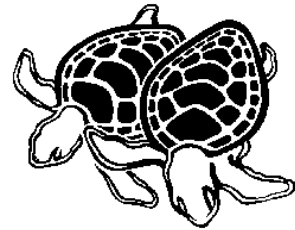


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Parties scored on environment for NT election.

The Environment Centre of the Northern Territory today released a scorecard comparing the approach to environmental issues of different parties in the Northern Territory election. According to the scorecard minor parties have the best environment platforms with the Labor Party a long way off the pace. The CLP and One Nation fared worst.

"We asked a series of questions about key environmental issues then ranked the response of the parties from strong support through to no support or opposition" said Mark Wakeham, Coordinator of the Environment Centre NT.

"This does not represent an endorsement of any party by us but we will publicise the results and let voters make up their own minds. We will be sending this scorecard to our members and also posting it on our website."

"The first series of questions was about protection of Darwin Harbour which we believe is a key issue for Territorians. That is why we are targeting 3 marginal electorates, Wanguri, Nightcliff and Karama with leaflets calling on a National Park for the Harbour. It's the only way we can be sure of real protection".

"We are encouraging people to get in touch with all their local candidates and ask about their environmental policies- independents as well as party candidates. It's important that the public lets politicians know that the environment is a key issue for all Territorians".

Environment Policy Scorecard

Issues	CLP	ALP	Socialist Alliance	Australian Democrats	One Nation	100% score
Protecting Darwin Harbour	4	8	12	12	6	12
Reducing Waste Conserving Energy and tackling global warming	24	29	44	44	22	44
Tropical Savannas protection and rangelands management	11	15	16	15	8	16
Protected Areas Species and Habitats	18	31	32	30	14	32
Planning for Ecologically Sustainable Development	20	37	56	53	24	56
General Questions on Environment approach.	9	11	20	19	10	20
Total Score	86	131	180	173	84	180

For survey results in full see the Environment Centre website 'What's new' section: www.ecnt.org

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