



## Senator Claire Moore

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United Voice members in cleaning and property services Raj, Ernestina and Namgay telling their story

### **THIS WEEK:**

*Saw the Senate, after raucous debate, rubber stamp the tax cuts as proposed by the Turnbull Government. Anyone who had the opportunity to watch the debate will understand the outrage at the rhetoric used. Given the implications for budget management and inequality that these new tax measures have it was very disappointing that there was a lack of clear expression as to the reasons why the cross bench voted the way they did.*

*However it was really impressive to see the determination and commitment from Senator Tim Storer – the SA Senator – who was quietly and consistently putting forward the argument that the Bill – and particularly tranche 3 – did not meet the standards expected by the Australian community.*

*It's very important that we maintain our opposition to the government's tax changes and keep spreading the message to the community.*

*The case on the cost these tax changes will on the community is detailed by Shadow Treasurer Chris Bowen and others in this update.*

*This is the tax break, as my great aunt would say, "If one is spared".*

*A Shorten Labor Government will deliver permanent tax relief for the Australians who need it most – ensuring tax relief goes back into the pockets of 10 million middle income and working Australians, not Turnbull's millionaires.*

*Under the Liberals, working Australians are struggling with soaring cost of living expenses – with energy costs higher than ever, health costs higher than ever, and wage growth at record lows.*

*But Turnbull wants someone on \$200,000 to pay the same tax rate as someone on \$40,000.*

*Finally, a National Redress Scheme is up and running after Parliament passed the 'National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill'.*

*While this scheme will not address everyone who was affected it is a genuine step towards reconciliation.*

*Congratulations and thank you to all of the people who have worked so tirelessly for this outcome. We know they will continue in the fight for real justice.*

*We will be paying close attention to way in which the Department lets affected people know about what redress is available and that they also understand how they can apply.*

*Last week Eurydice Dixon was raped and killed on her way home from work in Melbourne*

*In response, a Victoria Police superintendent said: "people need to be aware of their own personal security... make sure you have situational awareness".*

*Those comments led to an immediate outcry as the remarks focused on the responsibility of women not the behaviour of the perpetrators of violence. We need to change the conversation and a campaign has started to do just that, please sign the petition [Sign the petition now: www.fairagenda.org/vicpolice](http://www.fairagenda.org/vicpolice)*

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## WHAT'S BEING SAID ...



### LOW PAID WORKERS - PLIBERSEK – SPEECH MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE -CANBERRA

"This morning I had a visit from Raj, Ernestina and Namgay cleaners from Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra, telling me how insecure contracts, split shifts, low pay are making it difficult for them to make ends meet; working in the same jobs for years without pay increases, hoping their contracts are renewed, fearing they won't be."

### TAX - BOWEN - CANBERRA

"Every Australian earning less than \$125,000 is better off under our plans, delivered earlier and better than the governments."

### TAX - CAMERON- CANBERRA

"This is the Americanisation of the Australian economy and I just think it's ridiculous. We were always the people of the "fair go" in Australia, we are not the fair go anymore after this ridiculous decision in the Senate last night."

### TAX - SWAN – SKY NEWS AM AGENDA

"Well trickle-down economics doesn't make sense. Greater inequality doesn't make sense. Because greater inequality in Australia – giving more to the people at the top, hollowing out the middle class, and creating armies of working poor – is a handbrake on growth and it poisons our society."

### TAX POLICY – BOWEN- CANBERRA

"If the Government wants to have an election, by-elections or a general election, based on competing tax plans and Budget plans, bring it on".

**"How is it fair that a surgeon on five times the income of a nurse gets a 16 times larger tax cut? Is that fair?" - Tanya Plibersek**

### TAX - SHORTEN - CANBERRA

Labor is putting forward a tax cut plan which will deliver \$1,000 a year near enough, to people who work in the aged care sector. A tax refund – so it means across the first three years of a Labor Government, for the workers we met today, they will get a tax refund of about \$3,000. Mr Turnbull by contrast, is just offering these people \$1,500 over the next three years, but he's even blocking that tax cut so he can hand other people who are doing better, bigger tax cuts in seven years' time.

