missile striking a nuclear facility would result in all but uncontainable). Given the vast regions of desert and unpopulated terrain that our continent has, wind and solar power provide serious and real opportunities. This is yet another area where we believe technology partnership with China and the CPC are a positive, win-win proposition.
28. We believe the Australian Labor party's current stated targets for proportion of 25-34 year olds holding a bachelor level degree or higher are too conservative (at 40%). We believe that, to be able to compete and thrive in the first world, and also to achieve the kind of society that Australia should have, this should be set at a minimum of 70%.

This is also a goal that any society and government claiming to be liberal and progressive should endorse and attempt to implement. This is another area where we believe that partnership with China (including Taiwan) *and* other great powers will be useful. China especially offers an excellent opportunity. Education of Australian students in Chinese universities and student exchange programs with China should be both possible, and far more common. With the current exchange rate (stable at approximately 5 yuan to every Australian dollar), this presents a very real opportunity for Australian youth.

29. We will propose to the senate a bill for a research and university travel bubble with China (including Taiwan) and any other trading partner nation with demonstrated zero transmission rates (and especially no occurrences of Indian or other late mutated variants of the COVID-19). Our tertiary education export industry must be restored to pre-Morrison administration levels.

VIII. Human Rights, First Nations People, and The 'China-space' Policy Initiative

30. The historical and contemporary structural and historical actual genocide of First Nations Australians is an ongoing human rights disgrace. Unlike the false, megacult-motivated, propagandist claims being made by Western political media and governments against China and the Communist Party of China regarding Xinjiang Uyghur peoples, the cultural, structural, and actual genocide of Australian indigenous peoples has been both real, prolonged, and multifaceted. It has, and does, involve strong megacult-religious involvement and imperatives.

We will seek to legislate for concrete economic and social measures that will genuinely change the plight of First Nations people, finally ending this European-colonially created blight of abuse on our continent. Our primary relevant policy imperative is (26) above, according to which we channel Chinese investment funds directly into educational, industry, and infrastructure development that will directly, and locally, benefit both First Nations and disadvantaged youth in our Central-Western and Northern territories and states.

31. What is better – policies 26 and 30 above, or building more prisons and lowering the age of incarceration? The truly decent and civilised person can give only one answer. In fact, what is better – prisons, or that the Communist Party of China has some influence over outback and country youth and perhaps even flies the Chinese flag alongside the Australian and indigenous Australian flags? Again – the truly decent and civilised person can only favour our China-space policy.

We can support legislation against undue influence by any major power. We will move to legislate against private prisons in these regions making foreign great power and science-industry-partner investment in education and youth the alternative approach by law. Science and industry space-base, technical 'Confucius Institutes' beat outback prisons.

32. We see no reason why a First Nations treaty is unreasonable, or detrimental to Australian citizens.

IX. Science, Technology, and Social Media

33. It is science and scientific development (including the special sciences such as political and social science) that offers our best, most meaningful, and most proven avenue to the betterment of society and life in general for all people. At this point in history, this is unquestionable. Certainly, science and technology can be abused and mismanaged. Yet, when appropriately used, nothing else has ever offered as much safety, security, fascination, fulfilment, and general quality of life. From the aqueducts to the internet, science and technology are our true, and only real, path to non-fake freedom and liberty.
34. Scientific research exchange and global collaboration with nations like China must be privileged and prioritised above all imperatives associated with freedom of religion and

megacult doctrines. Scientific endeavour is, and encourages, true free thought, and is truly conducive to personal freedom.

35. The advent and rise of social media is another unprecedented, incipient, politically and socially significant revolution that is unique to our era and the information age. While social media does present individuals with an excellent opportunity for free speech, free-thought, and direct critical democratic input into social and political spheres, it also avails large corporations and corrupt governments of a means of serious neglect and abuse of citizenry. To date this is mostly achieved via data abuse and memetic marketing abuse. We will propose legislation to:

- a. Protect the individual's use of social media as an informational and social force multiplier
- b. Prevent breach of individual privacy and abuse of data with strict economic penalties

36. Broadband technologies are a superior way of achieving multiple desirable outcomes for all Australians. However, they must be guaranteed to be made available to all Australian youth so that bright minded and ambitious youth from all walks of life can be exposed to educational culture and scientific information that accelerates their progress and prosperity.

