# HAWTHORN CANDIDATES FORUM

**Where do the candidates stand on climate?**
**Jono La Nauze**
Environment Victoria

Lighter Footprints welcomes you to the Hawthorn Candidates Forum 2026

Moderator - **Jono La Nauze,** CEO, Environment Victoria

7.30 Welcome and Introduction - **Dr Sarah Hegarty,** Lighter Footprints Co-convenor

7.35 Youth Speaker: **Christina Ding,** Methodist Ladies College

7.40 Candidate Presentations and commentary

- **Clive Crosby** - Labor
- **Shima Ibuki** - Community Independent
- **Tess McEnearney** - Victorian Socialists
- **John Pesutto** - Liberal Party
- **Kylie Rocha** - Victorian Greens

Summary of non attending candidates published policies - **Ray Peck**
Paul Pribilovics - One Nation

8.15 **Question & Answer Session**

8.55 Closing remarks: **Julia Croatto,** Lighter Footprints Committee

# AUDIENCE QUESTIONS VIA MOBILE

Scan here to ask a question

Upvote your favourite questions to help with question choice!

# CLIMATE ACTION AND IMPACTS

## Essential reading - three key reports

**Nexa Advisory Report**
An orderly transition to clean energy protects us from 37% higher wholesale electricity prices. Keeping Yallourn going, or adding more gas generation will significantly raise prices.

**National Climate Risk Assessment**
Significant impacts on water supplies, flooding, heatwaves and sea level rise. Pressure on infrastructure, first responders and defence. Increases in communicable disease.

**UN Limiting Overshoot Report**
No longer possible to keep warming below Paris target of 1.5°C. Risks of tipping points intensify with every fraction of a degree.

Lighter Footprints thanks Environment Victoria for their generous support of this forum.
Learn more about their work here!

# CLIMATE POLICIES FOR VICTORIA

## What should an incoming government do?

**Recommendations from our Climate Policy Working Group:**

- We believe that Victoria must meet or exceed its emission targets
- We oppose any new fossil fuel exploration in Victoria and want seismic blasting banned
- We support electrification
- We want to see action to maintain our forests
- We want fairness, ensuring that everyone shares in the benefits of electrification, including renters and apartment dwellers
- We believe that Victoria should develop action plans to deal with the consequences of climate change

**Good climate policy saves us money, is better for our health and protects our children's future**

Read about our detailed policy recommendations here

**Find out more on our climate policies page - scan the QR code**

# OUR GRID IS GOING CLEAN

## The shift to abundant, safe solar and wind power is unstoppable

**Clean energy benefits all Australians, putting downwards pressure on household bills:**

- Clean energy & storage is the least cost option (AEMO, last seven years)
- Solar and onshore wind installations can be built quickly
- Storage makes sun and wind power available 24/7
- Clean energy cuts climate pollution, now
- Clean energy attracts business and developer finance
- Clean energy is safe and very popular - the community is sold on solar

**Powering Victoria with the sun and wind increases our energy resilience in the face of increasing geopolitical tensions and supply chain shocks**

**Low cost clean energy generation will boost Victorian manufacturing and exports!**

**Victoria reached 44.6% clean energy generation last year, and is tracking well ahead of legislated clean energy targets**

**Find out more on our clean energy information page**

# ELECTRIFICATION SAVES

## Better climate policy will help reduce energy bills

**Climate action, including supporting solar and going electric will reduce the cost of living:**

- Electric appliances are significantly more efficient than gas appliances and cost half to two thirds as much to run
- Switching from gas to efficient electric appliances reduces household energy bills by $1900/yr on average (Solar Vic)
- Government support for solar and energy storage significantly reduces household electricity costs, and should be seen as a nation building investment
- Electric vehicles require less maintenance, their running costs are very much lower and they protect us against fuel supply chain price shocks

**A fully electric household including an EV saves over $4000/yr**

**Electric homes are healthier and save us money**
**Solar, going electric, batteries and electrifying transport all contribute!**
**Find out more on our electrification page**

# PROTECTING VICTORIA'S NATIVE FORESTS

## The destruction of Victoria's native forests continues

**Protecting Victoria's native forests is a critically important part of helping to ensure a safer climate future for our kids:**

- Forests are fundamental in managing water cycles, providing clean water for our cities and regions and act as carbon sinks
- Our forests offer significant opportunities for eco-tourism and recreation as well as an important connection to nature for our city dwellers
- Sadly, despite the logging ban, Victoria's native forests are still being logged
- Forests disturbance like planned burns and loophole logging increases flammability

**Forests are an important part of Australia's biosphere, critically important for our survival**

**Learn more about why native forests need protection**
**Together we can act to preserve our forests for future generations!**
**Find out more on our forests information page**

# LET'S CELEBRATE!
## 20th ANNIVERSARY

**Wednesday**
**December 9th**
**5.30pm - 8.30pm**

**Guide Hall**
**1A Faversham Rd,**
**Canterbury**

# COMMUNICATING CLIMATE
# NATIONAL CLIMATE UPDATE
# FOCUS 2027!

**Leigh Ewbank** Climate Solutions Australia
**Nelli Stevenson**
Climate and Energy Communications Strategist

**ONLINE**
**Wed, Feb 17th:**
**7.30pm - 9.00pm**

# WE NEED YOUR SKILLS & IDEAS!
# VOLUNTEER HERE

Climate action benefits the whole community!
Going electric drops the cost of living and is better for our health.

**Join our working groups**
**· Energy · Forests · Events**
**Click here to volunteer!**

Lighter Footprints is committed to facilitating effective climate action. For twenty years, we have educated, advocated and brought people together in Boroondara and surrounding suburbs to inform the community and promote a clean energy future.

Lighter Footprints acknowledges the leadership and custodianship of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nations. We pay our respects to elders past and present.

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