
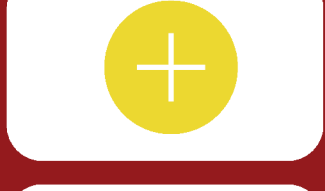









2025 Election Scorecard

ATC sent letters requesting answers on four significant policy matters relating to human rights in Tibet to parties running candidates in seats of interest to ATC's supporters and the Tibetan Community. Where we did not receive a response to our emails from a party, their score is based on their policies, public statements and parliamentary voting record.

		Recognition of the rightful future Dalai Lama	Utilisation of Australia's Magnitsky sanction laws	Don't let China erase Tibet	Human rights policy
Australian Labor Party					
The Liberal - National Coalition					
The Australian Greens					
Animal Justice Party					
Fusion Party					
Heart Party					
Gerrard Rennick People First Party					
Legalise Cannabis Party					

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Our Questions

1 Recognition of the rightful future Dalai Lama
Will your party pledge to only recognise a future Dalai Lama chosen by Tibetan people using Tibetan Buddhists traditional processes, without any interference by the Chinese government?

**Australian
Labor Party**



Labor support the ability of religious and spiritual communities to choose their leadership without interference. The Albanese Labor Government has made clear our position, which is that governments should not interfere in the selection of religious leaders, including the Dalai Lama.

**The Liberal -
National
Coalition**



The Coalition raised questions in Senate Estimates regarding the future succession of the Dalai Lama, including concerns about efforts by the PRC Government to select or appoint Tibetan Buddhist leaders as interference in the freedom of their religion to choose its own leaders. The Coalition is a committed advocate for freedom of religion or belief for all individuals worldwide.

**The
Australian
Greens**



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

**Animal
Justice
Party**



Not addressed

Fusion Party



Fusion pledges to only recognise a future Dalai Lama chosen by traditional methods without interference from China.

Heart Party



The HEART Party believes Australians should have the right to follow a spiritual path or not, and should not be discriminated against based on religious beliefs. We support all faiths having the right to self-determination, free from external interference.

**Gerrard
Rennick
People First
Party**



Yes—People First supports the self-determination of all peoples, and respects religious traditions free from foreign political interference.

**Legalise
Cannabis
Party**



The Legalise Cannabis Party support the right of all religious and cultural communities to self-determination and spiritual autonomy. In line with our values, we believe the Tibetan people should be free to recognise a future Dalai Lama through their own traditional practices, without interference by any government.

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Our Questions

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

Australian Labor Party



Consistent with longstanding and bipartisan practice, the Albanese Labor Government does not speculate on potential sanctions. Sanctions are one way to send a message, but they are not the only way, or necessarily the most effective way, to influence change.

The Liberal - National Coalition



The Coalition has repeatedly offered, directly and publicly, bipartisan support to the Government to apply appropriately targeted sanctions to ensure those who have committed human rights abuses are held accountable.

The Australian Greens



The Greens have consistently called for application of targeted sanctions on Chinese officials or companies responsible for severe human rights abuses, including those committed against Tibetans.

Animal Justice Party



Not addressed

Fusion Party



Australia has been conspicuous in not upholding the Magnitsky Sanctions, especially where the financial interests are involved. Fusion stands implacably opposed to this selective uptake of the UN conventions, and so recognises the need, but also realistically predicts the obstacles, to insisting on the Magnitsky Sanctions being invoked against China in regard to its actions in Tibet.

Heart Party



The HEART Party supports government transparency and accountability, and advocate for decisions to be made by our elected representatives, not by international organisations. The HEART Party believe in reassessing foreign trade agreements and reviewing the roles of global institutions such as the United Nations to ensure Australia's sovereignty and moral responsibility are upheld. Any use of sanction powers should reflect these values and be applied in a manner consistent with justice and independence.

Gerrard Rennick People First Party



Yes—People First believe Magnitsky-style sanctions should be applied proportionately against proven human rights abusers, including CCP officials where justified.

