“The two by-election campaigns, Griffith and Redcliffe, are at work, and the citizens in both electorates are already reeling from the impact of by-election fever...polling, letterbox drops, phone calls and door knocking...and it will continue!!

The media will be active, these are the only games in town, but it is still surprising that some people seem unaware of the electoral process and confused by the activity....I have met a few people in the last week, who were uncertain about their enrolment and one enthusiastic person who just wanted to vote against the government and was prepared to go anywhere to do so.

The campaigns are short, and we need to ensure that people understand the issues and the need to vote in the appropriate electorate.

In Griffith, our candidate, Terry Butler has been joined by Bill Shorten and Shadow Health Minister Catherine King this week and the real concerns about the attack on Medicare through the co-payment tax on visits to doctors and public hospitals have been raised ..the government must get the message that we value Medicare and that the basic right to medical care is critical, not a luxury , nor a waste ...

please let us know your own experiences  and send in your comments.

I have included a petition from WILPF about the need to get Syrian women in the important peace negotiations...this is an ongoing struggle and there is valuable information on the WILPF web site about the horrors in Syria and the need for women to be involved. Also there are a range of web sites around the desperate need for financial support for the victims of this war...CARE Australia is coordinating the Australian appeal.”

Senator Claire Moore, Labor Senator for Queensland

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**GRAFTTH BY-ELECTION DAY IS SATURDAY 8 FEB 2014**

Dates for the 2014 Griffith by-election: The election was announced, and the writ issued, on Mon 6 Jan 2014.

The Electoral Rolls will be CLOSED. Nominations for candidates are CLOSED.

Declaration of nominations was at midday AEST today Fri 17 Jan 2014

Election Day Sat 8 Feb 2014, Return of writs on or before Wed 16 Apr 2014

Labor’s Candidate is Terri Megan Butler

Web: www.butlerforgriffith@com Twitter: @terrimbutler Facebook: Link

Pre-polling will commence in TWO locations during business hours commencing from TUESDAY 21 Jan at the AEC Office, GROUND FL, 488 Queen St in the City near Customs House, and at 449 Logan Road, Greenslopes, opposite the Greenslopes Shopping Centre.
Over 97,000 people enrolled to vote in 2014 Griffith by-election

A total of 97,857 people are enrolled to vote in the Griffith by-election to be held on Saturday 8 February 2014. It is now very important that all enrolled voters turn up to a polling place and cast their vote on by-election day, Saturday 8 February 2014.

Information about the Griffith by-election will be delivered to households across Griffith.

Your official guide to the 2014 Griffith by-election contains practical information on how to correctly complete the ballot paper as well as details of where you can vote before or on Election Day.

For those who are eligible, early voting will begin on Tue 21 Jan 2014. More information about the 2014 Griffith by-election.

Labor launches local Griffith Campaign to save Medicare – The Shadow Minister for Health, Catherine King, was in Queensland this week with Labor candidate for Griffith, Terri Butler to launch a local campaign to save Medicare.

The Abbott Government has hit Australians hard with the biggest increase to private health insurance premiums in a decade. With the introduction of a tax on every GP visit, the Abbott Government will open the floodgate to annual increases to GP fees, making it tough for families struggling with the cost of living.

They plan to allow private health insurance to cover GP visits which will put more pressure on family budgets. Labor candidate for Griffith Terri Butler said that for nearly 30 years Medicare has been making healthcare affordable and accessible for every Australian, but that was now under threat.

"Labor is the party of Medicare – it was Labor who raised bulk-billing rates to their highest rates ever," Ms Butler said. "People on Brisbane’s Southside are concerned about a proposed tax on GP visits, a tax that has the backing of the LNP’s candidate in Griffith, Dr Bill Glasson.

Ms King and Ms Butler also met today with the Doctors Reform Society, who are equally worried about the views of Dr Glasson, a former AMA President. To sign the Griffith petition to save Medicare can click here.

A message from Bill Shorten, Leader of the Labor Party – On Feb 8, voters in Brisbane’s electorate of Griffith will go to the polls for a by-election. It’s going to be a close contest, and the whole country will be watching the outcome.

Even more important is this: despite promising that Medicare was safe before the election, Tony Abbott’s government plans to charge Australians to see a bulk billing GP. Local Liberal candidate for Griffith – former AMA head, Bill Glasson – supports a tax on doctor visits and it could be policy as early as May.

