

Build a Smarter Canberra

Smarter transport, Smarter energy, Smarter buildings

Canberra's environment groups are working together in 2012 to call for strong leadership and action this year to lay foundations for a Smarter Canberra.

Vision

Canberra can show national leadership by taking bold steps to cut its emissions that will start the city-wide transformation towards a more prosperous, more equitable and more sustainable future for our city. We call on the ACT Legislative Assembly to show the leadership we need to start this transformation.

Canberra's wisdom in taking early and strong action to reduce emissions will make it one of the most attractive places to live in the country. It will promote innovative industries and new employment opportunities. It will keep our air clean and connect all parts of the city with modern transport systems. It will allow our dynamic community, business and government sectors to embrace the great economic and social benefits that come by positioning Canberra as a leader in reducing greenhouse gas pollution.

Overall Objectives

By the end of 2012:

- The ACT has committed to the policy, legislation and funding needed to enable Canberra to reach our legislated emissions reduction target – 40% less greenhouse gas emissions than 1990 emissions by 2020.
- The ACT has started a major shift in our energy supply, infrastructure and urban form to reach our long term target of zero net emissions by 2060 or sooner.
- The community has ownership over the big decisions the ACT has made and started to implement to reduce emissions, recognising their many benefits beyond reducing our climate impact.



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Specific objectives



Smarter Buildings: warm in winter, cool in summer

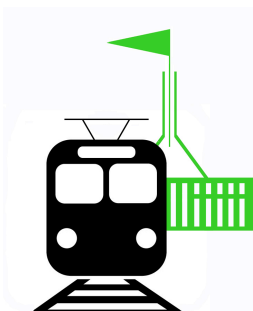
Introduction and passage of energy efficiency savings legislation by 30 June 2012 with support of all parties. This legislation must be ambitious, wide reaching and have scope to be adjusted and improved over time.

All parties commit to the implementation of a framework for zero carbon standards for new buildings by 2016.



Smarter Energy: securing modern energy for Canberra

All parties commit to 100% renewable energy for the ACT by 2020, through a combination of new renewable generation in the ACT and Australian Capital Region, GreenPower purchase, and community ownership options for renewable energy.



Smarter Transport: connecting Canberra

All parties have an election commitment for a fast, reliable, affordable public transport system that connects all of Canberra. Parties will show commitment to this transport transition through \$200m towards stage one of a light rail rapid transport line, including identifying the route and the engineering requirements by the election, with stage one completed by 2015.

Further Information

For further information, go to love40percent.org



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