Legalise Cannabis Party



The Legalise Cannabis Party support the use of legal mechanisms, including the Magnitsky sanctions, to hold individuals accountable for serious human rights abuses. Where credible evidence exists, such laws should be applied consistently and in alignment with international human rights standards.

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Our Questions

3 Don't let China erase Tibet
Will your party commit to using the historically and culturally accurate name 'Tibet', and to using Tibetan place names in statements or reporting?

**Australian
Labor Party**



The Albanese Labor Government consistently refers to Tibet in [UN] documents and Australian Government policy documents, and has no plans to change this longstanding practice.

**The Liberal -
National
Coalition**



Not directly answered - However, the Coalition has a consistent practice of using the historically accurate name 'Tibet' in parliamentary statements and documents.

**The
Australian
Greens**



Yes, the Australian Greens are committed to doing our part to preserving Tibetan culture and heritage including using Tibetan place names and using the name 'Tibet'.

**Animal
Justice
Party**



Not addressed

Fusion Party



The key point for Australia to take into account is that Tibet is a Nation-State of the Tibetan people who are connected by language, religion, ethnicity and culture. Fusion will be proud to use the name Tibet and to use Tibetan place names in support of the Tibetan people and in protest against the subversive actions of the CCP. These actions flout all UN conventions of statehood, autonomy and self-determination, and are repugnant to Fusion.

Heart Party



Not addressed

**Gerrard
Rennick
People First
Party**



Not addressed

**Legalise
Cannabis
Party**



The Legalise Cannabis Party believe in respecting the cultural and historical identities of all peoples. The name 'Tibet' carries deep significance for Tibetans and the international community. We support the continued use of historically and culturally accurate names and terminology in recognition of the Tibetan people's identity and heritage.

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Our Questions

4 Human rights policy

What is your party's publicly stated policy position on Tibet and does your party have any concrete actions it plans to undertake regarding the multitude of human rights abuses against Tibetans?

Australian Labor Party



The Albanese Labor Government have consistently raised its concerns about the erosion of rights and freedoms in Tibet publicly, bilaterally with the Chinese Government at the highest levels, and in multilateral forums. The Albanese Labor Government has also increased Australia's advocacy efforts in multilateral forums such as the Human Rights Council at the UN General Assembly committees.

The Liberal - National Coalition



The Coalition remains deeply concerned about the human rights situation in Tibet. The Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs met with the Hon Penpa Tsering, of the Tibetan Government in Exile in 2023 to hear directly from him about issues of concern. The Coalition will continue to promote human rights and freedom of religion in Tibet.

The Australian Greens



The 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. The Greens have consistently raised the plight of Tibetans in speeches in the Australian Parliament and will continue to do so in the coming Parliament.

Animal Justice Party



The Animal Justice Party runs by our KERN principles. This stands for Kindness, Equality, Rationality and Non-violence. Anything that breaks those principles we are against. We do not agree with wars and the loss of life of animals or humans. We object to all atrocities against humans, animals and our planet.

Fusion Party



Fusion will advocate that Australia honours all the UN Conventions to which Australia is a signatory much more firmly and unequivocally – not just with words, but with decisive action, insistence and engagement. In respect of “concrete actions” we plan to undertake re Tibet, Fusion will seek advice on this by consulting with people who know the situation best and who have the solutions to propose - like the Australia Tibet Council.

Heart Party



The HEART Party are calling for a Federal Human Rights Act to protect freedoms including freedom of religion, freedom of association, freedom of speech, and freedom of movement. Our commitment is to stand for rights, integrity, and self-determination for all people.

Gerrard Rennick People First Party



People First stand for the dignity of all people and, while our formal policies are unabashedly focused on Australia's most pressing economic and social concerns, we of course recognise that human rights must be protected regardless geopolitical interests or economic pressures. These rights are not only founded in international legal rules and norms but are consonant with Australian values.

Legalise Cannabis Party



While not yet having a formal policy on Tibet, the Legalise Cannabis Party stands firmly against oppression in all forms. We believe in protecting the rights of all people to their language, culture, religion, and way of life. We support international cooperation that promotes human rights, transparency and dignity for all communities.

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