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THIS WEEK:

The Turnbull government finally issued its response to Royal Commission Report into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. While we have a number of reservations about that response and its legislative impact the Labor Party will be supporting the enabling legislation when it comes before the Parliament next week.

It has been such a long and traumatic journey for the victims and the community expectation is that a redress scheme be put in place immediately so the healing can begin. As Jenny Macklin notes in this [Update](#); "we have only gotten to this point because of the extraordinary courage and determination of survivors and their advocates."

However, in my view, there is still much unfinished business when it comes to the institutional abuse of children. There are many other victims as yet unrecognised; all those children, who while they may not have suffered sexual abuse, were horribly abused physically and emotionally. They still wait for their pain to be recognised and justice to be delivered

I have just returned from a visit to the North Pacific along with Penny Wong, Julie Bishop and Concetta Fierravanti-Wells. This bi-partisan, cross-party trip examined key issues for the people of this region. It was an invaluable voyage, acquiring knowledge and building relationships. Everywhere we went we were met with great hospitality and warmth.

My office has received lots of contact from people who, upon noticing the media coverage of this visit, remarked how great it was to see parliamentarians from both sides of the political divide working together for the greater good. I couldn't agree more.

You may notice the photo on the opposite page of the graduation ceremony for 59 PNG Community Rangers. This is a great success story and much credit must go to the Reef & Rainforest Research Centre in Cairns for running this program. It was a fabulous event and the graduating rangers were so proud of their achievement – that's me in red on the far right!

Many of you will know that for many years I have taken an interest in birthing and children and I would like to draw your attention to a new project by the Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland and the Australian Breastfeeding Association. They have just officially launched their new information resource in support of breastfeeding parents to assist them in understanding and communicating their breastfeeding rights. [All the details are in this Update on Page 15](#)

Finally, and I don't understand how this happens, but I have been besieged with emails asking me to sign President Donald Trump's birthday card! How do you find yourself on the mailing lists of people and groups you have absolutely nothing in common with? I can assure you I haven't signed and have simply pressed. 'Delete'!



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Senator Claire was there when 59 Community Rangers including 22 women, graduated in the South Fly district of PNG's Western Province this week. The project managed by the Cairns based Reef & Rainforest Research Centre. The aim is to build resilience in 13 South Fly coastal villages in food security, construction, sanitation, first aid and leadership. The ceremony was held on Daru Island.

WHAT'S BEING SAID ...

REDRESS - O'NEILL- ABC 774 - MELBOURNE

"The idea of having a national apology I think is a really good one. There's a few other things that the Government announced today. One of those is an Office of Child Safety and I'm also pleased to see that. When I talk to victims who are affected by this problem, they all come back to the same thing – and that is that they actually want to prevent this from happening to any other children and I think this office is going to do that."

REDRESS - MACKLIN – ABC 'AM'

"It is nevertheless very disappointing that the Commonwealth and the states have not agreed to the Royal Commission's recommendation that the cap on the redress payments be \$200,000, but that said, as you point out, the \$150,000 cap is certainly better than no redress scheme at all". " People today are really looking to both levels of government, but also institutions – all institutions – that have been responsible for the abuse of children to do the right thing. Yes to pay compensation or redress but also to change their practices to change their culture to make sure that in the future children are safe – that is absolutely imperative."

REDRESS – SHORTEN - PERTH

"I would like Mr Turnbull to offer Julia Gillard perhaps a role in this very important day. Prime Minister Julia Gillard did start this and leave aside all the debates about everything else, I think that was a significant contribution. So this would not be a day for politics. This would be a day for national healing. This would be a day where we tell the thousands of survivors and the families of those who didn't survive, that we're all sorry."

CONFESSIONAL SANCTITY- SHORTEN - PERTH

"I respect religious freedom but at the end of the day, we live in a modern democratic country where no institution is above the laws of the land. My opinion is that mandatory reporting is the law, it should be followed by all."

STOLEN KIDS-SHORTEN-PERTH

"My commitment is that children should be safe in all communities regardless of their skin colour. What I said very specifically is that in our first 100 days if we form a government, we'd like to have a summit. And I said on Friday, in Katherine in northern Australia, that I'd like to bring the frontline workers; the child protection workers, the ambos, the police, the communities, the experts together to see how we can do better. See, the problem is that in the last 10 years, 9,000 kids 10 years ago were being taken out of Aboriginal communities, away from family, connection and country. Now it's up to 17,000. What the conservative commentators are doing is an absurd misinterpretation. It is the exact opposite of what I'm saying. We need to keep our children safe, something is absolutely going wrong and I will be relentless in finding the best answer to keep kids safe."

STOLEN KIDS – MCCARTHY- ABC RN BREAKFAST

"Absolutely, we have 18,000 children who are being removed across the country. There is seriously something wrong here. And no, Bill Shorten was not reflecting that people shouldn't have children removed if they are in an unsafe environment. We all know that any child, regardless of their colour, their race, if they are in an unsafe situation, yes of course care must be given immediately. There is a deeper issue again here Hamish, you only have to talk to the Grand Mothers Against Removal and other families who are deeply concerned that they don't have the support to continue looking after their children and we must address those issues."



INDIGENOUS TREATY- MCCARTHY- ABC RN BREAKFAST

"It is important to look at treaties elsewhere with the Commonwealth and obviously, New Zealand is one that is very close to us and we can certainly observe and learn from what happened there. We are also mindful that they do have the one language and that the ability to have a language and that ability to have a treaty was perhaps certainly far greater because of that. Whereas here in Australia we are enriched by the fact that we have hundreds and hundreds of languages, clan groups and nations and there in itself lies a challenge for our country. Do we have the courage to be brave and respectful to really sit down and have that dialogue?"

REFUGEES - SHORTEN- ADELAIDE

"I want to say loudly and clearly to the people smugglers who watch the Australian news, don't you believe what Mr. Dutton says. If Labor gets elected, we're not going to let you start your vile trade again. But what I also say is that I don't want to use these people on Manus and Nauru as political footballs. We will concentrate and put the resources in to resettle these people regionally and that's what we're going to do."

MIGRANT ENGLISH - CHAMPION – SKY NEWS AM AGENDA

"I engage with communities in my electorate every week and they're people that are permanent residents often, not citizens and they're begging for help with English language training. If the minister wants to help these communities and help society and help people fit in or integrate, then surely you need to look into the amount of English language training they are getting."

SINGAPORE SUMMIT- WONG- SKY NEWS

"It is historic; we haven't seen this before obviously – a US President sitting down with the leader of the North Korean regime. The extent to which history will regard it as a success will depend on what steps are taken towards the complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearisation of the peninsula, and in particular, of North Korea's nuclear capability."

SINGAPORE SUMMIT - MARLES-ABC NEWS RADIO

"It's perhaps worth remembering that there was an agreement in similar terms signed between the US and North Korea back in the early '90s. We need to make sure that this one is made good on."



