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Day 27 – Greener

What office do they hold or are they running for and for which party  
2 policy issues they worked on while in office where do they stand  
Share my position on each and why these issues matter personally

#### Anthony Albanese

- Prime Minister of Australia
  - Albanese is the leader of the Australian Labour Party, which is a democratic party
  - One policy this government has worked on is the Climate Policy. It was a policy that was promised during his election campaign earlier this year, and has recently been passed into Parliament. His policy has a target of net zero emissions by 2050, requiring a reduction of 43% by 2030.
  - Another policy that his government committed to is the respect at work policy, following multiple allegations of sexual abuse in the Australian Parliament in recent years. Albanese aims to implement all 55 recommendations of the sex discrimination commissioner's Respect@Work report, recommendations that the previous government "noted". The Albanese Government has been working towards this, introducing the Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Legislation Amendment (Respect as Work) Bill 2022, which seeks to impose a positive duty on employers to prevent workplace sexual discrimination and harassment.
  - Personally, I am really glad that the Albanese government was elected in this year as their policies and political stances more reflect my own. I am 100% in support of both of these policies of Albanese's: whilst they are more than overdue, this government was the first in a long time to show that they care about these issues. The previous government was not completely committed to net zero and this was so frustrating as someone who can see the incredible impact it would have (not to mention the embarrassment) to be one of the only developed countries not complying with this target. In addition, the Respect at Work Bill was so overdue, considering these issues have been swept under the rug by previous governments, however, I think that it is our right to feel safe and supported at work, and this bill will help implement that.
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- Adam Bandt
  - Leader of the Australian Greens
  - One policy Bandt is fighting for is the implementation of a Treaty between the First Nations people and the colonising state which would create a national identity that protects the rights of First Nations people and will be a platform to address many of the inequities and issues we face as a country such as the use of land and water, and the climate crisis.
  - One other policy the Greens are working towards is the phasing out of coal and gas production in Australia that would allow us to reach net zero. They are working to ban

the construction of new coal, oil and gas infrastructure, creating new jobs through renewable energy, and stopping the big investments in coal, oil and gas corporations, reinvesting this money into the transition to clean energy.

- Again, these issues are being brought to the table by Adam Bandt. Our First Nations people are subjected to so many obstacles in their daily lives due to our colonisation and are still not completely recognised in our national identity. I am in full support of Adam Bandt's suggestion for a Treaty, as I believe that it would further unify our nation and allow us to move forward. In terms of the phasing out of coal and gas, I believe this is the only way we will be able to get to net zero emissions by 2050. I am in full support of a policy that would look after our climate while also maintaining and improving our economy and quality of life.



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