To put a stop to this Medicare attack before it goes any further, send the Liberals a message they can’t miss. Click here to throw your support behind Medicare and Labor, and chip in to help the Griffith campaign right now.

Your donation will have a real impact – putting Save Medicare signs on major roads all across Griffith and distributing Save Medicare t-shirts to volunteers campaigning on the ground. It costs nearly $10 for every sign and $15 for every shirt that gets made.

With your help, we’re hoping to order 500 signs as well as 400 shirts to show Australia what’s at stake nationwide, and to stop this insidious attack on Medicare before it goes any further. If we do nothing, we could soon see the foundations of our health system undermined. The most vulnerable Australians will be forced to pay to see a GP.

If that happens, it would be the beginning of the end of Medicare as we know it. So we have to demonstrate that any threat to Medicare will cost the Abbott Government too much politically. Chip in now to send a message they can’t miss: take Medicare off the table.

Thank you – this is important.

Bill Shorten

PS: We’ve got a great candidate in Griffith, Terri Butler. She believes in Medicare, in great public schools, hospitals, 21st century broadband, effective climate action and quality, affordable childcare. Right now the polls are incredibly tight, and we know Terri will be outspent by her Liberal opponent unless we help. Thanks for pitching in what you can today.
Abbott Government puts politics in the Classroom – The Abbott Government’s announcement on the 14 Jan that it will review the Australian curriculum is a cynical and bald-faced move to put politics in the classroom, and is calculated to distract from Tony Abbott’s broken promises on education funding.

Education experts, not politicians, should decide what is taught in our schools. The independent Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority was set up with bi-partisan support because independent experts, not politicians, should set the curriculum.

The current national curriculum has been independently developed over five years, through consultation and trials, and it has been agreed to by the states and territories – Liberal and Labor. In contrast, the Government has appointed just two people to review the entire curriculum and its implementation by the middle of this year.

The Government has already cut $1.5 billion from the education budget, cancelled all future Trades Training Centres in schools, and promised ‘no strings’ funding deals that will allow States to slash their education budgets.

Come clean on plans for the Disability Support Pension – After recent comments caused widespread concern amongst recipients that they would have their payments cut or reduced, the minister needs to understand that his comments have left many Australians with disability and their families feeling anxious and looking for answers over the holiday period. Appearing on Sky News’ PM Agenda, Kevin Andrews again voiced vague thought bubbles about which Australians with disability might have their support cut as a result of Government changes.

Changes made during the Howard Government led to an increase in the rate at which people were granted the Disability Support Pension. Under Labor, the rate at which people were granted the Disability Support Pension dropped by more than 22% points.

NDIS for Sale under Abbott’s Commission of Cuts – The fears of people with disability, their families and carers have been realised this week, with the Coalition’s Commission of Cuts confirming they are investigating the privatisation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

The Commissioners said very clearly that they will grill the NDIS Agency this week, and a potential sell-off is on the agenda:

Labor Senator Kate Lundy: “Sorry—you are meeting with them this week. Will this issue [privatisation] be discussed?”

Business Council of Australia Chairman Tony Shepherd: “Probably now!”

[Senate Select Committee into the Abbott Government’s Commission of Audit – 15 January 2014]

Last year Joe Hockey said he was considering abolishing or scaling back the NDIA, the agency established to administer the NDIS, and handing the role over to Medibank Private as part of the Government’s cuts to services, now we know for sure: selling off the NDIS is firmly on this government’s agenda.

The Prime Minister promised before the election he wouldn’t tamper with the NDIS – but now he can’t rule out making cuts or selling it off to the highest bidder.

Liberal Senator back GP Tax – Liberal Senator Dean Smith confirmed the Coalition Government’s plans to hit families with a new tax every time they go to the doctor. In an article in Wednesday’s Australian Financial Review, Sen Smith said that:

“Australia is well overdue a debate on the merits of a medical co-payment... and the lack of scrutiny given to sacred calves such as the Australian National Preventative Health Agency.” [Senator Dean Smith – AFR – 15 Jan 2014]

The introduction of this tax will place additional pressure on an already struggling public hospital system and families across the nation. This will be another broken promise from this government, and another kick in the guts for struggling families. The Prime Minister and Health Minister can no longer hide behind their Commission of Cuts. They must come clean on their plans to slug families with this new GP tax.

