



## **AILA NSW 2023 Election Manifesto** [download](#)

### **Email Responses to Manifesto from candidates – Updates to members**

Thank you kindly for writing to me. In short answer to your question - YES.  
I have been an advocate on the protection of Green Space in our Suburbs since 2019 State Election.

The rate of development in Sutherland Shire has been significant, and the Sydney Planning Commission estimates another 5000+ households to be developed up to 2025!

Our beautifully leafy green streets are becoming concrete caves, simply amplifying heat in the streets.

You are most welcome to advocate my name as a candidate for saving our green assets where practicable.

Gaye Cameron

Independent Candidate for Miranda

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Dear Ms Tanya Wood and Ms Julie Lee,

Thank you for your email. The four points you raise in your below email are all important issues and cross a number of portfolios. For a more substantive response on the first and third point I recommend you reach out to the office of Paul Scully, Shadow Minister for Planning who has portfolio responsibilities for that.

Regarding the second point we support the implementation of a NSW Climate Adaptation Strategy for communities. We have been highly critical of the failure of the current government to deliver a strategy for 6 years. The existing strategy is woefully inadequate and largely commits to making more plans. We will deliver an Adaptation Action Plan for communities that directs where resources are needed to protect communities.

Concerning the fourth point, we recognise the need for better resourcing to fund climate resilience. We're continuing to finalise our policy response to that particular issue. I will let you know when we do.

Kind regards

James

**James Connolly**  
**Senior Electorate Officer**



## Office of Jihad Dib MP

Member for Lakemba  
Shadow Minister for Emergency Services,  
Shadow Minister for Energy & Climate Change

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This is a complex "ask" by AILA.

So that we can go to the correct Shadow Minister to make enquiries – which NSW Shadow Minister have you been engaging with to discuss your manifesto?

Many thanks,

Cessnock Electorate Office

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Good morning Ms Wood and Ms Lee

Thank you for your email and request to meet with Mr Chanthivong in his capacity as Shadow Minister for Finance, Industry and Trade.

As I'm sure you can appreciate, Mr Chanthivong's diary is currently heavily committed so unfortunately at this stage we're unable to accommodate a meeting.

Thank you for forwarding the manifesto for Mr Chanthivong's attention and consideration.

Kind regards

Alicia

## Alicia Sylvester

**OFFICE OF ANOULACK CHANTHIVONG MP**  
MEMBER FOR MACQUARIE FIELDS  
SHADOW MINISTER FOR FINANCE  
SHADOW MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY & TRADE

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Thank you for your email.

Sustainable Australia Party is an independent community movement with a science and evidence-based policy platform. We are fighting to protect our environment, stop overdevelopment and stop corruption.

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects manifesto, which calls for a climate resilient, connected NSW, is broadly consistent with our Planning and Development policy. If elected, I look forward to meeting with to discuss sustainability, design and development.

Kind regards

William

Cr William Bourke

Councillor - North Sydney Council

Lead candidate – NSW Legislative Council

**President - Sustainable Australia Party**

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Hi Tanya and Julie,

Thank you for your letter and background information.

And well done on your important work.

Your ideas make sense to me, and I am very interested in the creation of greener, more liveable cities.

As a candidate and not a local member or minister any commitment from me right now is not possible.

However, I can assure you that I am keen to learn more and have open ears and an open mind about ways to regenerate our cities and regions

Warm regards,

Kellie Sloan

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Tanya and Julie,

Thank you for your email and the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Election Manifesto we found it very interesting and full of great ideas!

Victoria is definitely interested in sustainable housing and communities, faster action on climate change and improving the liveability of our cities.

She sees great value in Landscape Architects role in creating more liveable cities with healthy active outdoor spaces. If elected, Victoria would like to sit down and discuss your positive ideas for a better NSW in more detail.

Kindest regards

Vanessa

Team Victoria

Victoria Davidson, Community Independent for Lane Cove

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## Paul Scully MP

SHADOW MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND PUBLIC SPACES  
MEMBER FOR WOLLONGONG

21 March 2023

Ms Tanya Woods  
NSW President  
Australian Institute of Landscape Architects  
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Ms Julie Webb  
NSW Advocacy Committee Chair

Dear Ms Woods and Ms Webb

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Institute's NSW Election Manifesto. I regret the delay in responding to you.

I have noted the proposals contained in the publication and appreciate you taking the time to draw it to my attention.

NSW Labor has announced, if we are elected to form the next government of New South Wales on March 25, the establishment of a Net Zero Commission.

NSW Labor will legislate the state's carbon emission reduction targets. The NSW Liberal and Nationals Government have not made a similar commitment. NSW Labor introduced a bill to legislate the state's emissions reduction targets last year, and a Minns Labor Government will re-introduce the legislation this year as a matter of priority.

The Commission would have the power to make recommendations to the government of the day on how to more effectively meet our targets, including for the built environment; supporting diversification of local economies, job creation and job protection; ensuring mining communities receive a fair share from royalties; and targets for the government's own energy use.

I look forward to further on-going discussions with the Institute if NSW Labor is successful in forming the next government on the weekend.

Yours sincerely

  
PAUL SCULLY MP

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17 March 2023

Dear Ms Wood

**Re: Greens NSW Response to the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA)**

Thank you for reaching out on behalf of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) and allowing us to respond to your election asks. The Greens understand that to tackle the climate crisis, development and land management in NSW must be reformed. We recognise landscape architecture as critical for mitigating climate change, reducing its effects, and building spaces that create healthy and socially connected communities.

