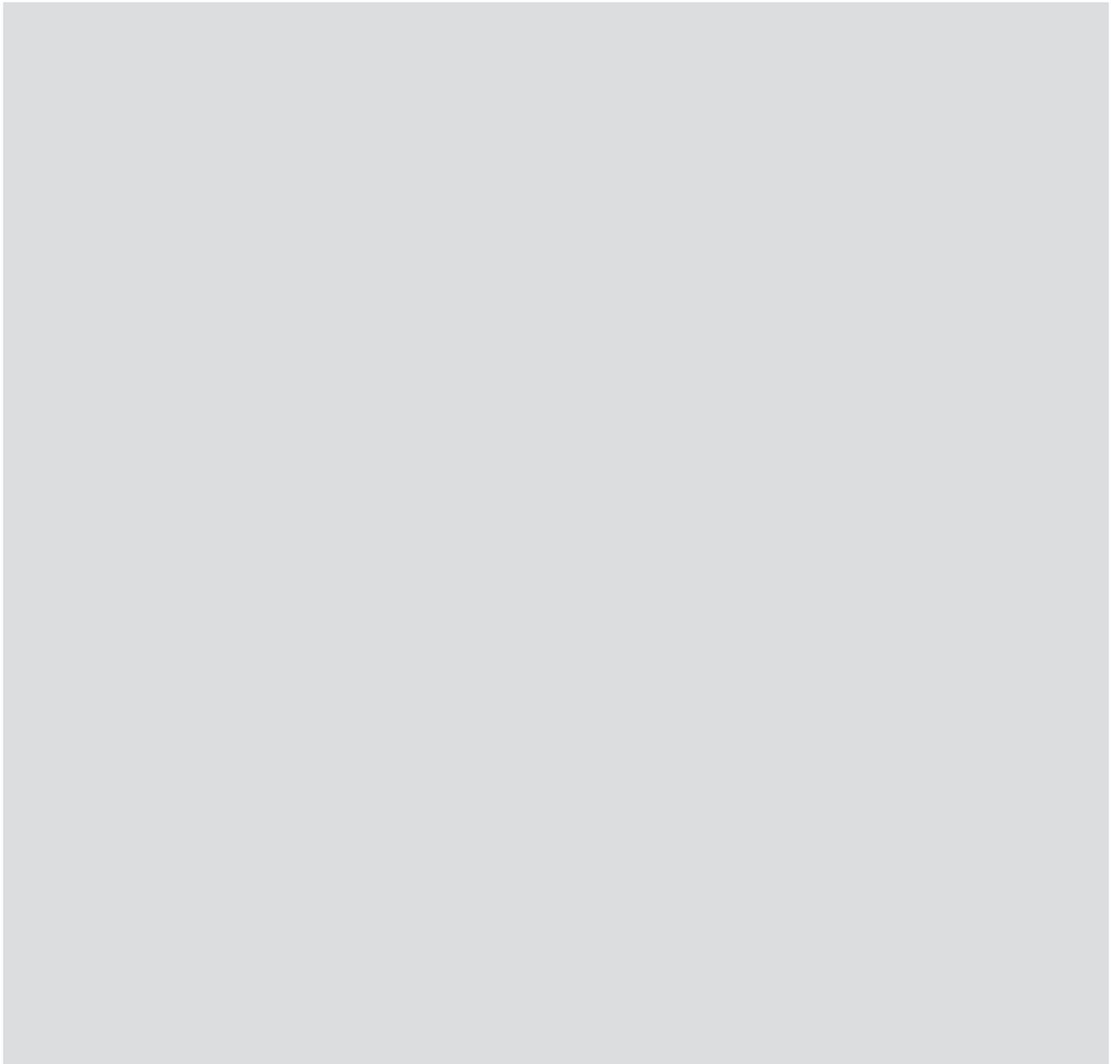




National Platform



Resolutions to the National Platform

Resolutions for Chapter 1

Members and our values

That this Conference recognises that:

- the support and activism of our members is critical to our success as a political party and to the enduring success of the labour movement in winning broad community acceptance of progressive policies
- members contribute to the development of Labor's core principles, articulated through our platform
- all constituent units of the Party and all elected representatives of the Party have a responsibility to our members to observe the Platform in carrying out their roles.

