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**CONFUSION REIGNS ON LABOR'S RENEWABLE ENERGY  
POLICY**

Despite announcing its energy policy 18 months ago and having taken it to an election Labor still has no idea what its policy on renewables actually is.

It is becoming increasingly unclear whether Labor's talk of 50 per cent renewable energy is in their own words an "aspiration", a "goal", an "ambition", an "objective", a "policy framework" or in fact a hard "target".

**Joel Fitzgibbon:** ...It's not a policy. It's an announcement of an aspiration. You have to have goals in life.

Source: Sky News, 26 July 2015

**Tanya Plibersek:** A couple of things to say about that. The 50 per cent ambition means, you talked about \$48 billion, that's an estimate you're talking about...

Source: Sky News, 14 February 2017

**Tony Burke:** Yeah, which is, which is why we've generally referred to it as a goal, or whatever term you want to use...

Source: Sky News, 16 February 2017

**David Speers:** So it's not necessarily a 50 per cent RET in other words.

**Chris Bowen:** Correct, that's what I'm saying to you, but there's two. We do have a RET policy, and then we also have, which we've always been very clear and explicit about, a policy objective for 50 per cent beyond RET.

Source: ABC Radio National Breakfast, 16 February 2017

The architect of their policies Shadow Climate Change and Energy Minister Mark Butler, is just as confused, happy to talk about his policy as a "target" a month ago but changing his tune today referring to it as a "policy framework".

**David Speers:** ...You would have a RET which as I say would really give a leg up to solar and wind.

**Mark Butler:** Well it depends how that target is rolled out...

Source: Sky News, 17 January 2017

**Fran Kelly:** You heard Chris Bowen there last night talking about a goal and a target. 50 per cent renewables by 2030 is Labor's policy, can you explain now what it is? Is it a target, is it a goal, is it an objective, or is it aspiration?

**Mark Butler:** ...that is why we've got to plan and put in place **policy framework** that does that in the most cost-effective way which is an emissions intensity scheme.

**Source:** ABC Radio National, 16 February 2017

It's little wonder Opposition Leader Bill Shorten and Labor's money man Chris Bowen can't explain how much their policy will cost when they don't even know what it is.

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