

2022 ELECTION AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PLEDGE

1. Legislate a national Human Rights Act

Support, subject to extensive consultation.

2. Increase the minimum age of criminal responsibility to at least 14 years of age

Support, noting most legislation relating to the age of criminal responsibility rests with state and territory governments.

3. Invest in Indigenous-led solutions that support children, families, and communities to stay strong and together

Support.

4. Increase the annual refugee resettlement intake to at least 30,000 people

I support an increase above the current cap of 13,750 per year, including additional specific places for those fleeing the Taliban.

5. End the system of offshore detention and accept the New Zealand offer of resettlement

Support.

6. Provide permanent protection to those on Temporary Protection Visas and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas

Support. Following the crisis in Afghanistan in August 2021, I called on the federal government to provide the 4,200 Afghans already in Australia on Temporary Protection and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas with an immediate pathway to permanent humanitarian protection and Australian citizenship.

7. End the indefinite detention of people seeking asylum

Support.

8. Create a fair and affordable Community Sponsorship Program for refugees

Support. I welcome the Community Sponsorship Program and encourage its expansion. I have advocated in parliament for the government to consider other successful models internationally, including reception programs in Spain and Sweden.

9. Proactively raise awareness of the harmful impacts and ineffectiveness of conversion practices on LGBTQIA+ young people

Support.

10. End non-emergency, invasive and irreversible medical interventions on infants and children with variations in sex characteristics

Support.

11. Allow individuals to self-identify their sex or gender on identification documents

I support changes to current laws and practices which over-medicalise the identification of sex and gender on official identity documents.

12. Ensure that no legislation privileges religious views to the detriment of LGBTQIA+ people

Freedom of thought, conscience and religious belief is a fundamental human right. I support that right and I supported the broad intent of the recent Religious Discrimination bill that aimed to protect people of faith, or non-faith, in Australia from discrimination on that basis. I was dismayed, however, to see the government weaponise provisions in that bill and use it to take away the rights and protections of LGBTQIA+ people, school aged children in particular. I opposed the bill on that basis. Australia is a proud secular society. Over time, we have strived to be as inclusive as possible to diverse faith and come to celebrate that diversity. I want us to continue in that direction, and would support religious discrimination legislation that gets the balance right.

13. Fully fund the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children

Support.

14. Commit to a dedicated National Plan for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women

Support.

15. Establish a bipartisan National Anti-Racism Strategy

Support.

16. Strengthen 2030 carbon emissions target and significantly accelerate the phase-out of fossil fuels, including coal and gas

Support. Part of this plan must include measures to ensure regional Australians share in the economic benefits of the renewables boom, including via the Australian Local Power Agency proposal I put to Government this term of parliament which was co-designed by community energy stakeholders across the nation and will lead to changes in the way ARENA operates to ensure regional communities are properly supported in the clean energy transition.

17. Increase funding for the Australian Human Rights Commission

Support.

18. Redistribute all surplus Covid-19 vaccine stocks to low- and lower-middle income countries

Support, with the right safeguards and forward planning by the federal government to ensure we are not left without sufficient vaccine supply as was the case in 2020-21.

19. Support, promote, and resource international initiatives that encourage open and non-exclusive vaccine manufacturing licences, including knowledge and technology transfer

Support.

20. Continue the strong bipartisan support to end the death penalty worldwide and commit funds to support this effort

Support.

- 21. Stop supplying arms to Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and other states where there is an overriding risk that such weapons will be used to commit or facilitate human rights abuses**

Support.

- 22. Deliver all recommendations of the Brereton Report, develop a permanent international crime mechanism resourced to provide effective access to justice for all those in Afghanistan affected by breaches of human rights carried out by Australian forces**

Support.

- 23. Allocate at least 20,000 humanitarian places, in addition to the existing program, to those fleeing the Taliban**

I support an increase above the current cap of 13,750 per year, including additional specific places for those fleeing the Taliban.

- 24. Use all bilateral, multilateral, and regional platforms to urge the Chinese government to end any crimes under international law and allow independent human rights investigators unrestricted access to Xinjiang**

Support.

- 25. Lead the call for targeted multilateral sanctions against Myanmar's military chief Min Aung Hlaing and other senior officials responsible for atrocity crimes**

Support.