Resolutions for Chapter 2

Public services supporting a strong economy

National Conference recognises the essential role government and public services play in supporting a strong economy and a fair community. Strong and sustainable public finances are critical to Labor achieving its agenda in government. The public service plays a vital role in providing the high quality policy advice and the essential services that enable government to develop good policy and serve the community. Government, economic and legislative involvement is essential to provide opportunities for all Australians, improve equity through redistribution, provide public safety and security and protect the community through the regulation necessary in a market economy.

National Conference acknowledges there are genuine concerns within the Australian Public Service and in the broader community about the impact of repeated saving measures on public services, including increases to the efficiency dividend and a range of other initiatives.

National Conference rejects the Coalition's approach to dramatically cut public services and acknowledges the Australian Public Service is of a modest size compared to other Western nations, and is recognised internationally as providing high quality services and policy advice.

National Conference acknowledges that it is in the nation's interest to ensure the Australian Public Service remains efficient, accountable, professional, independent and apolitical.

Therefore National Conference calls on the Federal Labor Government to work with public sector unions and employees to find a more sustainable funding model for the Australian Public Service which will:

- deliver quality, effective and efficient services that are affordable and accessible for all Australians
- deliver value for money to the community
- provide certainty for clients, employees and agencies
- drive real public sector productivity, efficiency and improvements to service and policy capability
- ensure the public service provides secure, high quality jobs and help attract and retain talented employees.

The trans pacific partnership agreement

The Trans-Pacific Partnership offers the prospect of more and better jobs through improved access to member countries' markets for Australian exporting businesses and their employees. Australia's position on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement must be consistent with the provisions of the National Platform, specifically that it:

- does not undermine the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
- provides for national treatment—that foreign and domestic companies are treated equally under the law—while not conferring greater legal rights on foreign businesses than those available to domestic businesses
- does not require Australia to remove protection of its cultural industries
- retains the Foreign Investment Review Board and its powers to review foreign investment in the public interest
- retains legitimate quarantine provisions for reducing the risk of imported pests and diseases
- retains the flexibility to encourage industry development including through research and development, regional development and appropriate environmental, employment and procurement policies
- contains enforceable labour clauses that require signatories to enforce the core international Labour Organisation standards in the ILO conventions
- contains enforceable environmental clauses that require signatories to meet all relevant international environmental standards, including those provided for in applicable UN international environmental agreements.

Resolutions for Chapter 3

Live animal exports

Labor strongly supports the Australia domestic chilled, frozen and processed meat industry. Labor supports the domestic industry through:

- the support of infrastructure as is necessary to promote a strong Australian meat processing industry
- a stronger focus on the elimination and/or reduction of trade barriers in the international market for processed Australian meat
- work with state/territory governments, industry and importing countries to promote the trade in chilled, frozen and processed meat from animals humanely transported and slaughtered in Australia.

Labor recognises the importance of the live animal export trade, particularly for employment in Northern Australia.

Labor also recognises that for the industry to be sustainable into the long term continual improvements need to be made, including:

- complete supply chain assurance for the live animal trade, as detailed in Labor's response to the Farmer Review
- actively encouraging the expansion of stunning of animals prior to slaughter in our export markets.

Labor is taking action to encourage the uptake of stunning through:

- advocating for the inclusion of mandatory stunning in the OIE guidelines
- promoting the use of stunning including through work instructions through regional OIE forums
- pursuing, where possible, bilateral agreements which include stunning with our trading partners
- supporting industry efforts to develop a voluntary code of conduct that raises standards above that of the OIE guidelines to include stunning

Australian manufacturing

Conference acknowledges the importance of Australia's manufacturing industry to the nation and calls on Labor to develop a vision for manufacturing to 2020 and beyond, plan and take further action to help secure the industry's future. Conference commends the Prime Minister for establishing her Manufacturing Taskforce.

