



Ecological Sustainability - Social Justice - Peace and Non-violence - Grassroots Democracy

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The Greens are happy to support an evidence-based blueprint to reduce the impact of cancer in Australia. We support moves to maintain funding for the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program and to extend the program for a more comprehensive scheme within two years that includes provision of screening for over 50-year-olds every two years.

We believe it is important to re-introduce the national skin cancer awareness campaign and to consider a move to end duty-free tobacco sales which at a minimum would recoup \$200 million per year in lost tax revenue, according to the Henry tax review.

The Greens have introduced a range of preventive health initiatives to address obesity and alcohol marketing and promotion including a junk food and alcohol levy, a ban on advertising junk food to children and the introduction of a traffic light food labelling scheme.

The Greens Senator Rachel Siewert is currently reviewing the gene patent laws and will be reporting on behalf of the ongoing Senate Community Affairs committee inquiry.

The Greens have called for legislation to fix remote patient travel schemes – we need a national agreement with the states and territories to uniformly improve remote patient travel and accommodation assistance, through increased funding, minimum standards and streamlined administration.

We agree that with cancer incidence increasing along with patient expectations and pressures across the health system, now is the time to build on recent national developments in clinical cancer control with an integrated national cancer research strategy and that government should commit to a cancer workforce review.

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