Confirmation to axe ANPHA – Sen Smith’s comments confirm that the Coalition is looking into axing the Australian National Preventative Health Agency (ANPHA).

The ANPHA was established in 2011 to drive preventative health policy and programs, particularly in areas such as tobacco use, obesity and alcohol use. It plays a critical role in preventing chronic disease and promoting healthy choices – important measures that save the taxpayer in the long term.
The Abbott Government’s attack on public health experts has already claimed the Alcohol and Other Drugs Council, which was axed in November last year after decades of policy and advocacy experience regarding alcohol and drug issues. Any plans to abolish the ANPHA would have significant consequences, particularly as the agency oversees and implements the National Binge Drinking Strategy.

Broken promise on Border Protection – Another election promise of the Abbott Government has been broken by shutting down any regular briefings on its secretive border protection policy. Before the election, Prime Minister Tony Abbott promised full transparency with Australians on his border protection policy, which included plans to buy-back boats, tow-back boats and offer bounties.

QUESTION: “Will you commit to putting out an alert when every boat comes through?”
TONY ABBOTT: “Well, I absolutely accept that you need to know how we’re going. You absolutely need to know how we are going, and if we have a good week, a bad week, an in-between week, you will know all about it.”

AND
TONY ABBOTT: “The last thing we want to do is hide anything from the Australian people.”

On Tuesday night, Scott Morrison said his weekly Friday briefings have been cancelled and will only be held on an ‘as needs basis’- Scott Morrison is breaking Tony Abbott’s promise to Australians to be open and accountable on border protection.

In fact, Scott Morrison is breaking his own Operation Sovereign Borders protocols by cancelling the regular briefing:

SCOTT MORRISON: “The communications protocols established for Operation Sovereign Borders provide for a once-weekly report to be provided by the commander of the JDF at that briefing which updates details of arrivals and transfers to offshore processing centres. That is the practice we will follow because that is the practice that ensures the integrity of the operation.”

Labor’s Regional Resettlement Arrangement with PNG is stopping the boats, not these ridiculous policies.

Australian economy sheds 22,600 in December – Labour Force figures released on Thu 16 Jan by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) reveal the startling loss of 22,600 jobs across the economy in Dec.

The ABS data shows 31,600 full-time jobs were lost last month, with just 9000 part-time jobs added to the economy. The Opposition said that while the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained steady at 5.8%, the massive loss of full-time work was a wake-up call for Tony Abbott. The participation rate fell to 64.6% in December – the last time it was that low was under the Howard Government in 2006.

Big Business looking after their own tax is the fox in charge of the henhouse – The Australian Taxation Office’s plans to allow corporate auditors, paid by large companies, to conduct assurance reviews on the ATO’s behalf is concerning, putting big business in charge of their own affairs creates a conflict of interest. It appears the ATO is being forced down this path by the Abbott Government cutting public service jobs.

Why should families have their tax audited by the ATO but big business are given the option of using their own accountants to sign off on their tax bills. This is likely to result in less tax revenue being collected, that means Australian families will need to pay more to make up the difference.

Secrecy and backscratching are becoming hallmarks of this Government. This follows the Assistant Treasurer’s comments that the Government may not go ahead with Labor’s reform to publish the amount of tax paid by Australia’s biggest 200 public companies.

Australians appreciate that Tax Office staff assess individual and company tax compliance with no personal or special interest in the outcome. The ATO is valued for its independence and should be properly resourced.

In December the ATO met with major private accounting firms and law firms to develop the pilot, in a sign that it’s keen to get the scheme going as soon as possible, urge the Government should exercise caution and to weigh up the public interest.
Not serious about tackling Alcohol Abuse in Indigenous Communities - Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion should not use empty talk about an inquiry into alcohol fuelled violence as a smokescreen for inaction on the implementation of alcohol management plans in Indigenous communities, says Acting Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Claire Moore.

If the Government is serious about tackling alcohol issues in Indigenous communities, the first thing to be done is sign off on the alcohol management plans currently on the Minister’s desk, not just talk about inquiries.

Minister Scullion revealed that more than 20 Alcohol Management Plans were in development during Senate Estimates in November 2013, with some of the plans ready to be signed off or considered by the Minister.

Senator Moore said Minister Scullion should come clean about where the Alcohol Management Plans are up to.

