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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to respond.

#### PRIORITY 1: DOING MORE FOR QUEENSLAND AND AUSTRALIA

*The Greens recognise the benefits of secure, predictable, longer-term funding to allow local government to plan for and deliver projects in their communities. We will continue to work with stakeholders to ensure funding is delivered in the most efficient, effective, and responsive way.*

*To end pork-barrelling and ensure that communities get the infrastructure they actually need, we will require all infrastructure projects receiving more than \$100M in Commonwealth funding to be subject to an independent assessment, including in-depth community consultation.*

*The Green's will also ensure that communities are prepared for climate change.*

*The government established an Emergency Response Fund in 2019 to invest in infrastructure to keep communities safe. But the government has prioritised earning investment returns for itself over investing in climate exposed communities. Since its inception, the Fund has earned the government \$836 million dollars, yet it has only spent 48 \$210 million on disaster recovery and just \$100 million on mitigation infrastructure, leaving 49 communities like Lismore and Ballina exposed while the government pockets the difference.*

*The Greens will change these investment restrictions so that \$600m is spent per year until 2026-27, and \$300m per year from 2027-28 on public infrastructure mitigation works. This funding will allow communities to undertake much needed infrastructure upgrades that reduce the devastating impacts of the climate crisis*

*Our emergency services are much bigger than firefighters, ambulances and police. During natural disasters, the ABC brings communities lifesaving information, the Bureau of Meteorology and CSIRO study weather changes and send warnings to give first responders the information they need. The Greens plan funds hundreds of thousands of jobs to restore the public service, and we will also double the current funding for Emergency Service operations, providing \$5 billion in extra funding allocated to the States. This funding will make sure our Emergency Services have the latest equipment and personnel they need to respond to natural disasters exacerbated by global heating.*

*For more information: page 53 <https://greens.org.au/sites/default/files/2022-04/Greens-2022-Plan--Powering-Past-Coal-and-Gas.pdf>*

#### PRIORITY 2: MOVE TO MORE, IN WESTERN QUEENSLAND

*The Greens are committed to the big solutions required to solve the housing crisis in Australia, which is why we have a fully costed plan to build one million new homes across the country over the next 20 years. The scale of this build will obliterate public housing waiting lists and the design of our scheme will open up new ways of imagining public housing in our communities through shared ownership and greater community involvement. Local councils will play a role in the placement and provision of these new homes, in partnership with Federal and State governments and other housing providers. The*

*Greens will continue to advocate for Local Government to have a role in making housing more affordable and accessible to all.*

*For more information, visit <https://greens.org.au/sites/default/files/2022-01/Greens-2022-Policy-Platform--Services--Homes.pdf>*

### PRIORITY 3: GROWING MORE FOR YOU

*The Greens will support the agricultural industry in moving to Net Zero.*

*The Greens will enable the Clean Energy Regulator to set a price floor on the carbon market by becoming a fixed purchaser of Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs) at \$50 a tonne, giving farmers confidence, when it comes to adopting new practices or altering land-use patterns, they will get a guaranteed price*

*We will also restore the Carbon Farming Futures program of \$25 million per annum, which the Coalition Government axed in 2016. These grants saw over \$139 million go into over 200 projects across the country. By restoring funding to this program, we can see hundreds more carbon reducing projects get off the ground.*

*More information is available on page 49, <https://greens.org.au/sites/default/files/2022-04/Greens-2022-Plan--Powering-Past-Coal-and-Gas.pdf>*

*As part of our Green Australia plan, the Greens will invest \$1.8 billion over four years to restore habitat, regenerate forest and bushland, coastal areas and rivers and reclaim green spaces in our cities and suburbs. Our Green Australia Plan includes stopping invasive species and weeds.*

*For more, visit <https://greens.org.au/sites/default/files/2022-01/Greens-2022-Policy-Platform--Enviro--GreenAus.pdf>*

### PRIORITY 4: TRANSPORTING MORE FOR YOU

*The Greens are committed to ensuring that infrastructure planning is assessed through transparent means, and that grant funds are allocated equitably and according to community need. We will empower community voices to ensure projects are made to serve the community's best interests, not just boost profits.*

### PRIORITY 5: CONNECTING TO YOU

*Everyone should be able to access the NBN. It's time we finish the NBN as it was originally designed, to support our future economy, jobs, education, health and way of life.*

*The Greens will:*

- *Fix the NBN by 2025 with the best fibre and 5G wireless technologies to secure our economy, jobs, education and health*
- *Ensure the NBN remains publicly owned*
- *Provide free broadband internet access for one million households with a healthcare card, including carers, students, low-income families and the unemployed.*

*More policy specifics will be released in the weeks ahead, and will be available here:*

*<https://greens.org.au/platform/services#nbn>*

Yours Sincerely,

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