At the end of the last decade (2009–2010) the manufacturing industry Employed almost 1 million Australians directly (around one third of that in regional Australia) and accounted for more than 10 per cent of all full time jobs, 12 per cent of all private sector jobs, around 20 per cent of all blue collar jobs and employed more than 32,000 apprentices. It is the largest driver of high value services and each job in manufacturing generates on average between two and five jobs in the rest of the economy.

Australia has more than 90,000 manufacturing businesses and the industry paid out nearly \$54 billion in wages and salaries to its employees and nearly \$5 billion in superannuation.

Manufacturers invested nearly \$20 billion (gross) in plant, equipment and factory buildings and related assets as well as \$700 million in training its workers. Manufacturing is the biggest spender on applied research and innovation with spill over effects into the rest of the economy and a key driver of economy wide productivity improvement. It makes up nearly 60 per cent of world trade and hence is critical for export earnings.

While manufacturing output and investment continues to grow the industry has been hit hard in recent times losing more than 100,000 jobs since 2008. Put simply, manufacturing is currently facing its biggest crisis since the Great Depression.

The high dollar, the impact of the mining boom and the two speed economy, as well as the slump in economy wide productivity growth over the past decade has diminished the international competitiveness of Australia's manufacturing industry. In addition many of our competitors in China, India and the advanced economies have invested more in R&D, technology, design and built more successful businesses with the management systems and capabilities to succeed in world markets. Simply put Australian industry faces a significant competitiveness challenge.

Manufacturers also face serious problems to secure access to market opportunities both in Australia and in export markets. In some cases access is restricted by trade barriers, and a host of advantages (including artificially depressed exchange rates) that foreign governments use to help local firms win access to markets. At home access to business opportunities is sometimes constrained by large players, such as the retail duopoly, unfairly restricting access to work through a variety of unfair practices that don't give Australian firms a full and fair opportunity to win business. It is also constrained by factors such as the difficulty of accessing risk capital and funds to expand the business.

Only Labor can lead the transformation of Australian firms to be internationally competitive and environmentally sustainable. Labor will develop and implement the long term vision and plan and take the actions to help the nations manufacturers become more competitive and get access to new opportunities.

The Coalition cannot provide the leadership to do this. They presided over a decade of underinvestment in infrastructure, skills and innovation which drove economy wide productivity into the ground. Their WorkChoices industrial relations agenda focused on a narrow cost cutting approach that created the high stress low trust workplace culture that is the antithesis of productivity. They do not and will never have an agenda to enhance the international competitiveness of Australia's manufacturing industry.

The only access the Coalition are focused on is giving firms access to individual contracts and lawful ways to slash penalty rates, hire, fire and lock out who they like when they like. Their track record in government of giving market economy status to China with no reciprocal obligations did nothing to help

Australian industry access the China market. And the leader of the opposition's policy while IR Minister of trying to get his cabinet colleagues to only give access to incentives to automotive firms who went down the path of individual contracts is the kind of conditional access one should expect in government procurement and other industry policy programs if he were ever to become Prime Minister. The Coalition is committed to massive cuts in automotive, steel, TCF and other manufacturing support programs.

Conference condemns the Coalition of a race to the bottom of cutting wages and disinvestment. It is a recipe for deindustrialisation rather than industry modernisation and renewal.

In developing a future for manufacturing with its industry and innovation programs Conference calls on Labor to include both generic policies that help all manufacturers as well as sector based initiatives to deal with the industry specific issues of improving competitiveness and getting access to market opportunities.