“It is time for Minister Scullion to step up and prove that he is as serious as the previous Labor Government was about tackling alcohol issues in Indigenous communities. Indigenous communities will pay the price for delays in implementing alcohol management plans,” Senator Moore said.

The previous Labor Government invested $20 million through the Breaking the Cycle of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Indigenous Communities initiative to tackle alcohol and substance abuse in targeted Indigenous communities.

VET sector deserves Government’s Urgent Attention - The Opposition called on the Government to start giving priority to the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector as issues in the sector arise.

An article in The Australian on Wednesday identified a range of reports on the VET sector, in particular a report from the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) into Marketing and advertising practices of Australia’s registered training organisations.

The ASQA report identified that almost half of Australian colleges surveyed were in breach of deceptive marking practices, collecting fees in advance in excess of permitted levels and enrolling students into superseded or obsolete courses.

VET is a critical area of education and directly linked to participation and productivity. It is imperative that the Abbott Government give it the priority and attention it deserves to ensure that we provide skilled workers for the future.

In Government, Labor made a record $19 billion investment in skills and training for smarter jobs and a stronger nation. The VET sector plays a vital role in shaping our economy and to help Australians secure a job and earn a decent income.

‘Lady Tradies’ - The Project, on Channel 10, aired a program on Thu 16 Jan 2014, ‘Lady Tradies’. The automotive industry is currently suffering critical trade skill shortages nationally with 34,000 positions that need to be filled.* Main areas of trade skill shortages include: Mechanics 19,000, Panel beaters 4,000, Spray painters 2,600, and Auto electrician 850, [*Source – Auto Skills Australia].

To address this critical skill shortage, it is imperative the industry attracts more females. Currently females only make up around 4-5% of trade apprenticeships in areas such as mechanics, panel beaters, spray painters and auto electricians.

Auto Skills Australia (ASA) says, “Through our MAAP My Future – Girls in Auto initiative, Auto Skills Australia will be encouraging more women to enter into the industry to help fill these skills shortages. In March we will be launching a call to action to women and girls in the auto industry.”

The initiative will ask those women already in the industry to stand up proud in a social media campaign, to coincide with international women’s day and to prompt women to register their interest in becoming employed in our industry as tradeswomen.

This is a positive story, aiming to inspire more women to enter not only the automotive industry, but all trade areas that are not traditional seen as career paths for women. The Project featured the MAAP My Future website and logo link on their website for viewer reference. For other information on auto careers visit maapmyfuture.com.au.

A direct link to the Lady Tradies video can be found here: a direct link to the Lady Tradies story can be found here.
Elderly Parent Carer Innovation Trial: The second round of funding for the elderly parent carer innovation trial has commenced. Organisations may now apply for capital grants.

The trial is about developing innovative strategies that will provide sustainable living options for adults with disability when they can no longer be cared for by their elderly parents.

Capital grants of up to $1m and small grants of up to $50k are available for residential construction, modification or acquisition projects. More than $10m is on offer in this round of funding.

The capital projects must be for adults with disability aged 30 and over, who are cared for by parents aged 65 and over, or Indigenous parents aged 50 and over. Families can ask disability service providers to apply on their behalf.

Details of the five successful applications from the first funding round can be found on the Disability Services website. More information about the trial and how to apply can also be found on the website.

Interested organisations should note the application deadline of 4pm on 6 February 2014.

Contact: Shelley Birrell, Regional Sector Development Officer, Ph 07 3828 9400, shelley.birrell@nds.org.au

BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL GRANTS – ALL applications for these GRANTS have Closed.

AUSINDUSTRY sends regular email bulletins about advice and assistance for business. Add yourself to their email list by clicking here.

SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS:

Applications are now being accepted for Clothing and Footwear (TCF) Small Business Program (SBP). Closing date for applications is 5.00pm 28 Feb 2014.

The Textile, Clothing and Footwear (TCF) Small Business Program provides grants of up to $50,000 for projects to improve the business enterprise culture of established TCF small businesses that have not received grants or qualify for assistance from other TCF programs. The TCF small businesses must manufacture an eligible TCF product in Australia, or design an eligible TCF product for manufacture in Australia; have fewer than 20 employees; min turnover of $100,000; and min cash contribution to the project of 25% of eligible expenditure.

If successful, projects can run for up to 12 months duration from 1 July. If you would like to attend one of the free Application Workshops for Round 9 please register online. More info HERE.

