

Blueprint Institute

Impact Report

2023-24



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Letter from the Chair



Dear friends and supporters,

As I reflect on the past year, I want to express my appreciation for the hard work and dedication shown by our team, our partners, and our supporters. This year provided us with valuable opportunities to advance our mission of shaping public policy and encouraging informed discussion.

In 2023-24, Blueprint Institute contributed to a number of long-term, complex policy issues important to Australia's future. These included substantial contributions to Australia's understanding of how our energy needs may evolve over time, reflection on how our education system can better support tolerance, the role of social media in driving polarisation, ways to boost the productivity and diversity of our economy, and to approaches to addressing growing intergenerational inequity and the supply of affordable housing.

As always, this was done with rigorous, peer-reviewed analysis, and deep, targeted engagement with policy makers to support the uptake of socially progressive, economically responsible, and evidence-based policies and approaches designed to support Australia's long-term prosperity.

Blueprint Institute also contributed to projects to boost the production of high-quality policy development, expanded our advisory board, and extended and strengthened our relationships with journalists, respected thought-leaders, and policymakers to build trust and engagement.

We also made significant strides in our efforts to engage the next generation of policy leaders through our internship program and young professionals network, providing mentorship and practical experience to many aspiring changemakers.

We expanded our digital presence significantly. Our social media engagement increased, allowing us to share our research and insights with more people than ever before. This digital expansion has been crucial in maintaining our influence and relevance in an increasingly online world.

We remain committed to creating sensible, practical policies to drive meaningful change for Australia. Thank you for being part of our journey. Your involvement is crucial to our success, and we are grateful for your trust in our work.

**Sincerely,
Kevin McCann**

About Blueprint Institute



Blueprint Institute is an independent Australian think tank that exists to influence policy and improve outcomes for Australia.

Our philosophy is socially progressive, economically conservative, and forward-thinking on nature and climate.

Established in the era of COVID-19, Blueprint brings a sense of urgency and pragmatism to tackling long-term issues in the Australian policy landscape.

At Blueprint, we believe we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rethink and recast Australia to be more balanced, prosperous, resilient, and sustainable. We combine rigorous

economic research with a pragmatic understanding of policy through regular engagement with key decision-makers. We design blueprints for practical action to move Australia in the right direction.

Our team brings a wealth of experience in politics, bureaucracy, academia, business, and civil society. We leverage this diverse expertise to move the needle on critical policy issues.

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As a think tank, Blueprint Institute has developed evidence-based research on complex policy issues which has helped our Senate Committee work.

The Hon. Andrew Bragg, Senator for NSW

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It's vital for politicians to have access to robust and independent analysis on some of the biggest challenges facing Australia. The Blueprint Institute provides thoughtful and rigorous analysis on a broad range of issues – from native forest logging, to tax reform, and antisemitism.

Allegra Spender, Federal MP for Wentworth

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How we create impact

Blueprint Institute selects topics to research and advocate based on their social importance, the quality of existing work, and our ability to influence change. We prioritise issues that fill gaps in current research and address blank space, ensuring our advocacy efforts have maximum impact.