We have addressed your priorities below with reference to our policies, '[NSW Sustainable Food System](#)', '[Vibrant and Sustainable Communities](#)' and '[30% by 2030](#)'.

**1. Climate & Biodiversity Positive Design**

The Greens support infrastructure projects that deliver biodiversity net gain and sequester more emissions than emitted during the project's life. Our policy '[30% by 2030 - Expanding the Protected Area Network](#)' will:

- Expand the protected area network in NSW to 30% of the state by 2030
- Accelerate Native Title claims over Crown Land areas and resource First Nations land management programs
- End inappropriate development and infrastructure in or adjacent to national parks and the protected area network
- Significantly increase funding for management, regeneration and invasive species control in National Parks and the protected area network

The Greens will happily support developing a business case proposition for green infrastructure to be articulated and endorsed by Treasury.



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## 2. Implementation of NSW Climate Adaptation Strategy for communities

Under our '[Vibrant and Sustainable Communities](#)' policy, the Greens will implement climate adaptation strategies into NSW development as well as:

- Put power back in the hands of the community by abolishing compulsory planning panels and returning planning powers to councillors.
- Give forcefully amalgamated communities the opportunity to vote to de-amalgamate their councils.
- Fund community infrastructure with a developer profits tax.
- Give local councils financial security through equitable state government funding and an end to cost shifting.
- Ensure strong anti-corruption measures for local councils, including prohibiting anyone with developer or real estate interests from running for council or holding office.
- Avoid future construction disasters by abolishing the private certification system and reinstating publicly accountable building certifiers employed by local councils.

We will reform building codes to stop the destruction of mature trees and the sale of public green spaces for development. We will financially support local councils to plant more trees, require developers to include bigger backyards and retain significant trees on private building sites, and regenerate green corridor connections between parks and bushland. We also will end the absurd laws dictating that house roofs in new developments can only be painted dark.

The Greens are dedicated to supporting a green infrastructure network that produces tree canopy targets for microclimate control and builds quality public amenities as provided for by AILA.

The Greens '[NSW Sustainable Food Systems](#)' policy outlines our plan for a circular food system that will:

- Establish a NSW Food Systems Council that will develop a statewide sustainable food strategy
- Support the build of a \$300 million NSW Regenerative Agriculture Centre, providing free training and funding for farmers to shift to regenerative and climate-resilient practices
- Facilitate the creation of a \$500 million Urban Agriculture Fund, creating a circular food economy through community-led initiatives, supporting First Nations 'bush food' industry, creating thousands of new jobs



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- Regulate major supermarkets, ending large-scale food waste and aesthetic standards for farmers, and implementing 'food miles' labelling
- Establish Mindful and Sustainable Living as a core subject in NSW schools, teaching permaculture, cooking, science and health through edible gardening

Our proposed \$500 Urban Agriculture Fund (The Fund) will bring food production closer to our plates to reduce emissions created by traditional agriculture. We believe green infrastructure must include food production. The Fund will establish urban farms and urban orchards and would like to work with AILA to achieve these projects.

### **3. Recognise Green Infrastructure as an asset class**

The Greens understand that recognising green infrastructure as an asset class will help secure its status as a critical component of climate solutions in State-funded projects. We will formally recognise green infrastructure as an asset class.

### **4. Prioritise a Green Infrastructure Fund as part of the State climate resilience and recovery plan**

The Greens support the establishment of a Green Infrastructure Investment Fund. We expect this fund to work alongside our proposed 'Urban Agriculture Fund' to ensure the best outcome for food security, climate change mitigation and community connection.

Kind regards,  
Cate Faehrmann  
Greens MP and Planning Spokesperson





**alex** greenwich  
INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR SYDNEY

10 March 2023

Anya Wood  
President  
Australian Institute of Landscape Architects

Julie Lee  
Advocacy Committee Chair  
Australian Institute of Landscape Architects

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Dear Ms Wood and Ms Lee

### **Australian Institute of Landscape Architects Policy Platform**

I refer to the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects' election manifesto for a climate resilient, greener, connected, regenerated New South Wales.

Protecting and expanding green open space have been priorities for me since I was elected. Green infrastructure is vital to our future sustainability. My electorate is largely made up of apartments and I understand the importance of green open space for inner city residents' health, respite and recreation. Inner city green spaces are also vital for biodiversity, carbon sequestration, flood mitigation and heat mitigation. I have fought community battles to protect parklands in my electorate from development and encroachment particularly at Moore Park but also in the Domain. I share your view that green infrastructure must become a government priority, treated as an asset with investment and expansion plans.

Climate and biodiversity positive gains must be required outcomes for all future projects and a part of the planning system. I am committed to the 30 percent land and water protected by 2030 target and support canopy and open space targets for metropolitan areas.

I support your manifesto and am committed to pursuing the protection, expansion and funding of green infrastructure across the state.

Yours sincerely

Alex Greenwich  
Member for Sydney

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# Gurmesh Singh MP

MEMBER FOR COFFS HARBOUR



1 March 2023

Ms Tanya Wood and Ms Julie Lee  
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Australian Institute of Landscape Architects  
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Dear Ms Wood and Ms Lee

Thank you for your email on behalf of the NSW Chapter of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects.

I note receipt of the investment priorities and suggested ways in which your organisation and the NSW Liberals and Nationals Government could collaborate in a subsequent term of government.

I appreciate your advocacy and constructive suggestions and will review your submission.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

**GURMESH SINGH MP**  
Member for Coffs Harbour  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and for  
Regional Jobs and Investment