For generic issues Conference calls on Labor to:

- consider and implement measures to assist businesses manage the volatile high Australian dollar and the impact it is having on manufacturing, exports and import replacement. Such consideration should include, but not be limited to, financial products that assist in currency risk management
- continue to address skill shortages in manufacturing and the resource sector brought about by the mining boom through an increased investment in skills and participation
- significantly strengthen the agencies that help manufacturers win international business opportunities particularly in Asia and to ensure a co-ordinated and cohesive approach rather than in isolated silos
- reinvigorate a 'whole of government' approach to tripartite consultative and engagement with the industry
- support investment in strategic industry capabilities at both the sectoral and regional levels and connect manufacturers with the right knowledge and service sectors to improve their capacity
- develop a comprehensive plan to transform the capability of Australian management to win business and manage and grow their firms in partnership with shareholders and their employees
- pursue actions in multi-lateral forums to ensure all nations adopt free-floating currencies and strengthen clauses in bilateral and multilateral agreements that penalise nations that refuse to abide by the global rules of international trade
- significantly increase forensic expert resources to customs and border security for the purposes of dumping cases
- vigorously pursue Australia's economic rights and interests and protect Australian manufacturers through an increased number of legal actions and advocacy at the WTO
- continue to strengthen the Australian Industry Participation Policy (AIPP) that provides immediate solutions to the demand crisis in the manufacturing sector by allowing domestic manufacturers to compete on a level playing field for major project work in the public and private sectors. This is particularly important for projects in the resources sector and related construction activity. The government should enhance transparency by providing a report to Parliament within the Innovation Departments Annual report on the progress in implementing Australian industry participation policies. The report should include outcomes for manufacturing industry and best practice examples. The government should also ensure greater transparency of AIPP plans by the publication of AIP plans of mining, resource and other project proponents
- review research and development corporations and CRC's operating in various industry sectors to ensure they are operating efficiently and effectively and have appropriate tripartite representation.

At the level of the industry sector Conference calls on Labor to:

- remain committed to the New Car Plan for a Greener Future and ensure co-investment arrangements to secure the investment necessary for new energy efficient models designed, engineered and manufactured in Australia with high levels of local content

- energise the defence manufacturing plan so that Australian industry participation (AIP) and capability enhancement is a national priority. Through the submarine program, related infrastructure investments and a long term plan for skills, formulate a strategy to build a world class marine engineering industry in Australia
- develop a comprehensive “whole of government” Clean Tech strategy that maximizes the opportunities for Australian manufacturing that arise from the policies and programs in place to support the Clean Energy Future and ensure a place within the \$6 trillion global clean-tech industry. This strategy needs to ensure that the billions of dollars in funding will support new firms and industries; and through a strong local content focus and access to funding, support existing firms and industries. This strategy must incorporate opportunities for regional areas disproportionately feeling the pain in the ‘slow lane’ of the two speed economy
- develop an Australian Industry participation plan for the printing industry
- in food processing, implement a plan to ensure better access to domestic and export markets, increased innovation and brand recognition of Australian produce. This needs to include a national food processing industry development strategy which provides food manufacturers with greater access to export markets whilst building upon the ‘clean, green and safe’ image and brand recognition enjoyed by the sector.

The strategy needs to ensure that generic food and domestic consumables are not used by retailers as a means of undermining the value of established brands including the proper identification of the manufacturer of the product. Generic products should be provided to the consumer as a choice and not as a means of displacing existing locally manufactured brands. Government should take steps to ensure Australian maintains and develop its capabilities in the full range of domestic food processing industries. The food processing strategy must consider country of origin labelling and content labelling so as to continue to properly promote Australian grown, processed and manufactured food and produce and help develop consumer awareness and provide for truth in labelling.