The Community Broadcasting Foundation is an independent non-profit funding agency that seeks, secures, distributes and administers funding to support the development, creativity and sustainability of community broadcasting in Australia. It has regular grant programs and provides important information.

Subscribe to their updates here.

Ethnic Program Grants closed 13 Jan 2014

TV Content closes 28 February 2014. TV Content Production Grants. More

Indigenous Program Grants closes 17 March 2014


Transmission Support Grants closes on 21 March 2014


Online resources grants are open anytime, Read More
PETITIONS & CAMPAIGNS

**ABC: Save Phryne Petition:** The ABC says it isn’t commissioning a 3rd series of *Miss Fisher’s Murder Mysteries* but we’re still determined to change its mind.

If you haven’t signed, please do so PDQ ASAP - and share it around with your friends, colleagues and family: [http://www.sistersincrime.org.au/content/sign-here-save-phyrne](http://www.sistersincrime.org.au/content/sign-here-save-phyrne).

You can contact the ABC to support a Series 3 at [http://www.abc.net.au/contact/contactabc.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/contact/contactabc.htm).

Post your request for a Series 3 directly the ABCTV facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ABCTV](http://www.facebook.com/ABCTV) or to their Twitter and Instagram handle @ABCTV tagging #MissFisherSeries3.

Make sure you use the hashtag #MissFisherSeries3 across Facebook, Twitter & Instagram to spread the campaign across social media platforms.

[Will you share this video on Facebook highlighting the Abbott Government’s promise?](#) If you’re not on Facebook, email it to five friends instead.

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**The School of St Jude**

FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

“Hi Everyone

I’m really excited to share [this video](#) with you. It shows the new 150 students getting their very own St Jude’s uniform. It is also the day that their families know for sure that their child has a place at St Jude’s where they will receive a completely free, high-quality education.

**WARNING! Seeing the hope in the eyes of the parents does pull at the heart strings.**

We are so grateful we now have over 80 new sponsors for these students, but we still need another 70.

Please if you, or anyone you know, are thinking of sponsoring a student please contact me, or [visit our website](#). You will start a ripple effect and change the life of a child, their family and their community.

Thank you for your support in fighting poverty through education.

With thanks Gemma”

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“Friend, Have you heard what’s happened?”

As a teacher for nearly three decades, it’s absolutely ridiculous to find out that the Coalition Government announced that they “cannot go ahead with the Gonski funding arrangements”.

The Better Schools reform was set to deliver more resources for our kids and provide greater support for students who needed it most. It’s about making sure that none of my students are left behind no matter what their circumstances are. Now all of that is under threat.

**Can you sign this petition and tell Tony Abbott you want better schools?**

What makes it worse is that not only are they just cutting funding for our kids, but Tony Abbott and the Coalition lied about it. During the election, they declared they were on a “unity ticket” with Labor’s plan for Better Schools, now it just seems they want students and schools to get by with even less.

The NSW Government has already stood up to say that they will fight any changes, but we need to send Tony Abbott a clear message: ‘we want our Better Schools’.

This is too important to stay quiet on. We have to speak up to have the better schools we were promised.

PS Make sure you get the word out and [share this petition on Facebook](#). If you don’t have Facebook then forward this email onto a friend. The more people who sign, the more effective we can be.
ABC under attack – 155,000 (now 193,000) Australians signing on. Will you join them in protecting our national broadcaster from funding cuts, ads and commercialisation?

Help GetUp members reach 200,000 signatures, sign the petition to save our ABC.

Let’s sign and share this petition, and create a huge, instant response to stand up for our ABC: [Petition].

Here’s why we need to oppose this now: they’ve pulled this move before. This is the Coalition throwing out a test balloon, so they can see how the public responds to their long-held desire to slash the ABC.

We like our ABC free of ads, free for all, free to remain fair and balanced. Will you make sure Tony Abbott knows to keep it that way? [Sign the petition]

In 2006, when John Howard tried to further slash funding to the ABC, GetUp members came out in force, holding grassroots demonstrations around the country, and forced a back down. Earlier this year, members chipped in to run a national ad ensuring that the Victorian state Liberals backed down from threats to privatise the ABC.

Syrian Women readied for high-level UN meeting - The WILPF International Secretariat in Geneva is in a flurry of activity: the women from Syria have arrived!

