



NewAustralia - Frequently Asked Questions

Creating NewAustralia

Q	Won't creating NewAustralia just take votes from the Greens?
A	<p>No. Many of NewAustralia's policies are anathema to Green members. For Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence - Green members strongly oppose any discussion about defence matters. • Tax - Green policy is to increase tax not shift it. • Migration - Green policy supports 'open door' migration. We support population stabilisation. • Welfare - Green policy proposes a Guaranteed Adequate Income be paid to all Australians. We don't support this. <p>NewAustralia aims to take votes from marginal Lib/Lab voters who do not vote for the Greens.</p>
Q	You say that the NewAustralia founder has a veto over drastic policy changes. This is a bit fascist isn't it?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership of NewAustralia is free. The downside of this is that a few hundred people from (say) Right to Life could join the party for nothing and then change it to be another Right to Life party. • The Veto has never been used and members are constantly suggesting changes and improvements via the supporters forum.
Q	Isn't it impossibly difficult to start a new party?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well its better than sitting around watching the Greens get 10% of the vote again.
Q	Why not just support the Greens / Democrats?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NewAustralia members have done that for years but it wasn't doing any good so we thought we would try this approach.
Q	Why should I join a party that doesn't have enough members to register / isn't registered / doesn't have 140 candidates / has no shiny head office?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because you can - for nothing. • If you don't it will never have enough members to register, 140 candidates or a shiny head office.

Tax / Economics

Q	How do you know your Tax Shift will be revenue neutral?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The actual level of the carbon tax, methane tax and other eco-taxes is not specified, we recommend they be set to cover the cost of abolishing Payroll Tax, raising the tax free threshold, etc. • It would be very difficult indeed for anyone other than treasury to accurately predict the exact level of eco-taxation necessary to exactly replace the old 'dumb' taxes.



Defence

Q	Since NewAustralia is mostly an environmental party, shouldn't it remain silent about defence and leave that to the Lib/Labs?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. What type of defence equipment is purchased is guided by political considerations as to what you want to do with the defence force. The Lib/Labs want to assist with US-led operations in the middle east, so they buy US ground attack planes, destroyers, assault ships, long range subs, etc. NewAustralia just wants to defend Australia for the lowest cost, so we suggest buy the most cost effective fighter planes, off-the-shelf submarines & no destroyers or assault ships. This saves billions of dollars for other projects such as public transport.
Q	Defence is a 'Black Art', shouldn't it be left to the defence bureaucracy to do whatever it likes?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. Defence is complex but not a 'Black Art' . Defence has made many serious errors such as purchasing the 'Sea Sprite' helicopters. Major decisions such as the purchase of the Joint Strike Fighter and destroyers have been made by the Lib/Labs, not by defence anyway. The large amounts of public information about different defence assets is sufficient for us to recommend some defence assets would be more cost effective for defending Australia than the ones selected by the Lib/Labs.
Q	You say the Navy should not operate surface combat vessels. What kind of a Navy has no surface ships?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NewAustralia does not believe Australia should invade or 'stand over' other countries or to attempt to 'control sea lanes'. If this is the case Australia doesn't need a large force projection capability. There is a large amount of public information which indicates surface combat vessels are too vulnerable to modern anti-ship weaponry, For this reason we recommend saving the billions of dollars to be spent on destroyers and assault ships. In its place we recommend cheap off-the-shelf diesel-electric submarines.
Q	You recommend Russian designed Sukhoi aircraft (or US F-15E) in place of the Joint Strike Fighter. I bought a Russian made tractor in 1973 and it was rubbish!
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The best Russian engineers weren't working on tractors in the 1970's. From all accounts sukhoi produce a very good product which is about one third of the cost of the Joint Strike Fighter. Australia should investigate this aircraft further - along with the US made F-15E. (These are the only two modern aircraft with a long enough range to be useful for defending Australia.)
Q	You recommend Russian designed diesel-electric submarines. Aren't all Russian submarines insanely dangerous and full of radiation?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diesel-electric submarines don't have nuclear reactors. We are unaware of any accidents involving the submarines we recommend. (We also recommend examining some 'Western' diesel-electric submarines) The Rubin submarines we suggest are about 20% of the cost of the new submarines proposed by the Lib/Labs.
Q	Is NewAustralia funded by the Russians?
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. No funding at all from the Russians!



More questions?

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