FOREIGN INFLUENCE TRANSPARENCY REGISTER- WONG- SKY NEWS

"Whatever government we're talking about, whatever foreign principal, we ought to ensure our sovereignty is safeguarded. I made that point last year. That is above politics. We have had concerns, as have media organisations and charities and a range of civil society organisations about the drafting of this legislation. The government sought to remedy some of that and we will see, obviously, as the committee considers those amendments, whether or not they have sufficiently done that."

THE BANKS- LEIGH- ABC FAR NORTH RADIO

"We held another [Labor Banking Forums] the night before last in Rockhampton and it's just a really important way of making sure that we have the steps in place to deal with what will fall out from the Royal Commission. Bill Shorten has written to Malcolm Turnbull calling for a national compensation scheme to be set up, funded by the banks. Of course, Cathy and I have been arguing strongly in parliament that this is possibly the worst ever time for Malcolm Turnbull to be saying that the big banks should get a \$17 billion tax cut."

TURNBULL HYPOCRISY -LEIGH-TOWNSVILLE

"Malcolm Turnbull talks about multinational tax avoidance but he has slashed over 4000 jobs from the tax office. That means that the tax office has less ability to go after multinational tax dodging. Here in Townsville, a place that has major issues with unpaid superannuation, we've seen lots of job losses at the Australian Tax Office, the building just next to us here. At the Australian Tax Office in Townsville we've seen over a hundred jobs lost, including people who are working to reclaim lost super. So while Malcolm Turnbull talks about lost superannuation, his actions are doing exactly the opposite."

TURNBULL HYPOCRISY - O'TOOLE-TOWNSVILLE

"Townsville has the highest unpaid or underpaid superannuation in the state. It's at \$53.1 million and it's over 22 and a half thousand people. This is completely unacceptable for this community and to take away the jobs that would be focused on ensuring that that does not happen is simply unconscionable"

BANK BRANCH CLOSURES- O'TOOLE- ABC RADIO NORTH QLD.

"These are economic decisions that the banks make but I think we need to be more thoughtful about the structure of our communities and some sort of corporate responsibility that these large corporations have. If you can expect to get a \$17 billion tax cut, surely you can be expected to provide services to people in communities. Particularly in Queensland, and when you look at Townsville being the largest city in Northern Australia, surely we have a role to play in the development of Northern Australia and having those services available for our community members is absolutely essential."

NAIF - CLARE- ABC RADIO FNQ

"NAIF was announced three years ago and we were told then that this was going to fund infrastructure projects across the north and get people jobs. Well three years later they still haven't funded one project in North Queensland. That's why I've described this as the most constipated organisation the Government has ever set up.

THE DROUGHT - FITZGIBBON-SKY NEWS

"The drought is very bad, indeed it couldn't be worse. It is now protracted in many regions six years long and the forecast for the winter ahead is not good, so no climatic relief anytime soon.

BARNABY-MALCOLM LOVE AFFAIR- FITZGIBBON-SKY NEWS

"The really interesting thing is that Malcolm Turnbull over the last four and half years has endorsed everything that Barnaby Joyce has done in drought policy including the establishment of this ridiculous Regional Investment Corporation in Orange which is just a pork barrelling exercise. Malcolm Turnbull and Barnaby Joyce in the past have said that's the solution to drought. Malcolm has backed Barnaby on



silly ideas like unnecessary damming of water and other inefficient uses of our water resources."

CENTRELINK - SINGH - ABC RADIO HOBART

"I think Centrelink's at a point of almost being broken, and that's come at a point where there have been so many job cuts, there has been so much outsourcing of jobs to SERCO and call centres and the like, that it's simply ridiculous beyond belief that people have to wait an hour and a half, an hour, even longer, pensioners, to actually speak to somebody to sort out their issues."

UNI FUNDING CUTS- PLIBERSEK - ABC NEWS 24

"This university by university breakdown shows that the \$2.2 billion of cuts are a problem right across the university sector but that regional universities will be particularly hard hit. That's a real problem in regional communities because universities are real drivers of economic growth including by providing employment opportunities but also because one of the big gaps in Australia is the difference between people in regional areas who have a university qualification and those in the city areas."

LATEST EMPLOYMENT FIGURES- O'CONNOR - BRISBANE

"I firstly welcome the slight decrease in the unemployment rate, and indeed a slight increase in employment numbers. But I think it's important to add that we've seen a fall in the last month of 20,000 full time jobs, and we've seen an increase in 32,000 part time jobs. That's telling us the story of underemployment. Underemployment has risen, and indeed the underemployment rate has increased now to 8.5 per cent. Underutilisation is 13.9 per cent. We have too many workers not being able to find sufficient work - that's the story."

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Australia's promise to our young people has been that their education is the 'golden ticket' to a full-time job. Over the past decade however, that promise to the next generation has been broken." - Jan Owen, CEO, The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA)

GLIMPSES

GREEN TURNS TO BROWN

Total emissions in Australia are now set to increase for the fourth year running. The Australia Institute has argued that the government's plan for 26-28% cuts on 2005 levels by 2030 are "grossly inadequate", given the country's high per capita emissions. They have instead suggested a 45-63% target.

The Coalition has refused calls to increase the federal target, and is also facing scrutiny over its \$500,000/pa scientific committee on wind turbine health impacts. The committee had one single face-to-face meeting over a two-year period, had work repeatedly rejected by research journals, and offered not a one piece of official advice.

WE'LL CHANGE – NO YOU HAVEN'T!

"The Australian Securities and Investments Commission has lashed the banks for their take-no-prisoners approach to negotiations, and failing to live up to lofty advertising promises, in a submission to the Hayne royal commission. The corporate regulator said the behaviour was at odds with core values commonly articulated by the banks such as being customer focused or acting with integrity. ASIC said these values were not always reflected in the conduct of the banks and were little more than sloganeering." – *Australian Financial Review*

LABOR HAS BEEN SAYING THIS FOR YEARS

Australians don't have an appetite for the kind of productivity-boosting tax reform that would drive innovation and furnish businesses with the skilled labour they're demanding as technological disruption gathers pace, said Reserve Bank of Australia governor Philip Lowe. While the Coalition's personal income tax cuts are a "first step" in the right direction, Dr Lowe said they were "incremental" and fell short of the kind of "first-order tax reform that will make a fundamental difference" to productivity growth.

Dr Lowe noted the nation's soft labour productivity performance over the past two years and linked the lack of pay hikes to a deepening shortage of skilled workers available for hire. Dr Lowe suggested one explanation for why firms are finding it harder to find workers with the right skills is that the focus on cost cuts over recent years has eroded work-related training.

JOBLESS YOUNG

60% of us have post-secondary learning, but only half of people aged 25 can actually score a full-time job. According to a [2017 report](#) by Skilling Australia Foundation, 78% percent of VET graduates are employed in full-time work after graduation, opposed to 69% of uni graduates.