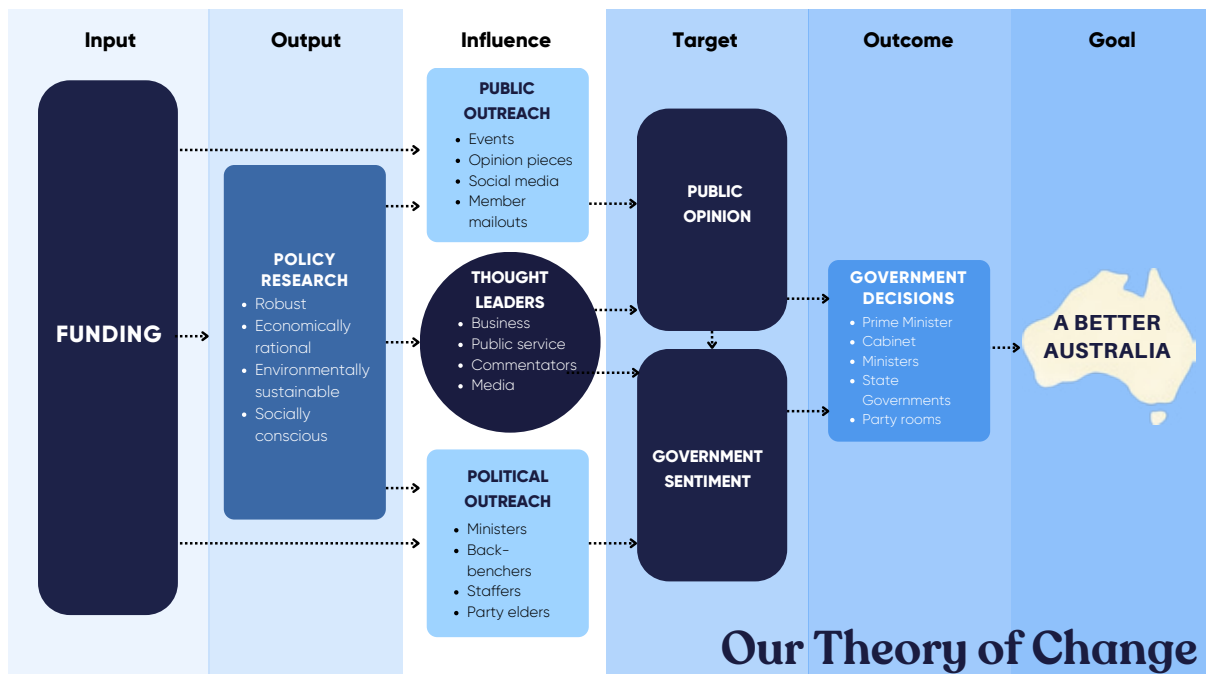
Our approach begins with first principles: we ask ourselves what the core problem is, why the market alone cannot solve it, and what role the government can play in addressing it.

When designing policy, we take into account the barriers that might hinder the implementation of ideal solutions. We consider both practical and political impediments and strategise on how to overcome them.

Equally important are the narratives we craft. We ensure our stories resonate with decision-makers by using clear, jargon-free language that is concise and engaging. Our approach distils complex concepts into accessible messages that effectively communicate our key ideas critical for change.

To effectively communicate our research to a time-poor audience, we develop graphics and animations that visualise our findings and reinforce our message.

By combining data, research, and cutting-edge analysis with expert insight, we develop innovative strategies to help shape Australia's policy landscape. This multifaceted approach enables us to engage our audience more effectively and enables us to make a meaningful impact on decision-making in Australia.





Highlights

Parliamentary inquiry into retirement outcomes

We presented a submission to a Parliamentary inquiry into retirement outcomes, assessing the potential for access to superannuation to enhance housing market access for 25-44 year olds. Our research indicated that allowing withdrawals for home purchases could, in theory, significantly increase access to homeownership, but that improved affordability would be contingent on making a concerted effort towards increasing housing supply. Notably, we found that at current supply levels, access to superannuation for young homebuyers would push demand for low-cost housing (priced \$300,000 - \$500,000) to exceed supply four to one. Our CEO was cited 50 times in the inquiry's final report and our research was featured in multiple print media outlets.

Forestry research

We presented our research on the economic implications of subsidising native forest logging as the lead think tank report at MONA's Forest Economics Congress. Our report attracted exclusive coverage by The Guardian, and we met with the Premier of Tasmania to discuss our findings. Additionally, Blueprint Institute was a lead signatory of Dr. Sophie Scamps MP's 'The Forest Pledge' regarding NSW's native forests, and our CEO travelled to Canberra to consult and speak at the related press conference.

Budget blueprints

Several key recommendations in our Beyond Inertia: Budget Blueprint 2024 series have been enacted since publication. Notably, HECS is now indexed to the lower of the Wage Price Index (WPI) or Consumer Price Index (CPI), ensuring student debt remains manageable relative to income growth. Additionally, the proposed overhaul of the sophisticated investor test has been shelved, protecting investment accessibility for individuals and small businesses. These changes highlight the impact of our research and advocacy on fiscal policy.

Antisemitism in education

Following the release of our examination into antisemitism in schools, Blueprint Institute met with more than 20 politicians and senior government leaders to discuss our findings. We were later requested by government officials to present on evidence-based approaches to addressing racism for implementation in government schools.

Case studies

Achieving a Federal commitment to Net Zero by 2050



Goal:

To secure a Federal commitment to achieving net zero emissions by 2050.



