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### 2024 environment scorecard

Dear Dom,

Thank you for your email of 25 June 2024, setting out Outdoors Queensland's priorities ahead of the 2024 state election.

The Queensland Greens' overall plan for Queensland is set out [here](#). The election initiatives we have already announced are listed towards the bottom of that page, with more to be added on an almost weekly basis until the election.

Our environmental policy priorities are based on our member-endorsed policies, set at the [state](#) and [federal](#) level.

We are happy to consider your proposed actions as follows:

1. We acknowledge the merits of including the term 'Recreation' in department and ministerial names.
2. We support promotion and dedicated funding for outdoor activities, infrastructure and outdoor organisations in delivery of positive and inclusive outdoor programs and related support services. We acknowledge your proposal for peak body funding.
3. We support the effective implementation of the Activate! Queensland: 2019-2029 strategy.
4. Relatedly, we commit to developing a further strategy beyond its expiry, and acknowledge your proposal that it be integrated with the Elevate 2042 Legacy strategy.
5. We support connecting the outdoor sector with the health sector to focus on physical activity, addressing a host of health benefits including chronic disease prevention and mental health.

6. We support the development and implementation of additional government strategies regarding outdoor activities and transport. However, we have seen no evidence that motorcycling, four-wheel driving and boating provide community or health benefits beyond other modes of less expensive, more inclusive and more environmentally sustainable activities, or that these sectors need the government to promote them. Particularly in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on international travel and domestic spending, the motorised outdoor activity sector is thriving, and highly profitable.
7. We support elected representatives working with Outdoors Queensland to develop funding pathways for outdoor providers to develop cutting edge, sustainable programs and activities getting Queenslanders outdoors.
8. We support government land and water managers to provide and manage spaces, infrastructure and opportunities for outdoor activities to cater for demand. This management must include taking a precautionary approach to the impact of such activities on our natural disasters.
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16. The Greens support doubling Queensland's protected areas to 17% by 2030. Our [Biodiversity and the Environment policy](#) contains the following elements:
  - Establishment of a comprehensive, adequate and representative system of terrestrial, freshwater and marine protected areas managed primarily to protect biodiversity and the improved resilience of ecosystems. This includes all areas of high conservation value (including regrowth) of state, regional and local significance.
  - Permanently amending the *Nature Conservation Act* to:
    - Identify and protect ecological communities.
    - Protect the habitat of near threatened species.

- Permanently excluding mining activities in, and from impacting upon, all protected areas and those with high conservation values at state, regional and local levels.
- Increasing the budget for protected area management to ensure that management plans for all National Parks are developed, adequately funded and implemented.
- Supporting the resilience of Queensland's wildlife and natural places against the climate crisis by expanding the protected area estate, and ensuring additions are based on the Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative (CAR) reserve system principles and are strategically targeted to re-connect fragmented wildlife corridors and establish climate refugia (eg continue the buyback of the Daintree).
- Recognising and reflecting local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural values in the management of all World Heritage and Protected Areas and declared Wild Rivers Areas.
- Ensuring genuine joint management of protected areas on Cape York Peninsula by traditional owners and the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.

17. We support greater funding for Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services, to \$45 per hectare. Our plan for National Parks is [here](#). We will:

- Protect national parks from commercial development, particularly the granting of leases over national park land to profit-seeking corporations
- Increase Indigenous Land and Sea Rangers jobs across Queensland to 300, in roles and areas decided in consultation with First Nations people
- Ensure cultural burning practices are reflected in our land management regime, and increase protection for landscapes and wildlife affected by changing and increasingly hazardous bushfires
- Expand protected areas like national parks to cover 17% of the State, and expand joint management and First Nations ownership of national parks.
- Strengthen our laws to protect nature and create an independent Environment Protection Agency with adequate funding to enforce the law.

18. Only the Queensland Greens have genuine climate action and energy solutions.

The Queensland Greens want to tackle climate change by stopping new coal and gas mines, investing in 100% public renewables by 2030 and establishing new industries in green manufacturing.

On the other hand, since coming to power, Queensland Labor has approved 38 new coal mines, and both Labor and the LNP want to open up 37 more.

Queensland is both a major contributor to the climate crisis and on the frontlines of some of its worst impacts. We need urgent action now to keep warming below catastrophic levels and give workers a fair, planned transition to a clean economy.

In 2023, my colleague Michael Berkman introduced the [Queensland Climate Transition Bill](#), which would have banned new coal, oil and gas projects, legislated stronger emissions reduction targets that are consistent with current science and the Paris Agreement, and created a new Queensland Climate Transition Authority, to consult and work with affected workers and communities on a fair transition plan as we phase out fossil fuel exports by 2030.

The Queensland Greens' [Energy](#) policy calls for a mandatory Queensland Renewable Energy Target of 100% to be met by 2030 for electricity power generation. We also support 100% public ownership of our energy system, including retail, and moved amendments to the Government's bill to this effect in 2024.

We will keep advocating for change, and look forward to having more Greens in Queensland Parliament to continue to champion our position.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amy MacMahon', written in a cursive style.

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Member for South Brisbane