Instead of real purposeful jobs built on their study an increasing amount of 20 year olds are commonly working full-time hours in casual jobs, which means we don't have access to work perks like sick and annual leave. The numbers of young people needing to do this has doubled since 1992.

According to a new study by the ACTU less than half of employed Australians now hold a permanent full-time paid job with leave entitlements.

There has been significant growth in insecure work over the last five years: including part-time work, short hours, underemployment, casual jobs, sham contracting, labour hire and in the gig economy

This failure of the Government to deliver on its central promise of 'jobs and growth' was underlined in a report released by the ACTU today 'The Coalition's True Job's Legacy' (attached to this release), which also highlights that half of all jobs created by the Turnbull Government have been through work visas, according to the Department of Home Affairs in senate estimates. [For the study go to:](#)

https://www.actu.org.au/media/1033926/a4_the-coalitions-true-jobs-legacy_policy.pdf

WHERE TAX CUTS FOR THE RICH GO

A study of the consequences of company tax cuts in the United States has uncovered another not surprising winner. As is now widely accepted, the tax cuts have mostly flowed into share buybacks and higher dividends by US companies — with buybacks hitting an all-time record level. Buybacks usually push the price of shares up. A new investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission has spotted that buybacks are being immediately followed by company executives offloading some of their own stock to take advantage of rising prices. As CNN put it, "the report studied 385 buybacks in 2017 and during the first three months of 2018. Thanks to the reliable stock bounce, insiders gained a total of \$75.1 million on their stock sales, the SEC researchers calculated". Great work if you can get it!!

THE DROUGHT

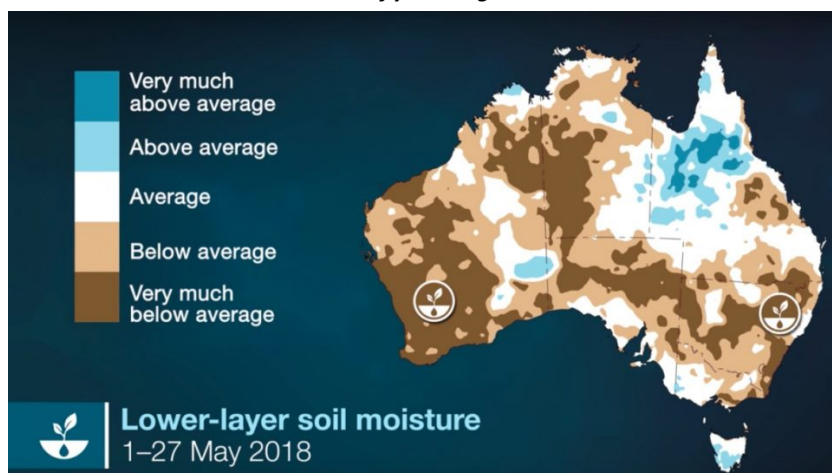
According to Blair Trewin, a senior climatologist at the bureau, the areas experiencing the most significant drought at the moment are in New South Wales, north-west Victoria and eastern South Australia.

"Many parts of central and eastern New South Wales have had well-below-average rainfall, really since April last year," Dr Trewin said.

"Since the start of this year, the dry conditions have spread to cover most inland parts of the state."

The only autumn on record drier than this one in southern Australia was in 1902, the year the Federation drought peaked, the Boer War ended, and women got the right to vote in New South Wales and federal elections.

Dr Trewin also said parts of inland Queensland were experiencing long-term rainfall deficits.



CLERICS

South Australia will become the first state to axe protections for religious leaders later this year, with the others being urged to follow. [The Advertiser \(\\$\)](#) reports that SA will legislate for priests to carry the same legal responsibility to notify authorities of abuse as social workers, teachers, medical professionals and other workers.

A paedophile priest who admitted to child abuse on more than 1500 occasions but was just told to "pray more" should be a "prime example" for the Catholic Church to allow breaking the seal of confession, advocates have told *The New Daily*.

Father Michael McArdle made an affidavit in 2004 stating he had confessed 1500 times to molesting children to 30 different priests over a 25-year period. After being forgiven 1500 times in face-to-face confessions with his fellow priests, the Queensland was told merely to "go home and pray".

"MALCOLM Turnbull yesterday spoke about the "duty" of all of us to prevent child abuse. "The safety of children must always be put in the forefront," he said. "That's the duty of parents, of family and the duty of neighbours. If you believe a child is being abused, don't turn a blind eye." Mr Turnbull should take his own advice. The last time the Prime Minister was in the Northern Territory was September. Even then, he attended only CLP functions — he was here in his role as party leader, not as prime minister. He didn't bother to turn up after Darwin was smashed by the worst cyclone to hit the city since Tracy. It took him days to even pick up the phone to call Chief Minister Michael Gunner. But it is his failure to act after the rape of a little girl in Tennant Creek which is most reprehensible. It's the NT Government's responsibility, according to the Prime Minister. He is right. The NT has to shoulder its sizeable share of the blame. But it is the Commonwealth which signs the vast majority of the NT's cheques. It needs to take an interest in where that money is going. Mr Turnbull is treating Territorians with contempt. There are few more pressing issues in Australia today than the child abuse crisis which has been festering in the NT for years. Mr Turnbull needs to be involved in its resolution. He must come to the Territory, meet with the Territorians and help us fix this mess."

GOODBYE FACTS

While the ABC faces political attacks at home, conservative politicians in the US and Europe are also going after publicly funded media. In the context of [US president Donald Trump proposing](#) to eliminate federal funding for public media, [Poynter has taken a look at](#) five European countries also facing cuts to their public broadcasting.

[Here's what Bill Shorten had to say earlier this week:](#)

"This year alone, this out-of-touch government has cut \$83.7 million in ABC funding, launched two damaging public broadcasting inquiries and has three bills before Parliament to meddle with the ABC Charter."

"At a time when too many Australians feel disengaged from their democracy and distrustful of their representatives, Labor wants to restore trust and faith in our institutions," Mr Shorten said.

"Part of restoring trust is supporting a healthy public interest media sector, and protecting that trusted institution – the ABC."

Mr Shorten says Labor will reverse the funding cuts from this year's budget, which came on top of more than \$200 million worth of cuts in previous years.

COMPASSION DEFICIT

[Jeremy Nadel](#) - Freelance journalist

A terminally ill refugee on Nauru has been refused entry to Australia where he hoped to receive palliative care, according to advocacy groups. The 63-year-old Afghan Hazara has advanced lung cancer and is currently receiving treatment in the regional processing centre.

Ian Rintoul, a spokesperson for the Refugee Action Coalition, said the organisation had been in contact with the man throughout 2018.



"For a long time, there was no diagnosis although he was kept in the International Health and Medical Services clinic [in the regional processing centre]," Mr Rintoul said.

"You have to be very sick to be kept there. But he was not sent anywhere for further treatment or further tests.