Barrier:

One of the primary obstacles was the lack of support from the National Party, particularly due to concerns about the impact of climate policies on rural and coal-connected communities.



Our work:

To address this barrier, Blueprint Institute conducted extensive polling of rural and coal-connected communities to understand their attitudes towards climate policies. The results revealed a surprising trend—there was support for the 2050 net zero target, even in regions traditionally seen as resistant. This data highlighted that a significant percentage of individuals from coal-connected communities backed the push for net zero by 2050.



Our influence:

Armed with this data, Blueprint Institute launched a media campaign, securing coverage in both print and radio outlets, with a particular focus on rural areas. Additionally, we conducted extensive briefings with key National MPs, ensuring they were aware of the polling results and the shifting public sentiment in their constituencies.



Outcome:

As a result of this work, the Federal Government made a commitment to achieving net zero emissions by 2050, marking a historic moment in Australia's climate policy.

Developing a framework for transitioning communities from coal



Goal:

To develop a compassionate and sensible plan that facilitates a just transition for communities reliant on coal, ensuring they can adapt to changing energy landscapes while preserving jobs and supporting local economies.



Barrier:

The transition away from coal is hampered by the lack of clear policies and comprehensive research. The Federal Government lacks the necessary frameworks to guide coal-centric communities through a transition to alternate industries, leaving places such as Collie (WA), the Latrobe Valley (VIC), and the Central Coast (QLD) vulnerable to economic disruption.



Our work:

We conducted an assessment of successful community transitions from coal and other industries, including a detailed examination of the impact of transition on regions' job markets and broader economic health. This research was used to propose an evidence-based policy of early investment and financial support for a managed and sustainable transition from coal-based economies, with emphasis placed on the need for clear lines of responsibility to ensure effective collaboration among government, industry, and local communities.



Our influence:

Our recommendations received media coverage across print, TV, and radio outlets, raising awareness of the need for better management for regional communities' transition from coal. We conducted extensive briefings for key stakeholders, including community leaders and MPs, to advocate for improved policies and funding earmarked for transitioning coal workers into alternate industries.



Outcome:

Our efforts led to secured funding for community transition programs, including investment to support job retraining, as well as enhanced support of local residents during the transition from coal.



Advocating for ending native forest logging in Victoria



Goal:

To end native forestry logging in Victoria to ensure the preservation of Australia's ancient forest ecosystems.



Barrier:

Concerns regarding the economic implications of exiting native forestry logging presented a significant barrier. Stakeholders, including local workers and businesses, feared job losses and economic downturns of transitioning away from logging without a clear understanding of the long-term benefits of this change.



Our work:

We conducted a comprehensive assessment of the economic implications of maintaining versus ceasing native forest logging in Victoria and advocated for a transition away from logging. Leveraging the concept of natural capital, we presented a compelling economic case for instead utilising native forests for carbon sequestration, water storage, and eco-tourism. We also encouraged increased investment in plantation timber to meet existing demand for wood products as a sustainable alternative to native forest logging.