- Highlight any market failures in industries such as baking and paint where the concentration of market power in the hands of a small group of retailers has distorted the price that manufacturers are able to charge for these goods. Ensure through regulation and oversight given to our regulators that these retailers are not abusing their market power to artificially lower the prices charged for these goods, contributing to a decline in the viability of these industries and pressure on working conditions
- Continue to implement measures designed to foster and develop our competitive edge within the pharmaceutical industry (particularly in research and development) in a manner that ensures that knowledge and intellectual property is not simply transferred offshore
- In metals manufacturing industries such as steel, aluminium and glass create a robust Australian Industry Participation Policy that provides access to and strongly monitors and enforces the use of Australian local content in the projected \$600 billion of resource sector investment and construction work. Such an AIPP is needed to help alleviate the demand crisis impacting many parts of metals manufacturing and help secure a minimum level of local content in major resource projects. This needs to be supported by continued reform and implementation of an appropriately resourced anti dumping regime with a focus on rigorous and forensic investigations of dumping allegations; identifying subsidies and applying countervailing duties; and identifying particular market situations, price and input cost distortions. This process should include information sharing and consultations with other government agencies and international jurisdictions
- Work with all levels of government to develop opportunities for Australian building products suppliers by improving the provision of housing and social services for mining communities and communities servicing the mining boom
- Develop a plan for the wood and paper industries, taking advantage of the carbon constrained economy that recognises their advantages as low energy renewable products

- Accelerate the transformation of the textiles, clothing and footwear sector through a TCF Industry plan which targets assistance to support job retention and growth, development of new and innovative products and processes, skills and training and new opportunities in ethical production and export markets.

Maximise opportunities for the TCF sector in government tenders and private investment by ensuring that a fixed proportion of government procurement contracts are allocated to small and medium enterprises. Labor will work with agencies to extend requirements for ethical labour standards to companies tendering for government contracts to source their TCF work from offshore. Labor will require businesses that receive government assistance to support local jobs and demonstrate compliance with Fair Work Principles.

Labor will support the rights of parties to freely negotiate clauses in certified agreements requiring procurement of Australian ethically made workwear, uniform, protective clothing and footwear.

Resolutions for Chapter 4

Marine parks

This Conference supports the approach taken by the Gillard Labor Government to establish a network of marine parks in Australian Commonwealth waters and recognises the importance of marine sanctuaries both in maintaining the environment and in strengthening and diversifying Australian economy beyond the boom. National Conference supports the Gillard Labor Government's creation of marine parks as an important part of regional economic development and infrastructure.

Resolutions for Chapter 5

Aviation—qantas

Conference notes with dismay Qantas management's disastrous and unjustified decision to shut down all aviation services without notice on October 29, 2011 and its ongoing objective of cutting Australian jobs in all fields of operation. Qantas management's decision to outsource or offshore existing work, thereby lowering pay, service standards is fundamentally inconsistent with maintaining a strong Australian national carrier. This year the carrier recorded another record profit of 530 million this year and awarded its CEO Alan Joyce a 71 per cent pay increase despite a 71 per cent fall in its share value.

Resolutions for Chapter 7

Gonski review into education

ALP National Conference welcomes the federal government's Gonski Review into School Funding in Australia. We recognise that this review is the first comprehensive review of education funding in Australia in decades.

This Conference also recognises that current school funding arrangements are in need of reform. The current Howard Government funding model is both complex and inequitable.

The Conference congratulates the federal government on nearly doubling education spending but notes that public spending on schools in Australia is still well below the OECD average and that considerable additional investment is needed in our schooling system to ensure that future generations of Australians have the knowledge, skills and creativity needed for the economic times ahead.

This Conference supports statements by the federal government that reaffirm government schools as the backbone of our education system. This Conference recognises that the success of Australian education is predicated on the existence of strong, vibrant, high quality schools across every sector. A fair and equitable funding system is critical to ensure that every Australian child receives a great education.

To this end, the Conference calls on the federal government in its response to the Gonski Review to:

- re-affirm Labor's commitment to a quality, public education system, by recognising that the primary goal of government education policy is the adequate resourcing of education in this country and improving education outcomes across all sectors
- consider the adoption of an objective National Resource Standard for schools to provide a benchmark against which public funding decisions can be assessed in a transparent and impartial way
- increase investment in school education across all governments, federal and state, so as to bring Australia in line with comparable OECD nations.