### TAX - SWAN – SKY NEWS AM AGENDA

"Our proposals are all about aspiration. Aspiration for low- and middle-income earners who work hard and are the people who make our country great. The problem with this tax package is that 60 per cent of the benefit goes to the top 20 per cent of income earners. So this set of proposals, which over time will make Australia more unequal, will make Australia less fair, won't provide the reward for effort for the great bulk of people who go to work and make our country great"

### HANSON SUPPORTS LIBS - PERRETT-CANBERRA

"Last night, Senator Hanson voted herself a tax cut and ignored the people of Queensland who actually put her into office. For 22 years Senator Hanson's been on the public purse, receiving taxpayer money because of votes. And last night she completely ignored those Queenslanders." "Under Labor, under our tax plan, 1.9 million Queenslanders will be better off. Under Bill Shorten's plan, we do not forget the battlers. We saw One Nation last night showed their true Tory colours and forget Queenslanders when voting for the tax plan. It's a shame. It's a disgrace.

### HANSON- CAMERON- CANBERRA

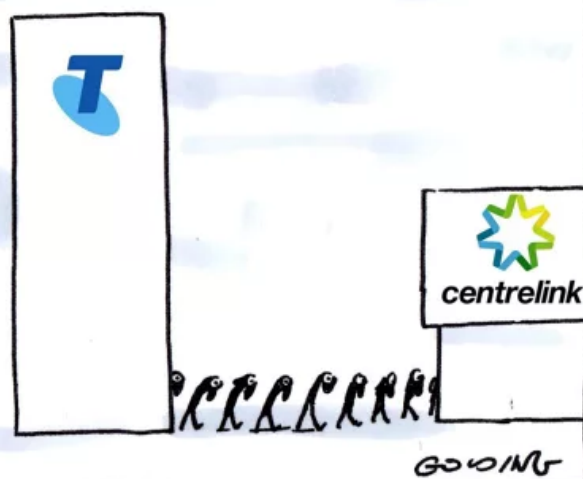
"She doesn't stand up for the battlers, she can't spell battlers, she is an absolute disgrace, she should stop pretending to be independent of the Liberal Party, she is simply an appendage of the Liberal Party and she should just admit it."

**"The electorate with the most to gain from Pauline Hanson supporting Malcolm Turnbull is Malcolm Turnbull's own electorate. The electorate of Longman is ranked 141 out of 150. So Pauline Hanson would be voting for the bankers of Point Piper over the interests of the battlers of Longman." – Jim Chalmers**

### HANSON - WATT – CANBERRA

"This calendar year, she has actually voted with Malcolm Turnbull and the Liberals 100 per cent of the time. Every time there's been a vote on a bill, Pauline Hanson has been Malcolm Turnbull's most reliable ally."

## TELSTRA OUTAGES



### HANSON - CHALMERS-CANBERRA

"I think the battlers of Queensland and the battlers of Australia will be absolutely horrified to hear that Pauline Hanson is contemplating supporting Malcolm Turnbull's tax cuts, which give 60 per cent of the benefit to the wealthiest 20 per cent of Australians.

### TELSTRA WORKERS –CHALMERS-CANBERRA

"It was very, very disappointing to hear this morning when Paul Fletcher was asked about 8,000 job losses, he said, "these things happen." It's hard to imagine a more callous response to 8,000 job losses than a minister in the Turnbull Government shrugging his shoulders and saying, "well, these things happen."