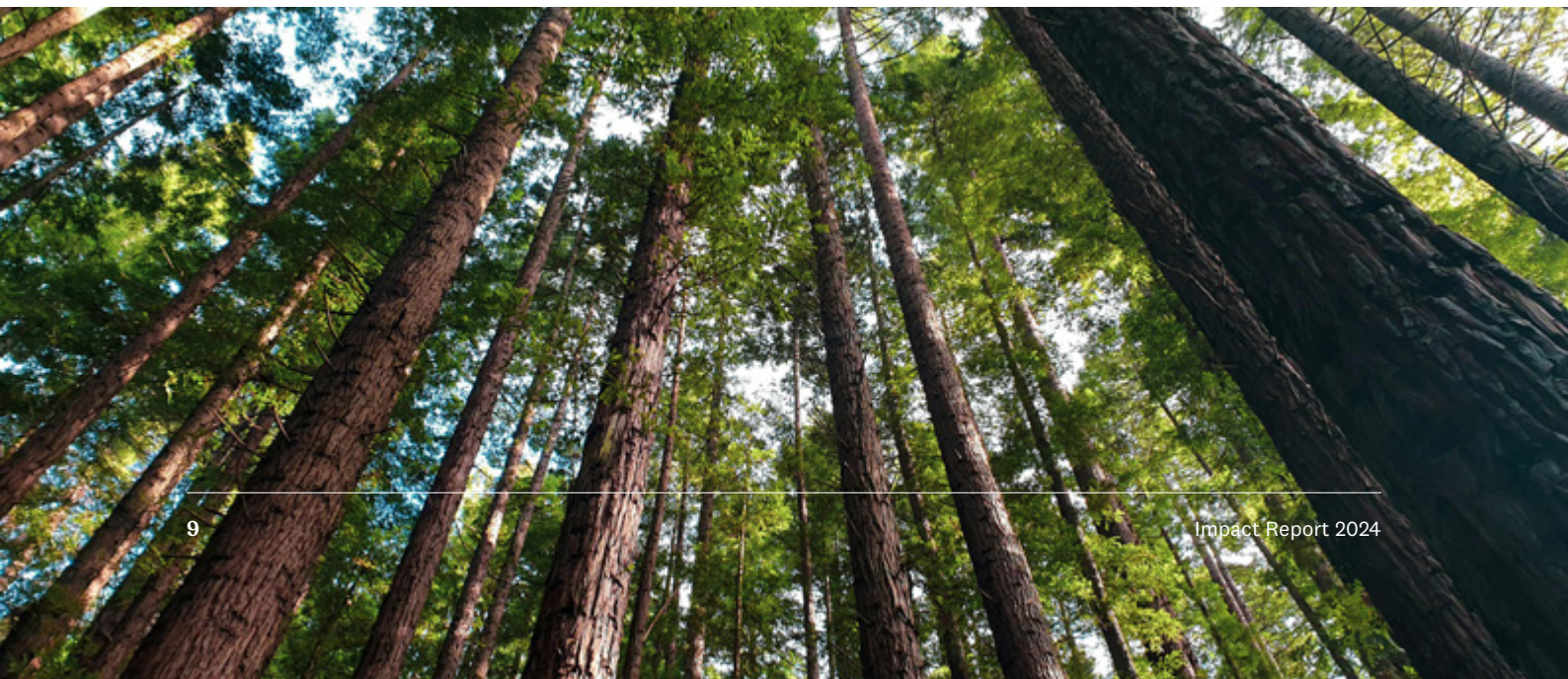
Our influence:

Our advocacy gained momentum through extensive media coverage across print, TV, and radio, which improved public awareness of the issue and furthered conversations about repealing the Forests (Wood Pulp Agreement) Act 1996. Blueprint Institute engaged key stakeholders, including MPs and local businesses, through briefings and community forums, to address their concerns about the economic impacts of transitioning away from logging.



Outcome:

Following our advocacy, legislation to end native forestry logging in Victoria was enacted on January 1, 2024. This decision marked a significant step towards protecting the region's natural heritage and supports the case for other states to transition from native forest logging to more sustainable timber harvesting practices.



Carbon emissions safeguard mechanism



Goal:

To implement market mechanisms that effectively drive down emissions across key industries.



Barrier:

Bridgit Archer, MP, expressed concerns about the potential impact of the revised safeguard mechanism on her constituents. In particular, she feared that changes could adversely affect local jobs and the economic stability of industries reliant on emissions-intensive processes.



Our work:

We conducted a detailed economic analysis of the aluminium smelter in Bell Bay, Tasmania, to address these concerns. Our research demonstrated that the proposed safeguard mechanism would lead to improved emissions performance while having minimal impact on the smelter's underlying economics. By highlighting the potential for operational efficiencies and the long-term financial benefits of reducing emissions, we were able to present a balanced view that reassured stakeholders about the viability of the mechanism.



Our influence:

We organised a one-on-one briefing with Bridgit Archer following the publication of our analysis, and provided her with key insights and data to support the revised safeguard mechanism. Our evidence and tailored communication helped to address her concerns and led to her voting in favour of legislation for a stronger emissions safeguard. Notably, she cited the Blueprint Institute's research as pivotal to her decision to cross the floor.



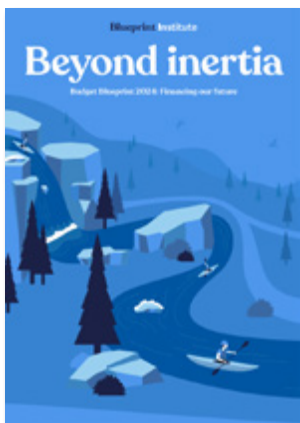
Outcome:

As a result of our strategic engagement, a stronger emissions safeguard is now in place. This improved mechanism not only enhances industry accountability for carbon emissions but also sets a precedent for more effective market mechanisms in driving down emissions across various sectors, ultimately contributing to Australia's climate goals.