Resolutions for Chapter 8

Increasing the birthweight of Indigenous babies

Labor recognises that if we are to increase the life expectancy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, we need to increase the birth weight of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander babies. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are two times more likely to give birth to low weight babies than non-Aboriginal women. Low birth weight babies are at greater risk of poor health and death, require longer periods of hospitalisation after birth and are more likely to develop chronic illness later in life. Labor will focus on improving the health and wellbeing of pregnant Aboriginal women to increase the birth weight of new babies and development in early infancy.

Privatisation of West Australian public hospitals

This Conference condemns the Western Australian Liberal Government for its program of privatising Western Australia's public hospitals. The Western Australian community deserves and expects first class public hospitals which are owned and operated by, and accountable to, their state government, not hospitals run by private operators who will put the interests of owners first rather than the interests of patients.

Resolutions for Chapter 9

National cultural policy

National Conference strongly supports the development of the National Cultural Policy directed towards innovative cultural and economic progress. The National Cultural Policy will increase support to emerging artists, musicians, writers and other creative practitioners.

The National Conference calls on the Australian Labor Party to:

- recognise, through the National Cultural Policy, the contribution that creative and cultural industries make towards:
 - sustainable employment
 - social inclusion
 - social and cultural connectivity.
- support the development of local content, including production in regional areas, to tell local stories and foster community cohesion.

Promoting harmony in Australia

That Labor will seek to promote greater harmony between Australians of diverse and varied cultural and religious backgrounds and will engage with communities to identify areas of discrimination or disadvantage being experienced, with a view to crafting appropriate policy interventions.

Supporting a national disability insurance scheme

Labor believes that all people with a disability have the same rights to health, work, adequate housing, and social participation as the rest of the Australian community.

Labor believes that the current system of disability care and support is letting people with disability and their carers down. People with disability do not have access to the level of care and support we expect for them; and the families and carers of people with disability are filling the gaps of unmet need in the system. We believe that people with disability and their carers should have access to the same choices and opportunities to participate in economic, social and community life as other Australians, and that our system of care and support for people with disability should support them to do so.

Conference welcomes the release of the landmark Productivity Commission report of 10 August 2011, which recommended the establishment of a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and a National Injury Insurance Scheme (NIIS) for people requiring lifetime care and support for catastrophic injuries.

This Conference supports the establishment of a NDIS which would entitle Australians to care and support over the course of their lives in the event of significant disability. An NDIS should provide individualised life-time care and support for people with disabilities from the point of diagnosis, provide choice and certainty and a whole-of-life perspective for people with disability and their carers.

Conference also supports the establishment of a NIIS for people who suffer catastrophic injury and calls upon state and territory governments to work with the federal government to establish a no-fault, federated model to provide fully funded care and support for all cases of catastrophic injury in Australia. Throughout our history as a party, Labor has invested in strong and innovative social supports, to ensure that no Australian falls through the cracks. Medicare, the minimum wage, the age pension and superannuation are essential pillars of social infrastructure in Australia, delivered by Labor. We understand that a NDIS will build on this legacy and provide an essential pillar of support to Australians with disability, their families and carers. Labor is committed to working to achieve this outcome.

Conference commends the leadership of the Gillard Labor Government in the fundamental reform of disability services and recognises that work to lay the foundations for an NDIS and NIIS has begun.

Conference also acknowledges the importance of all levels of government, including state governments who have primary responsibility for disability support services, working together to achieve fundamental disability reform.

Resolutions for Chapter 10

Harmonising anti-discrimination laws

National Conference strongly endorses the Labor Government's push to harmonise anti-discrimination laws within a single national law and the intention, as part of this, to expand the coverage where appropriate. Conference especially notes the importance of including sexual orientation and gender identity in the new national law—both of which are currently significant gaps in the national legislative framework.

Resolutions for Chapter 11

Coptic Christians in Egypt

Labor expresses concern at the increase in sectarian tensions and violence affecting Coptic Christians in Egypt and calls for clear respect for religious freedoms, human rights and the rule of law.

Cyprus

Labor will work to facilitate a just settlement of the Cyprus problem, based on UN resolutions respecting sovereignty, independence and the territorial integrity of Cyprus, and resulting in the demilitarisation and reunification of the island for the benefit of its entire people.