### TELSTRA JOBS -ROWLAND – SKY NEWS RICHO

"It's a very sad day, Graham, for these 8,000 individuals. These are 8,000 real people with families, with bills, and it's something like one in four management positions that will be going. So it's a significant number of people who will be losing their jobs, and a very sad day for them." "I question how that is going to fit into their ability to service their existing customers and attract new customers, because if that means frontline services are eventually going to take a hit, then certainly that doesn't bode well for its customer management."

### TURNBULL'S ASPIRATIONS - COLLINS – CANBERRA

"To say, or to imply that aged care workers in Australia do not make as valuable a contribution to our society as an investment banker is outrageous. That's what the Prime Minister told aged care workers yesterday: their contribution is not valued. We do value aged care workers on our side of politics, the community values aged care workers, the families and the carers of vulnerable older Australians value aged workers and the Prime Minister should value them too. He should come out today and he should apologise to aged care workers for what he said yesterday. It was outrageous."

#### **FOREIGN AID & THE PACIFIC - PLIBERSEK - CANBERRA**

"How crazy is it that we're now having this conversation about how we can better use our influence, including through our aid and development program in our neighbourhood, having cut \$11 billion. The Budget was just weeks ago. Did Julie Bishop argue for more funding for the aid budget so that she could restore some of the cuts in the Pacific? I didn't hear that. I didn't see any increase in the aid budget in the Pacific, so what is she talking about?"

#### **AUSTRALIA'S CHINA POLICY - WONG – SPEECH TO AUSTRALIA CHINA BUSINESS COUNCIL**

"Instances of ill-advised and unnecessarily inflammatory statements from senior members of the government, such as 'bridges to nowhere' and the former Deputy Prime Minister's 'China is a greater threat than terrorism' have been unhelpful.

"Australia is entitled to assert our national interests, just as China asserts what it sees as its interests. But it is possible for us to assert our interests and safeguard our sovereignty, without being offensive and inflammatory."

#### **AUSTRALIA'S CHINA POLICY - CLARE- EXCERPTS - SPEECH TO AUSTRALIA CHINA BUSINESS COUNCIL**

Whitlam went because he saw an opportunity – for himself and for Australia.

And it turned out he was right. China is now our biggest trading partner – all from a standing start less than 50 years ago.

One in three dollars we make from trade, we make from China. Just to put that in perspective, no other advanced economy is as heavily leveraged to China as we are. And think about this:

- We currently invest more in New Zealand than we do in China – we invest more in New Zealand than we do in China, Japan and the rest of Asia combined.



- According to the most recent ABS data about 18,000 companies currently export goods worth more than \$2000 to New Zealand – only 7,000 export the same to China
- Lots of Chinese tourists visit Australia every year – more than 1 million – but still only 8 percent of Chinese citizens have a passport.

#### **ABC - SWAN - ABC TV NEWS BREAKFAST**

"An independent, public broadcaster is an essential part of a democratic society. Because when the media is taken over by plutocrats and powerful vested interests, we don't necessarily have an independent media. That's why the ABC is the target of the radical right who now run the Liberal Party,"

#### **ABC –ROWLAND-CANBERRA**

"I think the record of the Liberals on the ABC speaks for itself. They lied about the ABC before the 2013 election and they've proven that they simply can't be trusted. And the message is now quite clear: you can have a strong and independent ABC or you can have a Liberal Government, but you can't have both. So Australians will have a very clear choice at the next election."

#### **HOUSING AFFORDABILITY - LEIGH- SPEECH TO MASTER BUILDERS NATIONAL LEADERS SUMMIT**

"As you know, Australia is facing a housing affordability crisis. We now have the lowest home ownership rate that we've had in 60 years. There are over 500,000

Australians in rental stress and almost no housing that is affordable for low-income Australians. In the early 1980s the ratio of house prices to incomes was 2:1. Now, it's over 5:1. "

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE - ALBANESE - SPEECH TO MASTER BUILDERS NATIONAL LEADERS SUMMIT**

"Budget 2018 was a triumph of spin over substance. Australia needs new infrastructure investment now, not a decade from now.