In 2023-24, our [published reports](#) covered the topics of climate, energy, biodiversity, productivity, tax & fiscal reform, and education.

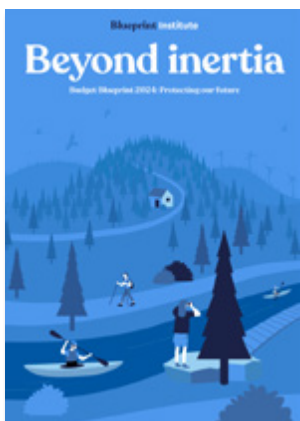
Budget blueprint 2024: financing our future



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A comprehensive set of fiscal recommendations designed to improve productivity and economic resilience. Key proposals include broadening the tax base with a land value tax, establishing a sovereign wealth fund for renewable energy investments, and restructuring the GST. The report also calls for simplifying the tax system, reversing the new GST distribution regime, and abolishing state payroll taxes. The report further addresses intergenerational equity through true indexation of income tax brackets and reforms to HECS and capital gains tax, alongside removing negative gearing deductions and abolishing stamp duty on property purchases. Finally, the report recommends reducing the corporate tax rate to 25% to give a much needed boost to Australia's flagging productivity rates.

Budget blueprint 2024: protecting our future



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A set of fiscal recommendations for protecting biodiversity and the climate. These include the need to fund the development of clear, technology-agnostic biodiversity and environmental standards, aligning incentives to reward communities hosting renewables, and tackling mis- and disinformation on climate. The report makes the case for funding the transition to net zero, updating energy grid design, accelerating energy efficiency programs, redeploying fossil fuel subsidies, speeding up transport decarbonisation, and establishing a public fund for nature repair.

Budget blueprint 2024: invigorating our future



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A fiscal strategy focused on improving Australia's global competitiveness and productivity by boosting research capacity and stimulating investment. The report suggests increasing government R&D spending to match OECD averages, funding foundational research, and adopting an outcomes-driven approach to research investments. It also calls for increasing PhD stipends and exempting part-time stipends from taxation to better retain talented international graduates. Investment recommendations include investing in venture funds, exempting startup investments from the unrealised gains exemption on superannuation balances, introducing an 'educated investor' exemption for the sophisticated investor test, and exempting startup acquisitions from proposed merger reforms.

An examination of antisemitism in Australian public schools



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A detailed analysis of antisemitism in Australian public schools, based on a poll of 510 teachers and leaders. The report reveals that 12% of survey participants witnessed; 20% were informed of; and 1% were direct victims of antisemitism, with an estimated 75,000 incidents occurring annually. Factors contributing to the prevalence of antisemitism in schools are identified as the conflation of political issues and personal bias, apathy towards antisemitism, socio-cultural influences, poor pedagogical approaches, and social media impact.

The report recommends that state education departments enhance tracking and measurement tools to more effectively record incidents of antisemitism and identify geographic areas with higher prevalence of such incidents. We also suggest implementing local interventions, updating anti-racism frameworks, and strengthening Holocaust education in schools.

Seeing the forest for the trees



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A cost-benefit analysis of Tasmania's native forests which assesses the impact of logging by Sustainable Timber Tasmania (STT). The report estimates that halting logging by FY2025 could yield a net benefit of \$72 million, potentially increasing to \$936 million under favourable conditions. Our analysis indicates that Tasmania's native forests can abate an average of one million tonnes of carbon annually, resulting in a net present value of \$345 million in Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs).

Our recommendations for the Tasmanian and Federal Governments include ending STT subsidies, legislating an end to native logging by FY2025, establishing a more robust carbon methodology, expanding timber plantations, improving STT's pricing transparency, and promoting environmental markets for biodiversity funding.

Submission to the Federal inquiry on retirement outcomes

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A submission addressing the potential impact of permitting withdrawals from mandatory superannuation payments to broaden housing market access for young Australians. Our research highlights that demand for low-cost housing would continue to significantly outstrip supply if further access to superannuation for house deposits was granted, with singles unable to afford median houses under the revised scheme. Our recommendations focus on addressing supply issues first, and then enabling first-time home buyers to access their superannuation contributions on the condition of their repayment before retirement.

