



Brisbane Labor

LABOR'S PLAN TO MAKE BRISBANE A CLIMATE RESILIENT CITY

Tracey Price and Brisbane Labor want to make Brisbane a climate resilient city. People understand that we are living with the effects of climate change every day. Devastating floods, followed by fires, Brisbane is a city that needs to adapt to a changing climate, to protect our unique lifestyle.

Labor's plan will see Brisbane become Australia's lifestyle capital with more trees, less waste and safer communities.

Policy and Background – Climate Resilient City

Climate Resilience:

Labor will make Brisbane a more climate resilient city through increased funding for drainage, flood mitigation and a renewed focus on disaster preparedness. Part of Labor's plan is more sustainable development practices to deal with the ongoing effects of climate change in suburban Brisbane.

- Labor will increase the suburban drainage budget and build more flood mitigation projects across Brisbane's suburbs. This includes reinstating all funding for drainage and flood works cut by the LNP.
 - ***Increase the suburban drainage budget by \$2.8m a year***
 - ***Increase funding for new stormwater drainage by \$6.3m a year***
 - ***Increase the maintenance funding on stormwater systems by \$3.5m a year***
 - ***Double the funding for desilting drains to \$1.6m a year***
- Clean and maintain more waterways, targeting problem areas.
 - ***Double the vegetation management budget to \$1.5m a year.***
- Include planning changes to better prepare suburbs for effects of climate change. Review City Plan to implement better standards for development in flood prone areas.
- Restrict development in known flood affected areas and increase development where it won't affect flooding to deal with the housing shortage.
- Re-establish the flood buy-back scheme and ***invest \$5 mil per year to offer voluntary buy-back of flood affected and low-lying homes.***
- Better prepare Council and Brisbane to deal with the ongoing effects of climate change like floods and bushfires.

Organic Recycling or FOGO:

Labor will introduce a full and comprehensive Food Organics, Garden Organics (FOGO) waste management system, diverting 100% of organic waste from landfill. This will create sustainable jobs, reduce emissions and reduce pressure on ratepayers.

- The green lid FOGO bins would be collected weekly, increasing vital waste services for Brisbane residents.
- The annual fee for green bins will be scrapped, as this is a free service.
- A city-wide FOGO system would create three times as many jobs as landfill, remove 100,000 tonnes of organic waste from our landfill, saving residents millions in waste levy charges.
- Recycling organic waste would reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce Council's carbon footprint. Compost produced could be sold for profit, reducing costs for ratepayers.
- This organic recycling scheme will be funded in partnership with the Queensland Government's GROW FOGO Program.
- ***This policy will save over \$600m for ratepayers over the next 10 years reducing rates.***

Protecting our Natural Assets:

Labor will fight to protect our unique flora and fauna, and work towards 40% cover by 2030.

- Saving vital habitat from demolition and development through Labor's Bushland Guarantee, using 100% of the proceeds from the bushland acquisition levy to purchase new bushland.
- Protecting our wildlife by conducting a city-wide audit of wildlife corridors and crossings, beginning with the construction of koala fencing at White Hills Reserve and other natural areas.
- Rewilding Brisbane's waterways and greenspaces, using scientific best practice.
- ***Planting 2 million trees across Brisbane's suburbs, making Brisbane safer and more walkable, providing more shade in parks and along footpaths.***

Giving Back the Places we Love:

Public spaces across Brisbane are today used as commercial opportunities by the LNP. Labor will change all this.

- Revitalise King George Square as a subtropical space, adding trees, water features, and shade.

- Save our public spaces like King George Square, Victoria Park and Mt Coot-Tha from the LNP's overcommercialisation and give places back to the people.

Win the War on Waste:

To operate alongside our city-wide FOGO system, Labor will continue to fight the war on waste and work on diverting more waste from landfill, saving the people of Brisbane money.

- Install 1,500 new park recycling bins across Brisbane.
- Continue to investigate soft plastics recycling, working with industry to develop a trial.
- Introduce Containers for Change bins around our city and suburbs, with funds going to local charities.

Quotes attributable to Lord Mayoral candidate Tracey Price:

"Our Labor team has a strong plan to make Brisbane a climate resilient city."

"This comprehensive plan involves investing more in drainage and flood mitigation projects, increasing waste services through organic recycling, protecting our natural assets and giving our much-loved public spaces back to the people."

"As we deal with the ongoing effects of climate change, we need to better prepare our city and suburbs, and invest in protecting our unique way of life."

"FOGO is a home-grown carbon reduction scheme that will increase bin collections, create jobs, reduce emissions and save money."

"Our Labor team commits to using 100% of Brisbane's bushland acquisition levy to purchase bushland to save it from demolition and protect the liveability of our city and suburbs."

People have been crying out for a redesign of King George Square for years, and our team has committed to a subtropical upgrade including trees, shade and water features."

Quotes attributable to Leader of the Opposition Jared Cassidy:

"After 20 long years of a lack of action on climate change from the conservative LNP in Council, Labor has a strong plan to prepare our city and suburbs for the future and protect Brisbane's unique way of life."

"The LNP's record when it comes to protecting our environment is woeful. They'd rather buy dodgy carbon credits from overseas than make real local investment."

"The LNP misuse the bushland acquisition fund for political purposes while real bushland is bulldozed for developments."

"Adrian Schrunner and the LNP Council have cut funding for drainage and flood mitigation projects across Brisbane. The fact the LNP spend more depreciating drainage assets than building new ones tells you everything you need to know about their plan for Brisbane".

“Adrian Schrinner and the LNP have dragged the chain on organic recycling for too long, it’s time for Labor to get in and get it done.”

“Our Labor team has been calling for FOGO in Brisbane since 2021, because we know it works.”

“Over 100 other local governments in Australia have implemented FOGO.”

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