

A Christian Issues Checklist for the 2007 Australian Federal Election

Category	Issue
Work & welfare	Promote a fair and decent wage that enables an average family to adequately support themselves
	Ensure that every Australian is provided with basic human needs of food, clothing and shelter
	Provide incentives and opportunities for people to work rather than receive government benefits
	Ensure that people who are unable to work are adequately supported by society
	Ensure that any future taxation reform is fair and equitable for all wage earners
	Enshrine the principle of work/life balance in all workplace agreements
Life & values	Affirm family units as the indispensable building blocks of a healthy society
	Preserve the traditional institution of marriage
	Remove discrimination against same-sex families in financial and work-related entitlements
	Actively seek to reduce the abortion rate
	Protect the innocence of children
Defence & national security	Declare that future participation in international conflict must satisfy the criteria of the “just war” doctrine
	Maintain a leadership role in upholding security in our local neighbourhood and region
	Undertake a strong supporting role in maintaining global peace and security
	Continue to actively engage with the UN and other international bodies to counter the terrorist threat
International relations	Legislate to raise foreign aid to 0.7% of GDP in line with the UN Millennium Development Goals
	Demonstrate leadership in promoting fair trade worldwide
	Take leadership role in creating nuclear energy safeguards
	Abide by international obligations in the treatment of refugees
	Proactively seek international penalties for countries that abuse the rights and freedoms of their citizens
	Provide international leadership in seeking to abolish the illegal slave trade
Social justice & harmony	Ensure that all residents have equal access to all government services independent of demographic variations
	Actively seek to address long-term issues faced by indigenous communities
	Expect leaders to promote a culture of racial harmony and mutual respect
	Encourage education programs that value cultural diversity and promote racial interaction
	Ensure that anti-terror laws do not impact basic human rights
Environment	Actively respond to the threat of climate change
	Establish government bodies to consider the long-term viability and sustainability of agricultural practices
	Determine long-term plans for water usage and sustainability
	Provide incentives to invest in renewable energy sources

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