We need it in our cities to tackle traffic congestion. Infrastructure Australia warns that without action now, traffic congestion will cost the nation \$53 billion by 2031. We need to invest in our cities. We need to invest in our regions, to drive economic growth and promote decentralisation. And we need it in our rural areas, to ensure that producers can get their products to market or to our ports as quickly as possible."

**"I think that Josh Frydenberg's energy policy is in more trouble than the early settlers isn't it." - Bill Shorten**

#### **BETTER JOBS - PLIBERSEK- EXCERPTS - SPEECH MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE -CANBERRA**

"When the Leader of the Opposition asked the Prime Minister whether a 60-year-old aged care worker from Burnie should aspire to be an investment banker from Rose Bay, so that they could get a \$7,000 a year tax cut instead of ten dollars; he said that she should "aspire to get a better job".

"Get a better job" – his exact words. Everyone in this house knew what he meant:

Become an investment banker. Make more money. Accumulate more wealth. Put your money into shares, or the Cayman Islands.

Get yourself a mansion. That is what aspiration looks like to this Prime Minister."

"He's never relied on penalty rates – he doesn't even know anyone who does – so it's no skin off his nose if they get cut again.

Every Christmas he waxes lyrical about his relationship with the cleaners in this building but he is happy to see their wages cut and lose their jobs in a contract change.

He doesn't get it, he never will. This is a man with millions of dollars – and not a single cents worth of empathy.

He's got shares in everything – but he doesn't share the values of the Australian people."



*“And to all the aged care workers out there, caring for some of the most vulnerable Australians, or the cleaners like Ernestina, Namgay and Raj. That is something to be proud of. You’re doing a great job.*

***You don’t need a ‘better job’ – you deserve a better government.”** For the complete speech go to:*

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Hansard/Hansard\\_Display?bid=chamber/hansardr/bf6054c6-068b-4e2f-82c1-db8835f50141/&sid=0129](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Hansard/Hansard_Display?bid=chamber/hansardr/bf6054c6-068b-4e2f-82c1-db8835f50141/&sid=0129)



**EURYDICE DIXON – PLIBERSEK- CANBERRA**

*“There’s no question that every decent person feels disgusted by this crime, feels desperately sad for the friends and family of all of the women who have lost their lives to men’s violence, and there’s no question that every decent Australian wants this to change, to stop.”*

**EURYDICE DIXON – SHORTEN- CANBERRA**

*“It is tragic that many of us only get to know her upon her passing. But to see that she was an accomplished comedian full of life, as so many young Australian women are right now, to find out that you can’t even walk home safely on this occasion is shocking.”*

**QUOTES OF THE WEEK**

*“This week we have all been appalled by the footage of immigrant children forcibly separated from their parents by US government agencies. Throughout this same time I have been talking to a New Zealand teenager who has been taken without warning to Melbourne’s Immigration detention facility, nine hours drive from his nearest family members.” – Rebekah Holt*

*“I am a snob.” – Malcolm Turnbull*

**GLIMPSES**



**COSTUME**

*Noted in Wall Street, New York, this week a panhandler dressed as Donald Trump. Next to his tin cup a sign that read “Help Build Donald’s Wall”. Good to see a sense of humour survives in these straightened times.*

**THE CROOKED SWAMP OF THE TWO CLIVES**

*Beleaguered businessman and on-again-off-again politician Clive Palmer will be forced to hand over all phone and email records from the past two years that could assist in the hunt for his nephew and former Queensland Nickel director Clive Mensink. [The Courier Mail \(\\$\)](#) reports that Mensink’s friends, family and associates have been ordered to provide evidence as part of an investigation into the fugitive, who was the refinery’s sole director when it collapsed in January 2016 and left Australia just months later in June. Mensink, who has been spotted partying in Bulgaria, has since refused to return following Federal Court arrest warrants, but as [7.30](#) confirmed in late May was still reportedly being paid \$4000 per week by Palmer-owned industries.*