"We suspect now that if he had got proper tests months ago, that the cancer may have been discovered much earlier and he may have been able to be treated."

The individual reportedly asked to be sent to Australia to be looked after by members of the Hazara community (an ethnic group native to Hazarajat in central Afghanistan) but his request was refused.

Mr Rintoul said the Australian government was "denying the last wishes of a dying man to have some peace and comfort in his last days".

"The government is now so obsessed with maintaining the punitive integrity of offshore detention that they have lost any sense of proportion," he said.

This comes after an Amnesty International report in May accused the Australian government of winding back critical healthcare services at its offshore detention centre on Manus Island.

The human rights organisation said in a report that one remaining detainee who suffered a heart attack in February 2017 is yet to receive treatment and that refugees are being forced to phone doctors in Australia for emergency medical advice.

FASTEST SUBURBS

A new report by the Housing Industry Association examining Australia's top 20 areas for residential building and population growth in 2016-17, reveals three South East Queensland suburbs in the top 20.

Last year's top hotspot, Pimpama on Queensland's Gold Coast, came in second with annual population growth of 30.8 per cent and \$352 million of residential building approvals.

Australia's top 20 areas for residential building and population growth in 2016-17, a new report by the Housing Industry Association reveals.



"The Gold Coast has seen some of the strongest and most sustained population growth in the country for a long period of time ... Some of those areas are reaching a level of capacity and people may need to switch to nearby areas," HIA principal economist Tim Reardon said. Coomera came in at number 12, South Brisbane ranked 16th and Springfield lakes 17th. Woolloongabba and Scarborough- Newport- Moreton Island may well soon join them as the go to places in the South –East.

WHO'S HEALTHIER?

According to the World Health Organisation, a couple of years ago, China overtook the United States on the measure Healthy Life Expectancy at birth. Chinese people can expect to live healthily for 68.7 years at birth compared to 68.5 years for US people. At the top is Singapore, at 76.2 years; Australia is equal tenth with Norway on 73. Others ahead of the US include Cuba, Panama and the Maldives.

WHO'S WEALTHIER?

An international study has claimed that if women earned as much as men they would add an additional \$160 trillion in human capital world wide

OH NO – IT'S A TEA TOWEL!

The tea towel you used to dry the dishes last night is likely harbouring bacteria that could increase your risk of suffering a nasty case of food poisoning, according to a new study.

About half of tea towels used repeatedly over a month were found to be contaminated with bacteria, such as E. coli, a strain of bacteria that can cause severe food poisoning.

The research, presented at the annual American Society for Microbiology meeting at the University of Mauritius, said bacteria growth increased when a tea towel was used for multiple purposes such as drying hands and benchtops as well as the dishes.



Damp towels and multipurpose usage of kitchen towels should be discouraged. Bigger families with children and elderly members should be especially vigilant to hygiene in the kitchen."

Microbiology Professor Enzo Palombo, of Swinburne University, said Australians should wash their tea towels daily.

Staphylococcus or coliform bacteria were detected on more than one-third of the tea towels used in the study. Cathy Moir, a senior food microbiologist at CSIRO, said the same principles apply to kitchen scourers and sponges. In fact, she said these household staples were probably "more susceptible" to bacteria growth because they are more often wet.

A 2011 study conducted by the National Sanitation Foundation International found that more than 75 per cent of dish sponges contained bacteria.

IT'S NOT CRICKET

On Wednesday speculation swirled through the corridors of power the public broadcaster may be dumped in Cricket Australia's latest radio deal, which is due to be announced in coming weeks.

It followed media reports the ABC, which has broadcast international cricket since the days of Don Bradman, would be dropped in favour of commercial radio stations.

The ABC's love affair with the sound of leather hitting willow even stretches to its postal address, with the corporation's national GPO Box number taken from Bradman's batting average of 99.94.

ONE NATION'S SENATE TEAM



RIP

Very sad news this week, the death of chef, traveller and passionate raconteur, Anthony Bourdain. As a person who loves food, wine and the company of those who also love it it's a great loss and reminds us yet again of the demons that can lurk beneath. His books are a mad joy to read and in celebration of his life try his Bolognese Lasagne:

<http://www.latimes.com/food/dailydish/la-fo-co-anthony-bourdain-lasagne-recipe20180608-story.html>

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REDRESS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO ROYAL COMMISSION – Shorten/Macklin/Davis

Labor welcomes the Government's initial response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

This follows the significant announcement that all states and territories will join the National Redress Scheme, along with many religious and non-government organisations.

This is another important milestone on the path to justice for survivors, and it means we are closer to survivors getting the redress they deserve. It is also a significant step toward protecting children from the scourge of child sexual abuse into the future.

We welcome the Commonwealth Government's commitment to establish a National Office for Child Safety from 1 July this year.

This was an important recommendation of the Royal Commission designed to ensure that the abuse endured by survivors never happens again. Labor will carefully examine the details of the Commonwealth Government's response, including the 18 recommendations that they have noted but not yet committed to implement.

Today is an important day for survivors – we have only gotten to this point because of the extraordinary courage and determination of survivors and their advocates.

The Royal Commission made 409 recommendations, with 122 of those relating directly or partly to the federal government.

The Gillard Labor Government established the five-year long Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in 2013.

Labor has been campaigning for the establishment of a national redress scheme since 2015.

We are disappointed that the redress scheme will start one year later than was recommended by the Royal Commission and that the cap on redress payments is lower than recommended. We are also concerned that the proposed indexation arrangement for previous payments could leave some survivors with nothing.

There is no excuse for any relevant institution or non-government organisation not to join the national redress scheme.

We are making important progress on redress, but there's much more to do.

All governments must keep working together with urgency to deliver justice and make sure children are safe in the future.

CHILDCARE

LABOR NOT ALONE WITH CONCERNS ABOUT CHILD CARE ACTIVITY TEST - Plibersek

Labor has long held concerns over the Malcolm Turnbull's new activity test and the impact this will have on vulnerable families, and children's access to early learning.

We are not alone with our concerns. Key industry providers and policy thinkers in the early childhood sector agree:

- [Australian Childcare Alliance, Early Childhood Australia, the Early Learning and Care Council of Australia and Goodstart Early Learning:](#)
“...our organisations and the early childhood sector more broadly, have been concerned about the potential impact of the activity test that will apply to the new subsidy. The activity test will apply to both parents in two parent households and there are many families where one or both parents have a tenuous or irregular pattern of work, experience unemployment or illness or other barriers to employment. This may mean that children in families that cannot consistently meet the requirements of the activity test may be excluded altogether or have highly irregular access to early learning.” (*Joint Submission to Senate Inquiry examining the Government's legislation*)
- [Australian Community Children's Services:](#)
“Currently all children can access two full days per week (up to 24 hours) of subsidised education and care regardless of whether their family meets an activity test. The proposed changes remove this universal access to education and care and take Australia backwards in the early (and middle) childhood policy arena.”
- [The Parenthood:](#)
“This legislation imposes a significantly stricter eligibility requirement to access government subsidies to assist with the cost of early learning and care. This is the first time parents will be faced with the reality that if they fail to meet the new activity test, they get no childcare subsidy. Even more concerning is the fact that their eligibility for subsidy can suddenly be cut altogether if they fail to meet the activity test due to unforeseen circumstances in any given fortnight. This is very concerning for many families juggling the general costs of the household budget with the costs of early learning and care.”
- [Australian Council of Social Service:](#)
“Provide a minimum of two full days of subsidised early childhood education and care per week for all families, regardless of activity. Activity requirements should apply only to families seeking care for more than two days per week.”

