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Annabel Crabb meets the Leader of the Greens, Richard Di Natale

Airs Wednesday, November 25 at 8pm on ABC

Annabel travels to the Otway Ranges in Victoria to meet the Leader of the Greens **Richard Di Natale** at his farm, which is powered entirely by solar panels and optimism.

Di Natale excels in the culinary stakes, preparing pizzas from scratch using ingredients from his own garden, and cooked in a pizza oven he built himself. However, Annabel draws the line at eating salami that the Senator has made from pigs he reared and killed on his farm.

In this surprising interview the former GP turned Greens Leader discusses mining, the Greens' fondness for secrecy, and how he owes his political career to former Liberal leader Brendan Nelson.

Richard Di Natale became Greens leader in May 2015, after entering the Federal Parliament as a senator for Victoria in 2011. Di Natale trained as a GP, and it was while working as a doctor in remote indigenous communities he realised policy was a more effective way of improving people's lives. In parliament, Di Natale has advocated for a variety of health issues, including universal dental care and legalised euthanasia. After being elected Greens leader, Di Natale said he would take a pragmatic course and broaden the party's appeal. Di Natale lives on an environmentally sustainable, off-the-grid farm in the Otway Ranges with his wife Lucy and their two sons.

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