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Centre for Air pollution, energy and health Research (CAR)

Federal election policy priorities for safer air

Objectives

- To minimise the negative health impacts of air pollution and energy sources on Australians
- To support the development of evidence-based policies and practices to protect the health of Australians

Policy priorities

- Alignment of national air quality standards with 2021 WHO air quality guidelines, underpinned by a continuous emissions reduction framework
- Strong enforcement and compliance mechanisms for exceedances of both ambient and point source pollution, supported by an enhanced air quality monitoring network
- Strong national action to reduce the health burden of wood heaters through the establishment of a national fund to support a wood heater replacement scheme
- Introduction of subsidy schemes to support vulnerable populations to access to high-efficiency particulate absorbing (HEPA) filters
- Increased investment in, and adoption of, policies that incentivise the uptake of electric vehicles (EVs) and EV-related infrastructure
- Accelerated reduction of emissions from the combustion of fossil fuels through increased investment in, and adoption of, policies that incentivise the uptake of renewable, low-emitting sources of energy

About

The Centre for Air pollution, energy and health Research (CAR) is a National Health and Medical Research Council Centre for Research Excellence in Australia. It is the only group of its kind nationally to bring together researchers focusing on the impacts of air pollution and new versus traditional forms of energy on our health. Our vision for a healthier community is the driving force behind our research.

