

Climate and Environment

KAP believes that we should strive to leave Australia in as good or better condition than we found it, for the benefit of our descendants. KAP is strongly committed to the philosophy of being “honourable ancestors” in the context of environmental governance.

Science is our best tool for understanding the world around us, but it is not infallible.

KAP will not be drawn in to politically motivated bad Science and will seek out the best scientific conclusions before being drawn into irresponsible legislation. KAP believes that as good environmental stewards we should act in a manner that preserves and utilises this great country’s natural resources for the benefit of our nation while maintaining a strong belief in conserving our natural fauna and flora.

KAP supports the continued development of alternative energy sources. Particularly in the areas of Ethanol and Solar. Research into viable new energy technology will be supported via University, CSIRO and private enterprise grants.

For alternate technologies’ to be widely implemented they would require a net benefit to both the climate and the consumer. Solar combined with stored energy is reaching that point and KAP would like to see more of an effort in this area with a country blessed with such a great abundance of natural sunlight. Power generation utilising ethanol has already become a reality in Mackay and its costs would be expected to reduce with the increased production of sugar based ethanol being championed by KAP.

There is, however, an ongoing demand for fossil fuels and KAP is committed to responsibly exploit the current energy market to maximise Australia’s competitive advantage in the provision of cleanest possible fossil fuels. This will meet the ongoing demand for as long as it persists to ensure the best possible economic outcome for Australia and to extend the jobs in the current energy sector. Queensland has some of the cleanest coal in the world and we should not hold back this gift to the developing world which desperately requires the abundance and quality that Australia can provide.

KAP remains fully committed to the necessary development of natural ecosystems to pursue sustainable outcomes that will grow the economic prosperity of the nation.

In relation to climate and environment KAP will pursue policies that:

- prevent the extraction of coal seam gas within three kilometres of an aquifer;
- support and extend the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target;
- mandate the use of ethanol;
- provide direct and meaningful support to land managers in delivering Eco-services; and
- support the right of farmers and other citizens to manage their resources and live without uninvited interference.