- [Sam Page, Early Childhood Australia:](#)

"I think what a lot of families are going to be surprised by when this new package is implemented is the fact that the activity test applies to both parents, all the time. ["The children](#) we're trying to keep in the system are the vulnerable and disadvantaged children who really benefit from access to quality programs. What we'd like is for the Government to guarantee children access to at least two days a week to a quality program regardless of parental activity."



- [John Cherry, Goodstart Early Learning:](#)

"In our many discussions with the Government over the past year we believed the Minister understood the importance of the international and local evidence on this point but he has failed to act. This leaves up to 100,000 children from low-income families without the support they need...it is disappointing that modest changes which would have protected children from very low income families have been ignored."

- [Paul Mondo, Australian Childcare Alliance:](#)

"This will be devastating to over 30,000 families who currently receive some level of subsidy support in this circumstance."

- [Shane Lucas, Early Learning Association of Australia:](#)

"We certainly think there could be many thousands of families that will be worse off under this package. And we're very concerned about the notion of children being impacted because of effectively the actions or inactions of their parents. I think one of our concerns all along with the Government's approach to this issue is that it sees early learning and care as fundamentally a workforce participation issue for parents as opposed to how we see it as a great benefit for children."

- [Lin Hatfield Dodds, UnitingCare Australia:](#)

"It seems to us to be an overly bureaucratic measure that's not going to work in the best interest of children. The test actually takes the focus away from the importance of quality services for children and instead it concentrates on how they'll be qualified or disqualified from care depending on their parents' or guardians' circumstances. We would rather have an activity test focused on the needs of the child."

- [NSW Liberal Government:](#)

"May impact on national efforts to ensure universal access to quality early childhood education. Reducing the minimum hours of subsidised care for vulnerable and disadvantaged children is inconsistent with universal access commitments."

Worryingly, this is not the full list of stakeholders who have concerns about the negative impact of Malcolm Turnbull's unfair child care package on the most vulnerable families and children.

Shamefully, the Liberals would rather play politics, pitting families against each other and vilifying 'free loaders' – as if some children are more deserving of early education than others.

With less than three weeks left until the new child care regime takes effect, time is running out for the 279,000 families who will be worse off under Malcolm Turnbull's changes.



UNDEREMPLOYMENT & LOW WAGES GROWTH CONCERNS REMAIN – O'Connor

This week's labour force figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics show that underemployment remains a serious concern and employment growth is slowing. This is in addition to the stagnation of wages which has occurred under Turnbull and his Liberals.

While federal Labor welcomes the decrease in the unemployment rate to 5.4 per cent, we note that there are now 714,600 unemployed Australians, with 19,900 more people lining the unemployment queue than when the Abbott-Turnbull Government was first elected.

We also note that full time jobs decreased by 20,600 and part time jobs increased by 32,600, and there are 1.1 million Australians wanting more work but not being able to find it.

When coupled with the number of unemployed, it means there are more than 1.8 million Australians who are under-utilised in the labour force.

The quarterly data shows the labour underutilisation rate remains too high at 13.9 per cent. The underemployment rate increased to 8.5 per cent.

While Turnbull may try to boast about jobs figures, the truth is the facts are more complicated. The increase in employment over the last five years is comparable to that seen under the former Labor government between 2007 and 2013, notwithstanding that during that time Australia went through the worst global financial crisis this generation has seen. Labor achievements – such as the NDIS and significant infrastructure investments – continue to be key drivers of increased employment in the economy.

Under Malcolm Turnbull and his Liberals, Australians are suffering with insecure work, stagnant wages and skyrocketing cost of living pressures.

Just last night the governor of the Reserve Bank, Philip Lowe, spoke again of weak wages growth, commenting that "beyond these purely economic effects, the slow wages growth is diminishing our sense of shared prosperity".

Turnbull and his Liberals have failed to acknowledge these challenges, let alone come up with any policy initiatives to deal with them

Instead, they support cuts to wages through slashing penalty rates, argue against increasing the minimum wage, and focus all their energy on advocating for an \$80billion tax cut to the big end of town.

ACTU STATEMENT

“The Turnbull Government campaigned on ‘jobs and growth’, but has created a crisis of insecure employment, according to new ACTU analysis, with half of all new jobs going to temporary visa holders since 2013. The Coalition’s True Jobs Legacy report by the peak body for working people reveals:

- An explosion in the number of easily exploited temporary visa holders filling new jobs
- A crisis in insecure work
- A failure to meaningfully reduce the unemployment rate
- A collapse in wage growth.



The Turnbull Government has done nothing for working people in Australia and has in fact left them worse off, with crises in insecure work, underemployment and youth unemployment.

“The Turnbull Government has talked a lot about job creation but has done nothing to improve the job prospects or job security of working people. In fact, under their watch jobs have become more insecure and one in ten workers are on temporary work visas.

“For more secure work and better pay we need to change the rules. The Turnbull Government will be remembered as the government that denied and ignored the insecure work crisis that dominates the working lives of a majority of working people.” - **ACTU Secretary Sally McManus**

McManus

TURNBULL AND LIBERALS DORMANT ON SHAM CONTRACTING ISSUES – O’Connor

Labor is calling on the Turnbull Government to join us and take a stand against sham independent contracting, where underpayment is rampant and employment rights and conditions are being ripped away.

Yesterday, the Fair Work Ombudsman launched legal action alleging Foodora had used sham independent contracts for bike riders. This is a welcome development.

Labor, however, remains concerned that the Fair Work Ombudsman has had to step in because the government is asleep at the wheel when it comes to sham contracting and the changing nature of the labour market.

Despite multiple examples of underpayment and exploitation of workers employed as contractors, when they clearly are employees, the Government has completely failed to act.

A Shorten Labor Government will amend the law to prevent employers forcing their workers into sham contracting arrangements to avoid direct employment.

Sham independent contracting denies workers employer contributions to superannuation, sick leave, holiday pay, and all of the other entitlements while making them pay for their own workers compensation insurance.

Turnbull and his Liberals should put workers first for once and take action. They can start by tightening the test of sham contracting.