*“It was all we could do to watch it without throwing a brick at the TV.”*

*— Natalie Joyce - The estranged wife of Barnaby Joyce calls his \$150,000 joint interview with Vikki Campion “an absolute disgrace”, in an unpaid chat with [Women’s Weekly](#)*

## NOT THEIR ABC

"Liberal, Linda Reynolds, on Q&A this week began with what she must have thought was a perfectly reasonable point: "I think it's not so much about privatising the ABC but \$1.2 billion of your taxpayers' money goes into the ABC every year, and I think that it is quite a valid thing for us in parliament and, you know, for all of you to actually question, is that money being best spent?" After a bit of to-and-froing and the fact the Q&A roadshow hasn't rolled into Western Australia in more than half decade, Jones pounced on her earlier answer: "Is it a valid debate to privatise the ABC?" By now, Reynolds must have realised she was in deep water but she bravely pushed on: "Well, it's a valid question and I think it's a good thing for all of us to debate where our taxpayer money goes, and asking 'are we getting best value for money?"



*[It's an interesting but idiotic way to view the national broadcaster, quantifying the public interest in dollar terms. It's the usual privatisation theory of fiscal conservatives that has resulted in the wholesale dismantling of public infrastructure that has only led to higher prices and unprofitable markets ignored.*

*As someone who for a brief period worked for the other team in building conservative support for the NDIS I know full well the ideological fact less hatred Liberal party members have for Aunty. Note Conservative Party leader and former Liberal, Corey Bernardi's comment that the ABC was too big to privatise but that it should have its budget of \$1.2 Billion cut by \$500 million a year! In two and half years the ABC would be finished, gone to the cheers of the capitalist despots of The Australian and the bitter warriors of the right. David - Ed]*

## DOIN IT TOUGH - Eryk Bagshaw – The Age

Average workers are losing their share of the welfare pie, or 17 per cent in government benefits on top of their incomes since 2010, say new figures that are likely to bolster arguments for urgent income tax relief for middle Australia. Bureau of Statistics data released yesterday show the majority of taxpayers with average incomes have had their government benefit reduced from \$91 a week to \$76 a week since 2010, while the proportion of government benefits flowing to the poorest and wealthiest 20 per cent have remained the same. The figures come as the Turnbull government and Labor opposition sharpen their arguments ahead of the next federal election by targeting middle-income voters with competing taxation philosophies of "aspiration" and "fairness"

The data, released every six years, shows that, while the poorest 20 per cent of the population earned 3 per cent of all private income, their share of income increased to 13 per cent after public benefits such as education and healthcare.

## BISHOP BREAKS RANKS- The Newcastle Herald.

Bishop of Parramatta Vincent Long has broken ranks with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference [to join reform groups](#) and politicians calling for public release of a church report responding to the child abuse royal commission.

Keeping the four-volume, 1000-page, church-commissioned Truth Justice and Healing Council report "in-house for any period longer than necessary" is "not in the interest of the kind of church the Pope speaks about", said Bishop Long in a statement this week.

Pope Francis recently urged all Catholics "not to be afraid of being the central drivers of the transformation that is being demanded today" in the wake of the child sexual abuse tragedy.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference said it would "take some time" to consider the TJHC report it received in March, and would formally respond to the royal commission when it had "completed our dialogue with the Holy See" and received advice from an implementation advisory group appointed in May.

On Tuesday shadow social services minister Jenny Macklin said the TJHC report should be made public because "We need full transparency from the Catholic Church on this issue", more than six months after the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse released its landmark final report.

Bishop Long, who was sexually abused by clergy as an adult, told the royal commission in February, 2017 the church needed to "dismantle the old model" of Catholicism and end a "pecking order" that had lay people "right at the bottom of the pyramid".