The internet is an amazing tool for the betterment of society that provides an unprecedented opportunity for the disadvantaged, and thus promises to increase upward mobility and individual liberty.

37. We will propose the establishment of special medical scientific task forces to find solutions and cures for:

- Pandemics
- The major fatality causing cancers
- Heart disease
- Kidney disease
- Alzheimer's disease
- The top five prominent STDs and infectious diseases

These projects will be funded by:

- i. Redirection of government finance from military spending, and
- ii. The taxation of religious or megacult institutions.
- iii. Partnerships with large universities, and corporate and government entities – both domestic and foreign
- iv. The curbs and prohibitions on political buy in and marketing that apply to military industrial business will be *reversed* for these medical-scientific imperatives, which demand an all-hands and open science perspective.

X. Housing and Home Affordability

38. Rising fiscal inequality, COVID-19, and a lack of any cap on rental affordability has made urgent the need for public housing and housing subsidies.
39. Housing construction and builder licensing restrictions and conditions should be relaxed in certain urban and non-urban areas to allow dweller construction of homes using 3D printed and prefabricated modular dwellings, including tiny houses.
40. Council ordinances and requirements for housing standards should be relaxed to accommodate unlicensed owner establishment of:
 - a. 'Tiny houses',
 - b. Prefabricated modular houses
 - c. 3D printed homes
41. Stamp duties and taxes should be waived for those with incomes under \$60K annually.
42. Housing types listed at 40 a. – c. should be permitted without council ordinances on purchased land. Appropriate off grid power and plumbing solutions should be approved for such sites.
43. Effects on overall property market values must be ignored for 38 through 42.

XI. Climate and Alternative Energy

44. Human-induced climate change is uncontroversial to any sensible scientist in a relevant scientific discipline. Denying its impact is stupid, selfish, and perilous. We will promote green and alternative energy development for Australia, and endorse the implementation of strong carbon emission targets.
45. We will ensure that any household in Australia can choose to go fully 'off-grid' using solar, wind, and any other alternative (safe) form of energy generation. Big energy company monopolies are environmentally unfriendly, and are anti-liberal, anti-individual-liberty, anti-progressive, and anti-pragmatic. Globalism does not necessitate global scale corporate entities, nor anti-competitive domestic energy business.
46. We will encourage, and where necessary, propose and endorse legislation for, green entrepreneurship at all levels from hobbyist to technology company.

XII. Domestic Economy and Industrial Relations

47. Any 21st century government fiscal policy must be appropriately informed by all social and medical sciences that instruct our first world understanding of the relationship between personal wealth and psychological and physical wellbeing. In this century our understanding of the very strong interaction between financial and material stresses – especially sustained

or long term - and psychological harm, and commensurate psycho-somatic harm, to individuals, is unprecedented and revelatory. Contemporary special scientists and psychologists also understand that children from broken homes and poverty stricken homes will - statistically - invariably fare worse than those from wealthy homes. This data is by now incontrovertible. We will support all efforts to improve the interaction between labour and commercial interests

48. True fiscal and social upward mobility is a non-negotiable for any society claiming to be either liberal, or progressive. Liberty of megacult worship and freedom of religion are of little to no value at all when compared to the liberty and freedom of any individual from any background to progress to wealth and prosperity in any sphere with equal ease. A child from a poor background in Western New South Wales must be able to become Prime Minister, or enter any leading university, as easily as one from a private school background in the Northern Suburbs of Sydney. If not, then it is not a liberal society, or at least not one where liberal values are truly endorsed and upheld more than just nominally. Science, medical science, and social realism demand that such obvious facts be recognised. This includes the fact that poverty conditions in the childhood home are an important contributing factor.
49. While natural and human equality are not real (no Prime Minister of Australia would ever outrun Kathy Freeman), fiscal and opportunity equality need to be made real as much as possible. Otherwise the science of social psychology clearly tells us that psycho-social dynamics all but ensure that society as a whole will suffer from increased crime, suicide, murder, violence, and general distress. First world nations can (easily), and should, do better.
50. In the current economic and political environment, and given the ongoing expansion of inequality in property ownership and fiscal ability, we *oppose* the political, ideological, and practical war on unions as both unconstitutional and as very much anti-progressive *and* anti-liberal. If there is no liberty to be a member of a union, then a liberal society one does not have. Unions are a necessary pragmatic, political and social innovation that was designed to improve and promote financial and political equality. In the current environment of global village big tech companies, this freedom and liberty must be preserved.

