



Our principles and asks

Our principles	Commitments we are seeking
When the government spends money, it must deliver social good: well-paid, secure, safe, unionised jobs .	Implement a Secure Australian Jobs Code that includes a requirement for union agreements.
Projects, including infrastructure and energy projects, must use locally-made materials and help develop strong local supply chains .	Prescribe procurement policies that maximise local content requirements through the whole supply chain.
Investment must be coordinated and planned so that jobs are delivered where we need them , especially in the regions of our country undergoing industrial transition – with workers’ voices at the table .	Create a tripartite Manufacturing Competitiveness Council .
Jobs must be delivered urgently , through less complex systems that let industry access capital investment, get projects started quickly and then get to scale.	Provide a single entry point for accessing capital investment to get projects off the ground.
We need more skilled workers to keep manufacturing in Australia. This includes new workers joining our industries and those retraining as our industries decarbonise.	Invest in training centres of excellence and deliver nationally accredited, portable qualifications for manufacturing workers.
Apprentices must be supported with a living wage, better training and better treatment. They must be supported to develop their skills by working alongside experienced tradespeople – the experts in their fields – in real life work situations.	Keep apprentices on the tools and enforce minimum ratios of apprentices to tradespeople on publicly funded projects.