

Australian Labor Party's 47th National Conference

July 2015

The Australian Labor Party is holding its 47th National Conference from 24 to 26 July 2015 at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre.

The National Conference meets every three years and is critical in shaping Federal Labor's future policy and organisation. The National Conference consists of 400 delegates that include:

- The President and Vice Presidents of the ALP [the newly elected President is the Hon. Mark Butler MP];
- The leaders and delegates of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party [including the Hon. Bill Shorten MP and the Hon. Tanya Plibersek MP],
- State and Territory Premiers, Chief Ministers or Leaders of the Opposition and delegates appointed by each State and Territory branch of the Party
- Delegates from Australian Young Labor

The National Conference is open to the public and its proceedings will be broadcast on the ALP's website: www.alp.org.au.

The ALP's National Conference is the largest and most democratic policy and rules making forum of any significant political party in Australia.

The National Conference will debate, amend and adopt the National Platform, subject specific resolutions as well as the Constitution and Rules of the Australian Labor Party.

The current National Platform, adopted at the 46th National Conference is available [here](#).

A [Draft National Platform](#) has been developed and circulated by the National Policy Committee which received extensive submissions and engaged in wide ranging consultation with the Party's membership, as well as internal and external stakeholders

The National Platform is not designed as a policy document but rather forms a statement of beliefs, aspirations and objectives of the Labor Party. It guides more detailed policy development of Labor's political representatives.

The conference traditionally opens with a speech on Labor's enduring values by the Leader of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party, the Honourable Bill Shorten MP. Individual chapters of the Platform are traditionally moved by the relevant Ministers or Shadow Ministers. Chapters are grouped along broad policy themes (ie. the economy, health, education, the environment and national security).



Delegates may seek to move amendments to the Draft Platform. Once all amendments to a chapter are considered, the relevant Chapter is adopted.

The National Conference also considers subject specific resolutions. Unlike the National Platform, resolutions only have effect from one Conference to the next.

The program for debate at the 47th National Conference is available [here](#).