Sharing posting below from WILPF International's Facebook page ...... please share with Branches/members & also encourage your friends to also sign. Syrian women must be at the peace table.

The Geneva II peace talks are just a week away. Show your support to include Syrian women in the peace negotiations by signing our petition: [http://www.wilpfinternational.org/geneva-ii-petition/]. Sign it, share it, email it, like it and tell everyone about it!

Sign the petition and lobby your government. Tell Brahimi and other high level UN officials that peace negotiations without women will not succeed!

On Thursday they crossed the street to the UN and spoke before Lakhdar Brahimi, the Joint Special Representative of the United Nations and the League of Arab States, Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women, as well as Ms. Navanethem Pillay, the High Commissioner for Human Rights at a high level UN side event organised by WILPF and Human Rights Watch and sponsored by France, UK, Canada, Norway and the Netherlands. These women will be lobbied for the right of Syrian women to be heard in the upcoming Geneva II peace negotiations this month.

This meeting represents a crucial juncture in whether Brahimi and Member States will concede and decide to finally uphold their legal and moral obligation to satisfy and reaffirm UN Security Council resolutions 1325 and 2122, which state the importance of real inclusion of women in the peace process.

These women risk harsh repercussions by the State, including being ostracized and persecuted, to say what shouldn’t need to be said: women must be included in the Geneva II peace talks.

Women have a right to be included in the talks that will help determine both the fate of their country and the resolution of the longstanding Syrian conflict.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE: If you would like to support these women and their right to speak, join the campaign Women Lead to Peace and sign the petition to include Syrian women at the table. This campaign is led by a coalition of women’s organisations including WILPF that are working to ensure that Syrian women play a vital role at the Geneva II peace talks as a third formal party to the current two parties led by the opposition and Syrian government.

To read more about the semi-private UN side event tomorrow, check out the official announcement by the Permanent Mission of France to the UN in Geneva. As this event unfolds, we will keep you updated via articles on our website and announcements on social media, so stay tuned!
WHAT'S ON

Keep Griffith Labor
Campaign Launch

with Labor Leader
Bill Shorten

When: 6pm, Wednesday, 22 January 2014
Where: Morningside AFL Club
Oak St, Hawthorne QLD 4171
RSVP: Tuesday 21 January
TeamTerributler@gmail.com

Griffith by-election
8 February 2014
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Authorised J Trad, 90 Vulture St, West End 54101
For the second year Claire has decided that she so loves jumping out of aircraft that she is doing it again! She would like to invite both supporters and other sky-jumping enthusiasts to join her in her plummet to earth!!!!

Claire will leave terra firma, exit the plane and jump on Saturday 15 March 2014 on the Sunshine Coast.

So we need supporters to come along on the day, gasp in horror and terror, donate vast sums for the hunt for a Cure for Diabetes - http://jdrf.org.au/clairemoore AND join the Senator on her jump into the wild blue yonder.

More than 20 seconds of exhilaration! Wind in the hair, speed, the earth getting bigger and bigger, the ants on the ground becoming people and cars. Join Us!

The Jump to Cure Diabetes is a tandem skydive, the fastest non-motorised sport in the world and a great way to raise funds for type 1 diabetes research.

Imagine the feeling when you and your instructor step out of the plane’s door up to 14,000 feet above the ground ... and freefall for at least 20 seconds at 240km per hour ... before pulling the parachute cord ... and floating to the ground with incredible views over the local area. Have a look at Oli’s experience - Oli did the Jump to Cure Diabetes and was even able to steer the parachute while enjoying the amazing views.

Take the ultimate challenge for yourself and experience the thrill of jumping out of a plane while you support type 1 diabetes research, register for a Jump in your area today:

- QLD - Sunshine Coast - Saturday 15 March 2014
Numbers are limited for each Jump, so register today so you don’t miss out!

The JDRF Team www.jdrf.org.au/jump 1300 363 126
PARLIAMENT resumes on 11 Feb 2014

You can be involved in the work of a committee by lodging a submission to current Inquiries. Claire has been involved in many Senate committees, and encourages everyone to find out more info on the role of committees and to have a look at the Committees Home Page.

- Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013 [Provisions]
  12 Dec 2013 Senate Standing Committees on Economics References Committee
- Affordable Housing

Want to know how to get the Federal Government to consider your petition? Find out about petitioning the Senate here, or petitioning the House of Representatives, here.

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