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Our Questions

1 Will your party pledge to only recognise a Dalai Lama chosen by Tibetans and to disavow any Dalai Lama named by the Chinese State?

2 Does your party support introducing a Reciprocal Access Bill similar to either the US or UK Acts which would support a parliamentary delegation to visit Tibet?



Greens



Greens only recognises a Dalai Lama appointed via Tibet Buddhist traditions and practices, without interference by the Chinese government. We will continue to advocate that the Australian Government also take that approach, including exploring legislative options in the coming Parliament.



Greens



The Greens continue to advocate against the arbitrary restrictions that prevent so many Tibetan Australians from visiting family members or undertaking religious pilgrimages to Tibet, or being forced to give up other freedoms in order to do so. The Greens will also continue to advocate for full access for United Nations officials and other independent observers, to enable a genuine understanding of the scale of suffering and human rights violations that has been perpetrated.



Labor



No Direct Response – All people should be able to practice their religion free from unwarranted state interference.



Labor



No response.



Democratic Alliance



Democratic Alliance will support and introduce legislation for Australia to recognise a Dalai Lama appointed by Tibetan Buddhists and condemn all efforts by China to interfere in the selection process or appoint its own Dalai Lama.



Democratic Alliance



The Democratic Alliance will support the introduction of the Reciprocal Access to Tibet legislation.



Fusion



Fusion does agree to the pledge as provided.



Fusion



Fusion answers affirmative in principle.



Coalition



No direct response - the Coalition supports direct talks between the Chinese Government, the Central Tibetan Administration and the Dalai Lama and urges China to engage in constructive dialogue, to address the concerns of Tibetan communities.



Coalition



The Coalition continues to call for official visits by foreign governments and parliaments to Tibet.



The New Liberals



The New Liberals support the rights to all peoples to self-determination, which naturally includes Tibet.



The New Liberals



No response.


Australia Tibet Council does not endorse or support any candidates or parties, we provide this scorecard to allow our supporters to compare the Tibet related policies of the different political parties. All parties are listed alphabetically according to their official full party names registered.

The logo for Democratic Alliance used above is not their actual logo as we were unable to find it. The logo above is made up of their abbreviated name and party colours.


Our Questions

3 Will your party, where appropriate, utilise the new Magnitsky sanctions reforms to sanction those CCP officials abusing the human rights of Tibetans, including those already sanctioned by Australia’s allies?

4 Do you have policies relating to Tibet (asked of those without published policies on Tibet) and do you have any concrete actions you plan to undertake regarding the multitude of human rights abuses against Tibetans (asked of all parties)?



Greens



Greens supported the passage of Magnitsky legislation. We have repeatedly called for targeted sanctions to be applied against Chinese government officials who commit serious human rights abuses in Tibet and elsewhere, under Australia's Magnitsky framework, and will continue to do so.



Greens




Greens have consistently advocated for the human rights of Tibetans, and advocated for greater action by the Australian Government to respond to the serious human rights violations being committed by the Chinese Government. We have consistently raised the plight of Tibetans in speeches in the Australian Parliament and will continue to do so in the coming Parliament.




Labor




Labor has advocated strongly for the implementation of Magnitsky-style legislation in Australia, ...provides a vital tool to send a strong message to those that continue to commit human rights violations around the world.




Labor



Labor has a strong record of calling out the abuse of Tibetan human rights and will continue diplomacy on human rights issues.



Democratic Alliance




The Democratic Alliance will use the Magnitsky legislation to sanction CCP officials responsible for human rights abuses in Tibet.




Democratic Alliance




In addition, the Party recognises Tibet as a country under illegal occupation; recognises the Tibetan Government-in-exile and supports Tibetans' right to self-determination. The Party believes institutionalising support for Tibet and Tibet's Government in exile is of paramount importance. If elected, it will help strengthen the relationship between the Tibetan Parliament in exile and the Australian Parliament.




Fusion



Fusion answers affirmative in principle.



Fusion




Fusion does not currently hold a specific policy or position on the situation in Tibet, however we do hold a strong position on human rights and freedoms generally and stand against those who oppress.




Coalition



The Morrison Government does not speculate on possible listings under Australia’s human rights and corruption thematic sanctions regimes.



Coalition




The Morrison Government remains deeply concerned about the human rights situation in Tibet, including the detention of Tibetans for the peaceful expression of political views, restrictions on travel and China’s policies on Tibetan cultural rights and heritage. The Coalition Government has joined international statements expressing Australia's deep concern about the human rights situation in Tibet and regularly raises Australia's concerns about the treatment of Tibetans with Chinese officials in Canberra and Beijing.




The New Liberals



No response.



The New Liberals



Openly condemn human rights abuses wherever they occur.

Which parties did we ask?

We sent letters requesting answers on 4 significant policy matters relating to Tibetan human rights to parties running candidates in seats of interest to ATC’s supporters and the Tibetan Community. These are: the Animal Justice Party (AJP), Australian Christians (AC), Australian citizens Party (ACP), Australian Federation Party (AFP), Australian Greens (GRN), Australian Labor Party (ALP), Democratic Alliance (DA), Fusion Party (FP), Great Australia Party (GAP), Informed Medical Options Party (IMOP), Liberal Party (LIB), Liberal Democrats Party (LDP), National Party (NAT), Pauline Hanson’s One Nation (PHON), Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party (SFF), Sustainable Australia Party (SAP), The New Liberals (TNL), United Australia Party (UAP) and Western Australia Party (WAP).

Responses to our specific questions

We have only included parties that have provided a written response to questions, if a party we have written to does not appear in this scorecard, it has not responded to our request.