Zimbabwe

Conference congratulates successive Australian governments for their forthright support for democracy in Zimbabwe, since the current deep political crisis broke out in the year 2000, leading to catastrophic economic collapse, mass exodus of able-bodied Zimbabweans and widespread systematic human rights abuses.

Conference calls on the Australian government to maintain its support for the provision of basic services, which it began soon after the power-sharing transitional government was formed in February 2009.

In particular, calls for focused support on effective programs for national healing, reconciliation and integration that have been developed by the transitional government formed in February 2009.

As well, Conference calls on the Australian government to direct financial support to community-based organisations which support democracy and human rights.

Despite the positive momentum to overcome the political impasse which the transitional government represented, Conference notes that the effort to develop a genuinely democratic constitution as a preparation for a new election has been derailed by sustained political violence and manipulation by

ZANU-PF, and that Zimbabwe is again in a state of paralysis. This is because ZANU-PF, which lost the 2008 elections, continues to block the pathway to a new democratic Zimbabwe.

Urges the Australian government to continue to criticise ZANU-PF for this situation and to use all its diplomatic resources to encourage the Southern Africa Development Community nations to act more decisively to fulfil their commitment to democratic change, as sponsors of the September 2008 Global Political Agreement for Zimbabwe.

If and when new elections are held in Zimbabwe, Conference urges the Australian government to commit a strong election observer mission to monitor the pre-election period, the campaign, the voting and the counting of ballots.

Fiji

Conference condemns the serious breaches of human rights under the interim military regime in Fiji led by Commodore Bainimarama. Since the coup of 2006, the military regime has abrogated the Constitution, curtailed free and independent media, removed the right to freedom of association and peaceful assembly, and undermined the independence of the judiciary.

Labor expresses its concern with the continuing deterioration of human rights in Fiji, in particular the right of workers to be represented by a trade union and to collectively bargain. Conference rejects the introduction of draconian decrees that remove the fundamental rights of public workers and workers in essential industries.

Labor notes with concern the impact of the current political situation on the economy, in particular the rising incidence of poverty and its negative impact on the welfare of the Fijian people.

Conference expresses its grave concern that elections expected in 2014 will not be conducted in a truly democratic, transparent or accountable manner, and calls on the regime to immediately restore fundamental democratic rights including:

- Respect for human rights
- Respect for freedom of expression and the right to peacefully assemble
- The removal of all media censorship and return to respect for freedom of speech
- Cessation of all arbitrary detentions
- The immediate revocation of the Public Emergency Regulations (2006)
- A return to the rule of law
- Reinstatement of and respect for an independent judiciary

Conference calls on the Australian Government to take all appropriate action to promote a return to genuine democracy and governance which respects and promotes human rights.

ANZAC centenary

That this Conference acknowledges:

- the significance of commemorating the Anzac Centenary, marking 100 years since our involvement in the First World War
- Labor's commitment to remember and honour the sacrifice of our service men and women and the Anzac tradition during 2014 to 2018
- the Centenary of Anzac provides an important opportunity for all Australians to understand our military history, how these events have shaped Australia and the contribution of our veteran community.

Commitment to returned service personnel

That this Conference acknowledges, in recognition of the courageous efforts of our service men and women:

- Labor's commitment to deliver the highest quality medical care through a comprehensive system of support
- that provides access to vital health services, rehabilitation and compensation
- the priority to enhance support available to our wounded, ill and injured from current operations
- the importance of families in providing support to our Defence personnel.

Western Sahara

Labor:

- supports self-determination for the people of Western Sahara and expresses its concerns about allegations of human rights abuses in Western Sahara
- supports UN efforts to improve the security and humanitarian situation of the people of Western Sahara and calls on all parties to uphold international human rights standards
- strongly supports the efforts of the United Nations, and of the relevant parties—the government of Morocco, and the Polisario Front—to press ahead to find an enduring settlement in relation to Western Sahara
- also strongly supports United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 1754 which took note of proposals by both parties, and called on them to enter into negotiations 'without preconditions and in good faith' with the objective of achieving a just, lasting and mutually acceptable solution, which will provide for the self-determination of the people of Western Sahara.