This Liberal Government has no interest in improving Australia’s workplace relations system. It hasn’t even responded to the Productivity Commission [report](#) from 2015 which recommended changes to the test of an independent contractor to discourage sham contracting.

The report states:

“It is too easy under the current test for an employer to escape prosecution for sham contracting. Recalibrating the test from one of ‘recklessness’ to ‘reasonableness’ is justified.”

While there are undoubtedly benefits to the gig economy and new forms of work organisation, if a business model can only succeed on the basis of undermining workers’ rights and avoiding workers entitlements, that is not a model Labor supports.



ENVIRONMENT

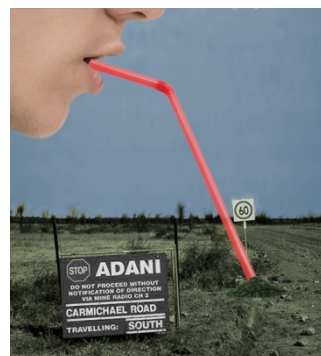
ADANI MUST NOT AVOID SCRUTINY - Burke

Federal Labor is alarmed by reports today claiming that Adani plans to dodge proper approvals to pump water in Queensland for its Carmichael mine project.

The approvals process is there for a reason and Adani must not avoid scrutiny. Malcolm Turnbull and the Minister for the Environment must ensure that environmental assessment is done thoroughly and rigorously. These parts of Queensland are already heavily affected by drought so for the Federal Government to allow the removal of more water without scrutiny is absurd. It’s the Turnbull Government’s responsibility to protect the water of already drought devastated farmers.

The water trigger applied when the water is related to the mine and when the coal mine is large.

Is Adani arguing that the use of this water is completely unrelated to the fact that they want to dig a mine or that this particular mine is not large? Or are they claiming that they are now engaged in a completely different business?



Adani cannot evade the scrutiny of the expert independent scientific committee and the Minister for the Environment should not be facilitating an opportunity for Adani to avoid scientific scrutiny on its use of water.

ENERGY POLICY

PRIME MINISTER'S ENERGY CHAOS CONTINUES – Mark Butler

The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) has today confirmed that Australians have had enough of the Turnbull Government's energy policy chaos.

In their annual retail energy competition review, the AEMC stated *"On value for money, residential consumers rated the energy sector lower than the banking, water, broadband and mobiles sectors."* Consumer trust in the sector collapsed by 11 per cent in just the last year.

Like families, businesses have also lost confidence in our energy system, with satisfaction with electricity companies falling by a massive 17 per cent in the last year.

This is a massive vote of no confidence, not only in energy companies, but in the Turnbull Government which has attempted to make fixing their energy crisis a priority in the last year. Yet the chaos and dysfunction that has characterised this effort was on display again today.

Last year, against the advice of Labor and industrial gas users, Malcolm Turnbull decided to do a handshake deal with gas exporters instead of pulling the trigger on gas export controls to ensure affordable gas for Australian users.

Today, the Chairman of the Coalition's Energy Committee, Craig Kelly, criticised the Prime Ministers failure to pull the gas export control trigger saying, *"the way they've (gas companies) been trading gas is either a complete mismanagement or a ploy to increase prices to Australian consumers."*

Meanwhile Minister Matt Canavan has again displayed his disconnect with reality, arguing against the Queensland LNP's plan to transition to a clean energy system.

The hard right of the Coalition are continuing to dictate to Malcolm Turnbull what energy policy should be, and consumers are paying the price.

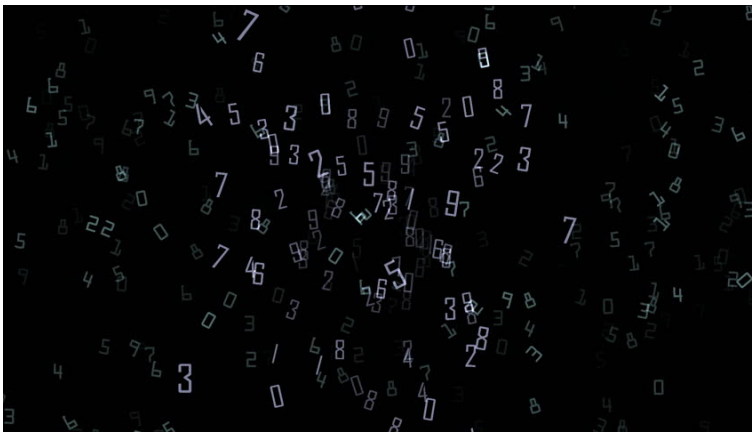
Under his proposed National Energy Guarantee there will not be one large-scale renewable energy project built for the entirety of the 2020s. Energy prices and pollution will continue to rise and confidence in the reliability of the sector will continue to plummet.

It's time Malcolm Turnbull and his unruly party got out of the way so Labor can do the work to transition our energy sector.

INNOVATION

SAY HI TO THE UNLUCKY DIGITAL 13 - Husic/O'Neill

Within just a few days of boldly declaring its ambition to become a world leader in government digital transformation, it's been revealed that yet another Turnbull government [digital project has faced a major setback](#).



The Biometric Identification Services project between NEC Australia and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission has been abruptly suspended, with staff members extraordinarily escorted off government premises. So much for [yesterday's proclamation](#) by Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Digital Transformation Michael Keenan that "by 2025 Australia will be one of the top three digital governments in world."

The project was already over-budget and overdue. And, incredibly, this failed project was until recently led by Michael Keenan himself in his previous role as Minister for Justice.

These revelations follow the Turnbull Government's decision in May to ditch its beleaguered apprenticeship management system (AAMS).

That's two projects off the rails in just a matter of weeks.

A stammer's probably creeping into the voices of those Turnbull Ministers who proclaimed the aim of world leading digital transformation.

How can Australia trust Michael Keenan or the Turnbull Government to look after the digital future of the government or of Australia?

These incidents are just further examples of the failure of the government's Digital Transformation Agency to avoid ongoing mismanagement of digital project.

Prior to this incident, we were able to point to the government's digital dirty dozen of project failures.

Now it's the unlucky digital 13:

1. The phenomenal fail of its [2016 Census](#)
2. Repeated crashes of the [ATO website](#): more than 12 over 12 months
3. Delayed revamp of the [Child Support Agency website](#)
4. Halted the start of [Online NAPLAN](#) testing
5. [Guillotined its GOV.AU redesign proposal](#), wasting nearly \$1m
6. Shut its [Digital Transformation Office](#), then renamed it
7. Waved goodbye to its [DTO CEO](#)
8. Scored small business thumbs down for [overhyped Digital Marketplace](#)

9. Witnessed the [arrest of DHS IT contractors for suspected fraud](#)
10. Notched up a record spend on [government IT](#)
11. And who can forget...[RoboDebt?](#)
12. The dumped [Apprentice IT platform \(AAMS\)](#).
13. Suspended the [ACIC biometric project](#)

For those of you interested in electric vehicles:

[TRANSPORT](#) / [ENERGY](#) ClimateWorks and the Electric Vehicle Council issued 'The state of electric vehicles in Australia'. [[Full Text](#)]

HOME AFFAIRS

SECURITY MINISTER CAN'T KEEP TRACK OF HIS OWN PENNIES - Neumann/Keogh

Consultants have received a pay day from Peter Dutton's Department of Home Affairs, receiving 97% payment for a two year contract that was cut short only half way through.

