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HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON ALP NATIONAL PLATFORM

Labor's National Platform provides members and supporters in the community with a clear statement of Labor's beliefs, values and program for government and outlines the key priorities for Labor.

Usually, the Platform is determined through the national Conference process, however, COVID-19 has meant the party has to take a different approach.

The National Platform contains hard fought for commitments that rank and file members, unions and action groups have secured over many years.

Right now, rank and file Labor members have an opportunity to have a say on what is included in the next National Platform.

It is important that rank and file members get to have a genuine say in the platform, which means you should make a submission and tell the National Policy Forum what changes you want to see.

There is so much in platform of huge importance, and it is up to you what you include in your submission.

In this pack we have tried to make it as straightforward as possible for you to make a submission. We've included a guide to making a submission and an index to help you more easily find the issues you care about. We will keep NSW Left members updated with any upcoming forums on these issues, as well as share with you key priorities and analysis from action groups such as LEAN, Labor for Refugees, LEAN and Labor for Choice. Make sure you don't miss out - sign up here:

<https://www.nswlaborleft.com>

WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?

There has recently been a review of the National Platform, as a direct result of the Federal Election Review recommendation that it should be reviewed and focus on values and principles, with the development of policy detail and the timing of releasing policies being the responsibility of the shadow ministry and leadership group. The Federal Election Review said the platform should remain bold but be streamlined and simplified.

The Federal Election Review also recommended a National Conference be held by the end of 2020. However, due to coronavirus the conference has been postponed.

The National Policy Forum, made up of elected rank and file members and union representation, will be reviewing the redrafted platform. As part of this process members have been provided (on 28 September) with a copy of the draft platform and an opportunity to make a submission by 30th November.

HOW TO MAKE A SUBMISSION

It's important that rank and file members have your say on the content of the ALP National Platform. You can read the draft platform here:

<http://bit.ly/alpdraftplatform>, and make a submission until 30th November online here:
<http://bit.ly/submissionalp>

Want to look at the 2018 national platform and compare the current draft to it? The 2018 National Platform can be found here:

<https://www.alp.org.au/about/national-platform/>

Submissions must be less than 5MB in size, and in Microsoft Word, PDF or audio formats.

Keep it concise and be very clear which section or paragraph you are referring to and what change you want to see. If you require assistance making a

SUGGESTIONS FOR WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR SUBMISSION:

Which chapters, headings, or statements in detail your submission refers to?

Who you are and your branch or local area?

The specific paragraphs or sections of the platform that need to change and why?

Any stories or evidence to support what you are asking for?

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CONSULTATION DRAFT - INDEX

This index is designed to help you decode the Consultation Draft of the ALP National Platform and find the issues you care about. The Platform consists of seven platform chapters and a series of Statements in Detail.

Issues are often referred to in multiple chapters and statements, making it difficult to pinpoint the policies you would like to provide feedback on.

We've indexed the most commonly raised issues below.

When looking for issues in the **platform chapters**, we've provided the relevant clause and page number. The sub-chapter titles are also bolded in red.

When looking for issues in the **statements in detail**, we've used the key below. Don't worry, we've also provided the page numbers for each reference to keep locating the issue you are looking for simple!

SIDT: Statements in Detail Trade (pp71-79)

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We've also included some prompts in case your issue is listed under another topic.

This index is just a starting point!

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