

#### **One Nation policy brief**

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Pauline Hanson's One Nation (One Nation) is a minority political party with a presence in the Australian Senate following the federal election. Pauline Hanson is the National Chairman and Leader.

## **Key policy principles**

One Nation has released a suite of key policy principles including:

## The economy and jobs

- One Nation believes in the reindustrialisation of the Australian economy and driving training and re-training opportunities.
- One Nation supports the return of a publically run and owned bank.
- One Nation is strongly opposed to asset sales and supports the return of assets to public ownership.
- One Nation will not recognise any international trade agreement or treaty which is considered to be in breach of the Australian Constitution in favour of international law. It will also withdraw from international treaties and agreements that it believes have harmed our manufacturing industry.
- One Nation believes in protecting the primary industries sector from de-regulation and in withdrawing from international treaties and agreements which it believes has hurt the sector.
- One Nation have outlined their commitment to the following reforms to the taxation system:
  - Advocating for the abolishment of state pay roll tax;
  - Making multinationals pay their fair share of tax here in Australia;
  - A full review of the taxation system to ensure fairness;
  - Allowing young Australians access their superannuation fund as a house purchase deposit; and
  - Reform of youth allowance eligibility criteria.

# Roads and infrastructure

 One Nation believes in investment in infrastructure as a measure of boosting apprenticeship rates.

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## Climate Change and Energy

- One nation is opposed to market based measures that put a price on carbon. Their climate change policies include:
  - Opposing any measures that put a tax on carbon dioxide, specifically an Emissions Trading Scheme;
  - Cancelling international agreements and obligations that require Australian investment in foreign climate action;
  - Ensuring that all environmental impact assessments are based on 'scientific evidence';
  - Abolishing the Renewable Energy Target (RET);
  - o Abolishing public financial incentives and subsidies for the renewable energy sector;
  - Holding a Royal Commission into the corruption of climate science;
  - Establishing an Independent science body that will report to the Government instead of the United Nations;
  - o Reviewing the Bureau of Meteorology and CSIRO to ensure independence; and
  - Forcing the wind industry to compensate residents suffering from Wind Turbine Syndrome or whose house price has been negatively affected by wind farms.
- One Nation believes in building damns and opposes the privation of water supplies and CSG and mining exploration on prime agricultural land.

## Agriculture

 One Nation believes in strict food labelling laws which it expects to support Australian primary producers.

#### Education

- The key element of One Nation's policy on the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector includes government paying 75 per cent of first year apprenticeship wages, 50 per cent of second year wages and 25 per cent of third year wages.
- One Nation opposes the privatisation of the higher education sector (universities).

#### Social policies

Some of the One Nation's social policies include:

- Increasing the aged pension;
- Support for euthanasia;
- Abolishment of the Family Court with a Family Tribunal;
- A national identity card for asylum seekers/new residents wanting to access government services;
- Zero net immigration;



- Trailing the legalisation of medicinal cannabis for health benefits;
- A marriage equality referendum;
- The introduction of Citizens Initiated Referenda;
- Amending citizenship and social security laws to include New Zealand citizens under specific circumstances;
- Anti-Islam: One Nation opposes Islam; Sharia Law and Halal certification; and would ban the Burqa from being worn in public. It opposes the construction of mosques and Islamic schools and it wants a Royal Commission into the religion; and
- Reform of politicians' entitlements and the electoral system.

The full list of One Nation policies is available here.

#### **Pauline Hanson**

Ms Hanson was first elected as the House of Representatives Independent (and later One Nation) Member for Oxley at the 1996 federal election. Ms Hanson held this position until the 1998 federal election.

In 1997 she started One Nation and the party won eleven seats at the 1998 Queensland election, however failed to win any seats at the 1998 federal election.

In 2002 Ms Hanson was expelled from One Nation.

She returned to the leadership of One Nation in 2014 and contested the 2016 as one of the party's Queensland Senate candidates.

Prior to her time in federal Parliament, Ms Hanson was an Ipswich City Councillor and owned a small business (takeaway shop). Throughout her career she has unsuccessfully attempted to run at various Queensland and New South Wales state elections.

#### **Further information**

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