A report from the Australian National Audit Office reveals the Department ended the two year \$17.6 million project a year early because it wasn't satisfied with the performance of the firm reported to be *Accenture*.

This begs the question, if the Department were so dissatisfied, why had they paid \$17.1 million to the firm in the first year of a two year contract?

The former Department of Immigration and Border Protection used 33 consultants between May 2014 and December 2017 – yet only two were ever evaluated for efficiency.

The audit also found the Department was dissatisfied with the performance of two consultancies worth almost \$20 million yet neither of these consultancies were ever reviewed.

This confirms that the Turnbull Government's priorities are so out of touch, they are happy to throw away tax payer dollars without considering where that money might be better spent. All at a time when the Government has amassed a record debt.

If Dutton can't keep track of his pennies or keep an eye on organisations his Department's employ, how can he be trusted with unprecedented powers over Australia's domestic security agencies

MEDIA

LABOR WILL REVERSE TURNBULL'S UNFAIR CUTS TO THE ABC – Shorten/Rowland/Jones

A Shorten Labor Government will reverse Turnbull's \$83.7 million unfair cut to the ABC, as well as guarantee funding certainty over the next ABC budget cycle. This will ensure our public broadcaster can meet its Charter requirements, safeguard jobs at the ABC, adapt to the digital media environment and maintain content and services that Australians trust and rely on.



The Liberal/National Coalition have launched the biggest attack on the independence of the ABC in a generation. Since 2014, they have overseen \$282 million in cuts to the ABC that has seen 800 jobs lost and a drop in Australian content and services. This is despite the Liberals' election promise of "no cuts to the ABC".

This year alone, this out of touch government has cut \$83.7 million in ABC funding, launched two damaging public broadcasting inquiries and has three bills before Parliament to meddle with the ABC Charter.

Enough is enough. 17 million Australians consume some form of ABC content every week. In regional Australia in particular, the ABC plays a vital role in keeping regional communities connected with local news and emergency information.

From Playschool to Bananas in Pyjamas, from cricket to the Hottest 100

Countdown, to getting critical warning messages out about floods and fire – the ABC is a part of our national fabric.

That's why Labor will stand up for the ABC and fight against the conservatives ideological war against our public broadcaster. Only Labor will reverse Turnbull's \$83.7 million of cuts and guarantee funding certainty over the next ABC budget cycle.

This investment demonstrates Labor's commitment to the ABC's independence and to maintain the ABC as our comprehensive national broadcaster.

Now, more than ever, Australians need the ABC – our strong, trusted and independent public broadcaster.

At a time when too many Australians feel disengaged from their democracy and distrustful of their representatives, Labor wants to restore trust and faith in our institutions. Part of restoring trust is supporting a healthy public interest media sector, and protecting that trusted institution – the ABC.

Labor can protect our public broadcaster because unlike Malcolm Turnbull and his out of touch Liberals, we won't be giving an \$80 billion tax handout to big banks and multinationals.

COMMUNICATIONS

COALITION EMBARRASSED INTO ACTION ON MOBILE BLACK SPOTS - Jones

After resisting Labor's calls for further funding to fix mobile black spots, yesterday's backtrack and admission by the Minister for Regional Communications that more needs to be done is long overdue.

Just last month, Minister McKenzie claimed she needed to wait for the Regional Telecommunications Review Report later this year to report before knowing what to invest in.

This followed an outcry from regional stakeholders including the Rural, Regional and Remote Communications Coalition (RRRCC) expressing disappointment at the lack of funding in the Budget.

Then it was revealed in Senate Estimates that there was a \$24.6 million underspend in Rounds 2 and 3 of the Mobile Black Spots Program.

Now, following Labor's recent announcement of a \$2 million Regional Connectivity Package in Braddon, Minister McKenzie has now made a token effort in this neglected portfolio.

The only conclusion is that Minister McKenzie has been embarrassed into token action on funding mobile black spots.

THE FARM

TURNBULL STILL FAILING ON LIVE EXPORTS - Fitzgibbon

The Turnbull Government has failed to even list their Bill to increase penalties for breaches of animal welfare standards in the live export sector in next week's House of Representatives program.

The Government pulled their Export Legislation Amendment (Live-Stock) Bill 2018 in the last House of Representatives sitting week following my announcement that Labor will move amendments to the Bill which, if successful, would put an immediate stop to the Northern Hemisphere Summer live sheep trade and phase-out the balance of the trade within five years.

Following the McCarthy Review, the Government spruiked increased penalties as a key response to on-going breaches of animal welfare standards. Labor stands ready to support increased penalties but the science is clear, the northern summer trade must end.

It appears the Turnbull Government is running scared, concerned a number of Coalition MPs will support Labor's amendments.

Given Labor is four Members down pending by-election results and Rebekah Sharkie makes five, it's extraordinary the Prime Minister isn't confident about defeating our amendments and won't allow the vote to be brought on.

How much longer is Malcolm Turnbull prepared to delay the penalty increases his Government claimed were so urgent?

WILL ANOTHER JOYCE BOONDOGGLE BE AIRBRUSHED FROM HISTORY?

A little more than two weeks before it's due to open, the so-called "Barnaby Bank" looks destined for the pork barrel scrap heap.

With no CEO and no staff, the Regional Investment Corporation (RIC) looks set to fail its first test; opening for business.

A complete waste of \$28 million of taxpayers' money, the RIC is a shocking pork barrelling exercise.

To be based in Orange where the Nats lost a safe state seat for the first time in 69 years, the RIC is supposed to do work already done by the various state rural adjustment authorities.

Despite earlier claiming the RIC would play a role in assisting drought affected farmers, it was not mentioned by the Prime Minister or his Ministers during their drought tour last week

Like the forced Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority relocation to Armidale, it appears the Turnbull Government will move to RIC Plan B following Barnaby Joyce's down-fall.

The best thing the Prime Minister can do is to stop the RIC boondoggle in its tracks before any more money is wasted.



Barnaby: "OK, I need a social media strategy ... something that CANNOT backfire on me this time ..."

Advisor: "... I know just the thing ..."

SENIORS

GOVERNMENT CANNOT CONTINUE TO DELAY ACTION ON ELDER ABUSE - Collins

On World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) Labor reaffirms our commitment to the rights of older people to live with dignity, free from all forms of abuse.

Labor calls on the Turnbull Government to do more to progress its response to the Australian Law Reform Commission's (ALRC) report into elder abuse, released more than a year ago.