Media coverage



Articles and opinion pieces referencing our research and policy ideas are regularly published in leading mastheads across the country, on the topics of economics, energy and climate, tax reform and education. Our team regularly appeared on shows such as the Drum, Sky News, and ABC Radio. Radio interviews discussing our findings were regularly shared with more than 500 commercial and local radio stations, with an average audience of more than 800,000—ensuring we stay in regular connection with our regional audiences.

Examples of our media presence include:

[Tax reform needed to break Australia's economic inertia: think tank](#)

May 2024, The Australian Financial Review (AFR), Reach: 4.5mil

[R&D boost needed for future made in Australian plan to fly](#)

May 2024, The Australian Financial Review (AFR), Reach: 4.5mil

['Native forest logging ban in Tasmania could save state \\$72m, pro-market thinktank says'](#)

November 2023, The Guardian, Reach: 6.4 million

[First time home buyers and superannuation](#)

May 2024, The Australian Financial Review (AFR), Reach: 4.5mil

[Rise of antisemitism in schools](#)

April 2024, The Sydney Morning Herald, Reach: 8.1mil

[Is antisemitism education actually working?](#)

May 2024, The Jewish Independent, Reach: Unknown

['Minds were blown': These scientists were stunned at what's happening on the NSW North Coast](#)

September 2023, The Sydney Morning Herald, Reach: 11,000,000

['Australia needs 'drastic' renewables boost as nuclear not an option for decades, says centre-right thinktank'](#)

October 2023, The Guardian, Reach 6.4 million



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Blueprint Institute is able to maintain its independence and integrity thanks to the generous support of our donors. Our supporters are at the heart of everything we do, enabling us to pursue unbiased research and policy solutions. We do not accept any funding from government sources or political organisations, ensuring that our work remains independent and free from external influence. All of our supporters, big and small, enable us to continue producing the quality, evidence-driven research needed to move the needle on Australia's critical policy issues.

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Since their inception I have found Blueprint Institute to be a valuable resource, particularly in a time of increasingly polarising political debate it has been incredibly useful to have a think tank producing balanced, centrist and nuanced research on a variety of policy topics.

Bridget Archer, Federal MP for Bass

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I cannot understate the importance of the Blueprint Institute and the role it plays in empowering important causes and policy with NSW Parliament. A strong and active Blueprint Institute is vital to ensuring NSW continues to progress in a way that encourages enterprise and support the vulnerable.

James Griffin, NSW MP for Manly

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Organisation & governance



Blueprint Institute is overseen by a strong organisational structure and best-practice governance arrangements. Our diverse board brings together expertise in government, law, business, energy, community engagement, and policy development, ensuring that Blueprint Institute is well-positioned to create impactful reform strategies. Blueprint Institute's research is also independently reviewed by an engaged and respected Research Committee and supported by the expertise of our Strategic Council.

Board of Directors



Kevin McCann
Chair

Kevin McCann is Chairman of Telix Pharmaceuticals Limited and China Matters. He is a Trustee of the Sydney Opera House Trust, a Member of the Champions of Change Coalition, a Presiding Pro Chancellor of the University of Sydney, a member of the John Grill Institute of Projects Advisory Board, a Member of Barker College Council and Origin Foundation Pty Limited and a Director of the Australian Haydn Ensemble Inc. He is a former Chairman of Macquarie Group Limited and Macquarie Bank Limited, Origin Energy Limited, Healthscope Limited and ING Management Limited, Fellow of the University of Sydney and former Chair of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust and the National Library of Australia Foundation and Vice Chairman, New Colombo Plan Reference Group and a former Director of the United States Studies Centre. Kevin practised in Commercial Law as a Partner of Allens Arthur Robinson (now Allens) from 1970 to 2004 and was Chairman of Partners from 1995 to 2004. Kevin has a Bachelor of Arts and Law (Honours) from Sydney University and a Master of Law from Harvard University. He was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2020 for services to the business, corporate governance, and as an advocate for gender equity.



