

ORGANIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP
AUSTRALIAN GREENS SURVEY RESPONSE - DUE 28 MARCH 2025

The Australian Greens thank the Organic Development Group (ODG) for their constructive engagement over the 47th Parliament. The Office of Senator Peter Whish-Wilson and the Australian Greens look forward to continuing this important work, and progressing the below shared priorities, in the 48th Parliament.

The Australian Greens note the close working relationship with Australian Organic Ltd and other members of the ODG in the development of many of the below policies and hope this serves as a strong indication of our ongoing commitment to seeing the Australian organic sector grow.

The Greens' organic plan:

The Australian Greens have a long history of supporting the growth and development of the Australian organics industry.

Countries like the United States and the European Union support their organic industries with funding and strong organic credentials, while Australia risks falling behind by still debating the definition of "organic."

The Greens are working to protect certified organic producers from greenwashing and help open new domestic and international markets. The Greens will also empower the organic industry better to measure its contribution to Australia's agricultural revenue.

The Greens will:

- Protect the organic industry from greenwashing by legislating a domestic standard that enshrines a legal definition of "organic" in Australia. This includes a commitment to implement domestic regulations of the Australian organic industry.
- Support market access, industry growth, and research for organics with a sustained funding model backed by a \$20 million commitment.
- Provide clarity on the organic sector's economic contribution with \$1 million over five years to collect revenue data as part of the broader agriculture industry.

The Greens' environmental biosecurity plan:

Invasive species threaten Australia's environment and agriculture, yet environmental biosecurity remains underfunded and de-prioritised. Long-term sustainable funding for Australia's biosecurity system is critical to manage the growing biosecurity risks posed by increasing tourism and trade.

The Greens are committed to addressing these challenges by supporting affected industries financially, boosting biosecurity capacity, and strengthening surveillance and research efforts.

The Greens will:

- Provide \$75 million in federal compensation funding to support beekeepers impacted by the spread of Varroa Mite.
- Establish Environment Health Australia as an independent body to coordinate biosecurity response, preparedness, and engagement.
- Increase investment in environmental biosecurity surveillance with \$8 million over four years to detect and prevent invasive species.
- Strengthen the Environmental Biosecurity Office with \$28 million over four years to boost its capacity and capability.
- Invest \$80 million in research, development, and extension to protect Australia from invasive species and pests.

The Greens sustainable and regenerative agriculture plan:

Australia's agriculture sector faces challenges in transitioning to sustainable practices, with farmers needing support to adopt innovative solutions for productivity and environmental resilience.

The Greens will establish Green Agriculture Australia, a \$250 million R&D centre to drive sustainable farming.

It will fund research, develop new technologies, and support farmers with training and solutions like regenerative agriculture, methane-reducing livestock feed, and precision farming.

The Greens' will:

- Support Australian farmers in transitioning to regenerative and sustainable practices by establishing Green Agriculture Australia with \$250 million in funding.

All Australian Greens election commitments and policies can be found accessible on the [Australian Greens website](#).