The Turnbull Government has had the ALRC report since June 2017 and progress on implementing the recommendations has been too slow. Ensuring that older Australians are protected and are given the opportunity to live dignified, good lives is too important to be subject to delays. The World Health Organisation has reported prevalence rates of elder abuse of up to 10 per cent of older people.

Devastatingly, elder abuse appears to continue to be primarily perpetrated by family members. As a society we must do everything we can to protect older Australians.

Labor is committed to combatting elder abuse in all its forms.

In the context of an ageing population in Australia, a failure to tackle elder abuse will have a devastating impact on the future of our country.

The mistreatment of older Australians is simply not acceptable and Labor stands ready to work with governments at all levels to stamp out elder abuse.

HEALTH

GOVERNMENT FAILS THOSE LIVING WITH EATING DISORDERS_– Collins/O'Neill

While Labor welcomes the Turnbull Government's announcement of a new trial for those on the Sunshine Coast living with an eating disorder, Labor remains concerned the Government continues to over promise and under deliver in relation to supporting all Australians with eating disorder treatments.

In May 2017, Minister Hunt recommended the Medicare Benefits Schedule Review Taskforce investigate options for Medicare coverage for the treatment needs of those living with an eating disorder. Nearly one year later, the Medicare Task Force Clinical Committee finally met for the first time to look into this.

This new trial will be conducted over 18 months with the Medicare Benefits Schedule Review Taskforce to look at the results of the trial to gauge its effectiveness. Yet, Minister Hunt has previously committed to providing more Medicare support for all Australians living with an eating disorder by the end of this year:

***"... we have to change that paradigm and provide more services and more Medicare support in order to do that, and I am confident that over the course of the next year we will achieve that outcome."* - Greg Hunt, 30 November 2017**

The Turnbull Government has failed on its commitment to deliver a plan for specific treatment for all Australians who are living with eating disorders.

Eating disorders know no boundaries and are experienced by men and women of all ages. They are a serious mental illness with severe physical health consequences that affect over one million Australian men and women.

Eating disorders have amongst the highest mortality rate of all psychiatric illnesses and have devastating effects on carers and loved ones.

Minister Hunt must match his words with real action for the more than one million Australian men and women living with an eating disorder and their loved ones.

**** Anyone needing support with eating disorders or body image issues is encouraged to contact Butterfly's National Helpline on 1800 ED HOPE (33 4673). For urgent support, call Lifeline 13 11 14 ****

MEN'S HEALTH WEEK - Gosling

This week was Men's Health Week, an annual event held each June. The theme for this year is Men and Families: Making Healthy Connections. The week will focus on activities that will celebrate the strength of men and boys, as well as inspire discussion about how they can better contribute to their health, and the health of their families and local communities.

Events across the country will outline the support services available to men of all ages and information about the health issues they'll face at the different stages of their life.

Men need to do more to educate themselves about their own wellbeing. The facts are clear:

- A boy born in Australia in 2010 has a life expectancy of 78.0 years while a baby girl born at the same time could expect to live to 82.3 years old.
- Men are ten per cent less likely to have visited a GP in the last three months
- Men are nearly three times less likely to have discussed safe sexual practices with a GP in the last twelve months
- Three out of every four suicides are men.
- One in eight men will experience depression and one in five men will experience anxiety at some stage of their lives.

Men's health can be improved by making the right lifestyle choices and through regular health checks.

It is important to have an honest conversation about men's health issues. Men's Health Week provides an opportunity to not only look at current men's health issues, but to discuss their future health needs.

More information about Men's Health Week can be found at <http://www.menshealthweek.org.au>.

CHARITIES

STOP THE WAR ON CHARITIES - Leigh

Labor will support the set of principles outlined today the Hands Off Our Charities Alliance, in order to ensure that the not for profit sector remains viable and our democracy stays intact.

This began as a debate about foreign donations but somehow, in the hands of Malcolm Turnbull, it has morphed into a war on charities and not for profits.

We've heard from multiple charities over many weeks about their concerns that the foreign donation bill will stop them from advocating for their communities and make it harder to raise money to support communities in need.

There is bipartisan support for banning foreign political donations, but banning donations to political parties should not entail cutting down free speech.

The advocacy voice of charities and not-for-profits is not only the voice of the various organisations—it is the voice of every Australian who donates, volunteers or is a member of a charity. When the voice of charities and not-for-profits are threatened, so is our democracy.

That's why Labor supports these principles laid out by respected charities including Oxfam, Save the Children, WWF and Human Rights Watch. We can stop foreign donations without hurting charities.

The Turnbull Government's war on charities has to stop and the sector has now handed them the blueprint to do so.



The Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland and the Australian Breastfeeding Association have officially

launched our new resources to support breastfeeding parents and assist them to understand and communicate their breastfeeding rights.

We welcome and encourage you to utilise these resources to provide support for your clients. [This is a link to the resources:](#)

[Breastfeeding Discrimination Fact Sheet](#)




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The Institute of Public Affairs (IPA) is pressing for the sale of the ABC to the Private Sector

The Hanson-Turnbull pact has led to five inquiries into the ABC, designed to curb its independence

The Murdoch camp continue with their relentless assault on the ABC

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Margaret Reynolds'.

Margaret Reynolds,
National President, ABC Friends

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Current Senate Inquiries

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

- [National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2018 and National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse \(Consequential Amendments\) Bill 2018](#)
- [Social Services Legislation Amendment \(Encouraging Self-sufficiency for Newly Arrived Migrants\) Bill 2018](#)

Community Affairs References Committee

- [Science of mitochondrial donation and related matters](#)
- [Accessibility and quality of mental health services in rural and remote Australia](#)
- [Effectiveness of the Aged Care Quality Assessment and accreditation framework for protecting residents from abuse and poor practices, and ensuring proper clinical and medical care standards are maintained and practised](#)

Economics Legislation Committee

- [New Treasury Laws Amendment \(2018 Superannuation Measures No. 1\) Bill 2018 \[Provisions\]](#)
- [New Treasury Laws Amendment \(Tax Integrity and Other Measures No. 2\) Bill 2018 \[Provisions\]](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(2018 Measures No. 4\) Bill 2018 \[Provisions\]](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Personal Income Tax Plan\) Bill 2018 \[Provisions\]](#)
- [Intellectual Property Laws Amendment \(Productivity Commission Response Part 1 and Other Measures\) Bill 2018 \[Provisions\]](#)
- [National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment \(Mandatory Comprehensive Credit Reporting\) Bill 2018 \[Provisions\]](#)

Economics References Committee

- [Financial and tax practices of for-profit aged care providers](#)
- [The Commitment to the Senate issued by the Business Council of Australia](#)
- [Regional Inequality in Australia](#)
- [Selection process for a national radioactive waste management facility in South Australia](#)
- [Governance and operation of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility \(NAIF\)](#)
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