

ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCES

Ecologically sustainable development calls for environmental stewardship, which recognises that local needs are connected to global and national responsibilities.

Family First is committed to the environment as essential to ensuring the health and happiness of future generations of families.

Family First gives a high priority to the resolution of Australia's natural resource management issues. Family First believes in Australia being a signatory to international agreements that acknowledge the global nature of environmental problems.

Family First recognises environmental stewardship includes the small as well as significant decisions and that both lead to sustainable society. The Party acknowledges Government partnership with industry, agriculture and science is crucial to addressing the serious environmental challenges of water resource management and declining soil quality and biodiversity across large parts of Australia.

Specifically

1. Family First supports a higher priority for funding to alternative energy research and more effective strategies and technologies for treatment and recycling of waste.
2. Family First will support and introduce initiatives that create incentives to reduce waste and pollutants in the environment.
3. Family First will promote economic management that takes account of ecological impacts and places a high value on the maintenance of biodiversity and ecosystem balance. The conservation of Australia's

natural resources and biodiversity are valued highly by Family First as the inheritance we are duty bound to pass on to the next generation.