Lachlan Crombie
Co-Founder & Board
Director

Lachlan has a strong background in law and government. Lachlan worked in the NSW Government in a variety of roles, in both Houses of Parliament. Lachlan was responsible for significant legislative reforms while working for Nationals member and now Deputy President, the Hon Trevor Khan MLC. He also worked for the State Attorney General, and was in charge of criminal law policy. He is now the Director of Political Engagement at PremierState and PremierNational. Lachlan holds a Bachelor of Laws from Queensland University of Technology and a Master of Business (Sports Management) from Australia's leading Sports Management School at Deakin University, Melbourne.



Ian Hancock
Co-Founder & Board
Director

Ian is Managing Director at PremierState and PremierNational, a leading public policy and corporate affairs consulting firm that advises across a range of industries on how to achieve outcomes with State and Federal Governments. Ian is also a Founder and Director of Clean Energy Strategies, a renewable energy consultancy that specialises in procuring renewable energy for large energy users. Ian studied a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours and a Bachelor of Business (Economics) at the University of Technology, Sydney.



Hon Jenny Gardiner
Board Director

Jenny Gardiner is a life-long campaigner for rural and regional communities. As a Nationals member of the NSW Legislative Council (1991-2015), Jenny was Deputy President of the Legislative Council (2011-15) and the Nationals Deputy Leader in the Legislative Council (2000-15). Jenny chaired and served on a multitude of parliamentary inquiries, such as those on rural health, regional and metropolitan transport, planning, regional development, privileges, electoral law. A former General Secretary of the NSW Nationals (the first woman to hold such office in any NSW party), Jenny actively works to see more women in politics.



Lisa France
Board Director

Lisa has worked at the highest level of State Government and the energy sector. Recently, she was the Global Head of Corporate Affairs at Energy Developments. Prior to that, as an LNP member for the seat of Pumicestone, QLD, she was appointed Assistant Minister for Natural Resources and Mines 2012-2014, and Assistant Minister for Finance Administration and Regulatory Reform 2014-2015. Immediately after her parliamentary career, Lisa worked as Australian Energy Regional Director for Hatch, a global energy, metals and mining company.



Andrew Muston
Board Director

Andrew is the Head of Investor Relations at Roc Partners. Prior to joining Roc Partners, Andrew held capital raising roles at Associate Global Partners, QVG Capital and Totus Capital. Andrew serves on the board of the National Art School and is Co-Chair of the Evolution Committee for St Vincent's Curran Foundation. He is a former board director of Frazis Capital, Atelier Advisory Council for the Art Gallery of NSW and the New Gen Committee for Philanthropy Australia. Andrew holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Sydney.

Research Committee

The Blueprint Institute's research committee plays an important role in shaping the direction and integrity of our policy work. Comprising experts from diverse fields, the committee ensures that our research is rigorous, evidence-based, and aligned with our mission to foster innovative, practical solutions to pressing national issues. By overseeing research priorities, reviewing methodologies, and providing critical feedback, the committee helps maintain the high standards of quality and relevance in our publications. Their contributions ensure that our work remains at the forefront of public policy discourse in Australia.



Professor Chris Fleming
Professor of Economics
and the Dean of Research
at the Griffith Business
School

Professor Fleming has been Director of the Griffith Institute for Tourism (2020-2021) and Director of the MBA program at Griffith University (2015-2020). His academic and consulting work focuses on the economic determinants of well-being and the sustainable management of natural resources. As an applied micro-economist, Professor Fleming's research interests encompass natural resource and environmental economics, climate change economics, tourism economics, social and economic program evaluation, sustainable development, and the economics of subjective well-being. Previously, he has worked as a Senior Consultant for MainStream Economics and Policy and Marsden Jacob Associates, as well as a Senior Advisor for the New Zealand Ministry for the Environment's Sustainable Development Policy Group. Professor Fleming holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Otago, a Master of Applied Economics (First Class Honours) from Massey University, and a PhD in Economics from the University of Queensland. He is also the co-author, with Professor Nick Barter, of 'Future Normal: 8 Questions to Create Businesses Your Children Will Be Proud Of'.



Anna Malos
Head of Business
and Government at
ClimateWorks

Anna Malos is the Head of Business and Government at ClimateWorks, where she leads initiatives to accelerate Australia's transition to net zero emissions. With a background in economics and sustainable development, Anna has extensive experience in climate policy and strategy. She works closely with government and business leaders to develop and implement practical solutions for reducing greenhouse gas emissions across various sectors of the economy.