Iran

This Conference:

- congratulates the Australian Government for its strong support for successive United Nations Security Council decisions to place sanctions against Iran, including because of the Iranian government's failure to cooperate with the International Atomic Energy Agency, and for imposing broad-ranging autonomous sanctions which go beyond those called for by the United Nations Security Council
- congratulates the Australian Government for condemning severe human rights abuses in Iran, including in speeches at the United Nations and by raising these concerns directly with the Iranian Government
- supports the independent trade union movement in Iran and condemns the regime's execution and imprisonment of the leaders and activists
- strongly condemns the Iranian government for its massive repression of unarmed protests following the 2009 election, which included reports of shooting of protesters, rape, torture, murder of detained protesters, and a wave of public executions of political prisoners and other alleged criminals, including minors
- strongly condemns the repression of the Iranian democratic opposition and attacks by Iraqi military units on unarmed residents of Ashraf City (which include 1000 women), including the attacks of April 8–11 2011, in which 35 were killed and 340 injured, mostly by gunshot
- calls on the Australian Government to urge the Iraqi Government end such attacks, investigate the events of 8–11 April, avoid violence in future and take all measures to ensure that the human rights of camp residents are respected
- welcomes the decision by UNHCR to commence individual refugee status determinations for Camp Ashraf and calls on the Australian Government to continue to support this initiative
- urges the Australian Government to call on the Iraqi Government to abandon the proposed 31 December deadline for the removal of Ashraf residents
- notes that these Iranians in Iraq were given the status of protected people under the Fourth Geneva Convention in 2004, by the Multi-National Force -Iraq, of which the United States and Australia are part
- calls on the Australian Government to urge the United Nations Assistance Mission to Iraq (UNAMI) and the Iraqi Government to take all possible action to ensure the safety and security of camp residents especially when they are being transported to and from their UNHCR interviews
- notes the concerns by Camp residents for their safety should they be relocated throughout Iraq in smaller groups
- urges the Australian Government to work with other countries, including the United Kingdom and the United States, to encourage coordinated international pressure to ensure the rights of Camp Ashraf residents are protected
- calls on the Australian Government to support calls by the National Council of Resistance of Iran—the umbrella organisation of the democratic opposition—for international condemnation of acts of brutality by the clerical dictatorship in Iran.

Foreign aid targets

That Conference:

- congratulates the Federal Labor Government for its ongoing commitment to increase foreign aid to 0.5 per cent of Gross National Income (GNI) by 2015
- acknowledges the internationally agreed aid target for official development assistance is 0.7 per cent of GNI and encourages the Federal Labor Government to work towards this goal
- recognises Australia's foreign aid budget funds programs such as: the building of schools in Indonesia, provision of assistance to the people of Libya; and community development initiatives in Southeast Asia. These programs are a clear demonstration of the compassion, social justice and regional interest that is needed to ensure that Australia is a responsible global citizen, and plays its part in helping to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

Southern Hemisphere Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone Treaty

To further our efforts towards the goal of a world free from nuclear weapons, Labor will work towards the future establishment of Southern Hemisphere Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone Treaty, based on the provisions in the Raratonga Treaty.

West Papua

This Labor Conference:

- expresses its continuing concern over violent incidents in the Papuan provinces
- welcomes the Indonesian President's announcement of 9 November 2011 that his government is willing to conduct a dialogue with Papuan Leaders
- calls on the Australian Government to monitor closely the situation in the Papuan provinces including progress on the President's dialogue process, and for the Australia Embassy to maintain its program of periodic visits
- supports increased access to the Papuan provinces by the media and human rights organisations
- calls for those responsible for human rights violations and for the killings and violence to be tried
- calls for the release of any person arrested solely for the peaceful expression of their political views
- asks for an independent progress report on the situation in the Papuan provinces to be provided to the next Federal Conference.