XIII. Immigration and Population

Our immigration policy is, like the rest of our policies, motivated and shaped by our core values of scientism, progressivism, secularism, pragmatism, globalism, and the pragmatic observation of empathetic liberty and fairness.

51. Immigrants should understand and value secularism, and in particular secular humanism and the separation of government and religious, or megacult, ideas and motives. Tests for these values should be included in immigration, permanent residency, and citizenship ceremonies and inductions.
52. Skilled immigrants – especially those who can conduct research and training in scientific critical fields – are crucial to the development of Australia’s critical domestic science and

technology *momentum*. We are committed to the idea that a high density of scientifically and intellectually capable immigrants will rapidly accelerate local education, economic prowess, wealth, and overall prosperity of all citizens of the continent.

53. Population control, including birth control and family planning, are necessary to ensure that many forms of suffering, including mental illness and poverty, are avoided. A utilitarian approach is appropriate.

XIV. Law and Justice

Again, in keeping with our progressive, scientific, and scientific imperatives: legal policy, and justice systems need to be informed by the best of psychological, psychiatric, and neurological science, as well as the best of other special and social sciences. Only honest cataloguing of salient scientific, aetiological, and forensic facts can produce fair, ethically satisfying, and socially mature and prosocial justice systems.

54. Social constructive, epigenetic, and other sources of gross neurological insults are not to be pragmatically rejected for expedience.
55. Youth incarceration ages will be increased, and psychiatric and psychological counselling facilities introduced for all serious violent crime juvenile offenders. Sponsored education programs at foreign-funded institutions should be made available in the future in accordance with 26, 30, and 29.
56. Pursuant to the establishment of a Republic, the Crown Prosecutor should be replaced by a Federal and State prosecutor's office answering to the Attorney General, who will be removed from the purview of The Crown.

XV. Welfare

The world is unfair. Genetically, existentially, financially, and naturally speaking. Just because the Darwinist naturalistic truth of human social, psychological, and psycho-social development is revealed by evolutionary theory and evolutionary psychology, it does not necessarily follow that we must respond to all problems based on some over-simplified 'survival of the fittest', social Darwinist basis. Such is a well-known recipe for social and civilisational disaster.

Our evolved cognition avails us of the ability to invent sophisticated social solutions to the problems that nature, including human nature, presents us with. We have choices, and increasing power to choose to reject many of nature's more unpleasant demands and impositions. To provide context – Karl Marx was a naturalistic and (metaphysically) materialistic philosopher and economist. Strict social Darwinism and scientism are not logically or rationally necessary bedfellows.

57. We endorse welfare and other protections for those who fall through the rather large cracks in our somewhat dysfunctional society. They must be protected. As American linguist and political activist icon Noam Chomsky has rightly said, hatred (including neglect) of the vulnerable is conducive to gross social damage. Social science and psychology, and medical

science, increasingly tell us that cycles of poverty, abuse, domestic violence, and financial stress lead to crime, mental illness, enormous economic costs, and social harms that are hard to reverse.

58. In keeping with our scientific (pro science) and scientific (scientifically informed) approach we acknowledge the realities of social construction, relational aggression, social abuse, and domestic abuse, and their effects on psychosocial development (the strong influence of social and domestic environment on personal development and psychological wellbeing). Domestic violence and abuse victims – male and female - must have easy access to relief and safe houses/harbour.
59. The disabled and elderly must be protected in any scientifically astute, civilised society. We will endorse increased criminal penalties for private contractors and any person who abuses disabled or elderly persons.

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