Professor Timothy Stephens

Professor of International Law at the University of Sydney

Professor Timothy Stephens is a distinguished academic in the field of international law at the University of Sydney Law School. His research and teaching focus on public international law, with particular emphasis on the international law of the sea, international environmental law, and international dispute settlement. Professor Stephens' major publications include, 'The International Law of the Sea' and 'International Courts and Environmental Protection'. He holds a PhD in law from the University of Sydney and an M.Phil in geography from the University of Cambridge.



Alexandra Hordern

General Manager at the Insurance Council of Australia

Alexandra Hordern serves as the General Manager at the Insurance Council of Australia, where she plays a crucial role in shaping policy and advocating for the insurance industry. With her extensive experience in the financial services sector, Alexandra leads initiatives to address key challenges facing the insurance industry, including climate risk, regulatory compliance, and consumer protection. Her work involves collaborating with government bodies, industry stakeholders, and community organisations to ensure the resilience and sustainability of Australia's insurance sector.



Dr Rebecca Colvin

Senior Lecturer at the Australian National University

Dr. Rebecca Colvin is a Senior Lecturer at the Australian National University, specialising in environmental policy and governance. Her research focuses on the social and political dimensions of environmental challenges, particularly in the context of climate change and energy transitions. Dr. Colvin's work explores how diverse stakeholders engage with complex environmental issues and aims to improve decision-making processes for more effective and equitable environmental outcomes. She is known for her innovative approaches to understanding and addressing environmental conflicts.

What's coming up



Blueprint Institute is poised to undertake groundbreaking research and policy development in several key areas critical to Australia's future. Our forward-looking agenda aims to address pressing issues in education, social cohesion, and environmental sustainability.

Through these research initiatives, Blueprint Institute aims to help shape a more sustainable, cohesive, and prosperous future for Australia.

Nature and biodiversity

We are embarking on an innovative collaboration with The University of Notre Dame to address marine plastics pollution which will elevate key insights from cutting-edge research to develop pragmatic, evidence-based policy proposals for State and Federal Governments to reduce plastic waste in our oceans.

Moreover, Australia needs a robust and coherent biodiversity framework to both protect our natural environment and allow for clear, fair and predictable standards and expectations of the corporate sector. Our research will articulate the economic case for technology-neutral standards encompassing waste treatment, soil and water management, and biodiversity protection, to improve planning and predictability in the sector, while ensuring that market mechanisms operate within a framework that prioritises environmental conservation.

Climate and energy

In the realm of environmental policy, there remains a pressing need for coherent and economically viable options for reducing the emissions intensity of our economy, as well as an urgent need to adopt an integrated approach to problem solving, grounded in evidence rather than ideology. This approach will involve an assessment of the costs associated with delaying the transition, and the development of clear, economically sound transition policies to improve certainty and predictability for communities and investors.

Education reform

We are committed to improving educational outcomes and equity across Australia. Upcoming research will address the role of in-school coaching practices across Australia as well as mechanisms to address chronic teacher shortages.

Social cohesion and the role of digital media

We recognise the urgent need to build social unity in an increasingly polarised world. Our research will focus on identifying tried-and-tested policy approaches to address the increasing polarisation seen in Australian society, which we hypothesise is fuelled by the digital media landscape. Our research will analyse both domestic and international strategies that have successfully addressed this issue, with the goal of developing tailored solutions appropriate for the Australian context.

Support our work



Our work at Blueprint Institute is made possible by people like you, who believe in the power of long-term thinking, rigorous research, and pragmatic policy proposals to make a difference. Together, we've laid the groundwork for meaningful impact, but there is so much more to be done. With your support, we can expand our reach, tackle new challenges, and create a better future for Australia.

Every contribution, no matter the size, helps us stay independent, advance critical projects, and bring evidence-based solutions to the forefront of public debate. Your generosity fuels our mission and strengthens our ability to serve as a voice on forward-thinking climate and energy policies, protecting our biodiversity, and addressing challenges on housing and education.

Please donate today to support our work in moving the needle on critical policy issues in Australia. [Donate now](#) or contact us at admin@blueprintinstitute.org.au to find out more ways to support our work.

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Thank you for standing with us in the pursuit of a brighter future for Australia.

