mandate /ˈmændeɪt/ noun

the authority to do sth, given to a government or other organization by the people who vote for it in an election

***Wong and Hunt debate carbon pricing*: We took the GST to an election, we took that risk. This policy has no mandate because it was expressly ruled out. And I have a very simple question: will you take it to an election to seek a mandate, and why was it ruled out prior to the last election?**