

# HAWTHORN CANDIDATES FORUM

## ONLINE AGENDA

- 7.30** **Lynn Franks** - Lighter Footprints Co-Convenor, Acknowledgement & Introduction
- 7.35** Keynote: **Jono La Nauze** - CEO, Environment Victoria
- 7.45** **Victoria McKenzie-McHarg** - Strategic Director, Women's Environmental Leadership Aust
- 7.50** **Candidate Presentations - 5 minutes each**
- John Kennedy MP** - Labor Party
- Melissa Lowe** - Independent
- John Pesutto** - Liberal Party
- Nick Savage** - Australian Greens
- 8.15** **Moderator Questions** Candidates will respond in turn to moderator questions
- 8.35** **Audience Questions** Go to [www.sli.do](http://www.sli.do) Type in **2838825** to submit questions
- 9.00** **Mick Nolan** - Lighter Footprints Co-Convenor - Thanks and next steps

### Strong climate action - move Victoria past gas

Gas is a fossil fuel that damages our health and our climate. Let's accelerate the change to affordable clean energy, and increase Victoria's energy independence.

Gas health impacts, gas explainers, getting off gas - [more information here.](#)

Plus **Switch to cleaner, safer, affordable electric appliances!** [More information here.](#)

### Strong climate action for our forests, water catchments, biodiversity

Our forests are forests animals are being pushed to the brink.

We must stop native forests logging by 2024. [View our Forests info page here.](#)

### Support our Vote Climate Campaigns!

Accurate info about candidates climate policies and climate action plans.

Candidate climate scorecards, pre-poll, polling day.

[Vote Climate info page here.](#)



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*We pay our respects to elders past and present.*



# LIGHTER FOOTPRINTS

*Effective local climate action  
Influencing decision makers and community*



## About Lighter Footprints

Lighter Footprints is a non-partisan, volunteer, climate action group based in Melbourne's inner east.

We aim to influence local, state and national decision makers to act with urgency to halt global warming and take the necessary steps to realise a clean energy future.

We also seek to educate ourselves and our community about the steps we can take to reduce our own carbon footprints.

## What we do

We offer a range of engaging speakers on clean energy, sustainability and climate action at our monthly meetings. You are warmly invited to come and hear our speakers and learn what we do.

Other activities include:

- Large scale community forums
- Writing expert submissions
- Lobbying politicians and local government
- Community engagement - community conversations, stalls at local festivals and community events

*Join us in community action – everyone is welcome*

**To keep in touch with Lighter Footprints and hear about our events sign up to our newsletter at [www.lighterfootprints.org](http://www.lighterfootprints.org)**

For more information call our Co-Convenors Lynn Franks on 0425 843 685, or Mick Nolan on 0408 485 008.

*Lighter Footprints educates, advocates, and brings people together for a clean energy future and effective climate action.*

# To meet Victoria's climate targets we need to move past gas

## *Electrification will help protect our health and our climate - [info & links here.](#)*

### **Electric homes are cleaner, safer and save on energy bills**

- Electric heat pumps for hot water, and reverse cycle air conditioners (heat pumps) are very efficient, lowering emissions and energy usage.
- Gas cooking increases the incidence of childhood asthma by 12%.
- An electric home lowers energy bills, especially with solar PV.

### **To meet Victoria's climate targets we need to rapidly transition away from fossil gas**

- Gas usage in Victoria accounts for 17% of emissions.
- 70% of gas used in Victoria is for space heating and hot water. Switching to efficient electric appliances will lower the cost of energy bills for businesses and households.

### **Moving to renewables increases Victoria's energy independence**

- As one of the world's biggest gas producers we don't have a gas crisis, we have a market crisis.
- Supporting rapid electrification and demand reduction through energy efficiency will increase resilience, and reduce the impact of price shocks on households & businesses.
- New drilling or expensive, polluting gas import facilities are not the answer.

## **Protecting our native forests is essential for a safe climate future**

### **Logging is pushing our Mountain Ash forests and forest species to the brink**

- Logging impacts the critically endangered Leadbeater's Possum (numbers could be as low as 1000) and the endangered Greater Glider.
- Renowned forestry expert, Professor Lindenmayer, presented evidence that Victoria's "Mountain Ash ecosystem is collapsing."
- Over 50% of logged Mountain Ash coupes fail to grow back - logging is not sustainable.

### **Protecting our native forests is a highly effective way to retain carbon & reduce emissions**

- Our undisturbed native forests have some of the highest carbon stores in the world.
- Detailed research from the Fenner School, ANU, found that ending native logging in Australia would significantly reduce total greenhouse emissions.

### **Logging increases bushfire risk and severity and damages our water catchments**

- Logged forest areas have a much higher risk of much more severe fires for up to five decades.
- Ending logging is an effective way of protecting Melbourne's water catchments - each year of logging reduces our supplies by 15,000 megalitres (usage of 250,000 people).

### **Ending logging will protect taxpayer funds**

- Victorians are paying for forests to be logged - a 2020 Parliamentary BO study found that we would save around \$20 million per year if we transitioned to plantation timber.

***We need to end native logging by 2024, 2030 is far too late - [info & links here.](#)***

Strong climate action for forests, clean energy and green jobs

## VOTE CLIMATE NEIGHBOURS

### Why I am voting climate! Profiles, Quotes, Posts

"Voting climate unlocks vast opportunities for Australia in renewables." Ben Pearson

"When it comes to the upcoming Victorian state election, we urgently need action on climate!" Ray Peck

"There are so many things we can do as a society to mitigate climate change." Annie Nihill

[www.lighterfootprints.org/vote-climate-neighbours/](http://www.lighterfootprints.org/vote-climate-neighbours/)

## Exciting Program for 2023

### Upcoming Lighter Footprints meetings with expert speakers

#### Annual energy update

Game changing innovations. Industry disruptors. Accelerating towards a clean economy. Get up to speed in our annual energy update! February 2022.

#### Money talks

Is your money working for good? Shareholders and investors are changing the face of energy finance. Learn more about how you can make sure your finances align with your values.

#### Electric vehicles

Australia has been way behind on electric vehicles, but its all about to change. Get an update on where we are at and what levers we can pull to power our way forward!

#### Integrity & Democracy - State Capture

Who are the big players and how do they wield so much influence?

Have advances in integrity measures made any difference?

How can we take our democracy back?

Political donations, media concentration and more.

Other topics on the horizon are:

#### Soil Carbon and Regenerative Farming

#### Getting your home to Zero

#### Examining Nuclear Power / Carbon Capture and Storage

Keep up to date with our program at [www.lighterfootprints.org/events](http://www.lighterfootprints.org/events)

Lighter Footprints would like to thank these NGOs for their support during the Victorian State election campaign



Environment Victoria



Australian Conservation Foundation



Victorian Forest Alliance



Friends of the Earth Australia



No More Gas



Kooyong Climate Change Alliance

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