In a statement this week he said all Catholics should be involved with the church's response to the royal commission, including "taking into account the Truth, Justice and Healing Council (TJHC) report".

<https://www.theherald.com.au/story/5478390/listen-to-the-pope-bishop-breaks-ranks-on-church-child-abuse-response/>

## NO NEG FOR NATS - Phillip Coorey (AFR)

"A revolt is brewing within the Nationals over the proposed National Energy Guarantee with at least one third of the party's MPs and Senators opposed to the policy and demanding the government instead intervene more directly in the market to lower prices. The Nationals, led by frontbencher Keith Pitt, also want Tony Abbott, who is leading a revolt among a core group of conservative Liberals, to stay out of the issue because they feel it will become conflated with the former prime minister's leadership tensions with Malcolm Turnbull. "Abbott being involved is killing the debate because it's always seen through the prism of the leadership," said one of the Nationals."



SMART ENERGY  
COUNCIL

## KILLER NEG

The Smart Energy Council has responded to polling released today by the Lowy Institute, arguing the National Energy Guarantee will stop investment in renewable energy dead in its tracks.

The polling released by the Lowy Institute today reveals:

- 84% of Australians want to see more investment in renewables
- 59% of Australians believe global warming is a "serious and pressing belief"
- 72% of Liberal-National supporters support a focus on renewables over coal

Chief Executive of Smart Energy Council, John Grimes, said: "The National Energy Guarantee – the Turnbull Government's energy policy – will not deliver any new investment in renewable energy. The National Energy Guarantee is worse than useless.



*"The National Energy Guarantee will guarantee three things – less investment in renewable energy, fewer renewable energy jobs and less certainty for the renewable energy industry.*

*"National and state renewable energy targets mean Australia is already on track to meet the Turnbull Government's pathetic emissions reduction target of 26% reduction in emissions by 2030.*

*"The National Energy Guarantee will not deliver a single, new renewable energy project between 2020 and 2030.*

*"The Turnbull Government's energy policy is not consistent with Australia's international climate change commitments and does not provide sufficient incentive for investment in new, clean, cheap renewable energy generation. It is simply not good enough," said Mr Grimes.*

### **OZ – CLEAN ENERGY SUPERPOWER - Ben Potter (AFR)**

*"Australia can regain its former position as a cheap energy superpower suitable for industries like aluminium smelting by embracing cheap wind and solar energy backed by battery, hydro storage and gas, a new report says. "Renewables will become the backbone of the system and will provide reliable power for most of the time, and then batteries, pumped hydro and gas will be part of the equation to smooth out the variability of wind and solar energy and provide a backstop at times of low winds and prolonged cloud cover," said Kobad Bhavnagri, head of Bloomberg New Energy Finance in Australia. "That is the way that Australia can once again become a cheap energy superpower and industries like aluminium smelting will relocate onshore." Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF) released its New Energy Outlook (NEO) 2018, predicting that wind, solar power and batteries will get cheaper, eclipsing coal power as a source of generation in Australia by 2035 and virtually eliminating it from the energy mix by 2050. The view is consistent with that of British billionaire Sanjeev Gupta, whose family company GFG Alliance bought 51 per cent of SIMEC Zen Energy to power the Liberty OneSteel steel works at Whyalla with a "Greensteel" clean energy, gas and storage mix, and is pursuing a "Greenaluminium" plan in Scotland."*

### **COMPASSION**

*The AMA today called on the Federal Government to bring an Afghan refugee with advanced lung cancer from Nauru to Australia for palliative care. Two thousand Australian doctors have signed a petition in support.*

*AMA President, Dr Tony Bartone, said the AMA understands that the required treatment is not able to be provided on Nauru and that the 63-year-old man, known as Ali, should be moved to Australia.*



*"Ali is a member of the persecuted Hazara minority in Afghanistan and has been formally recognised as a refugee," Dr Bartone said.*

*"He has advanced lung cancer. He needs significant palliative care services that he cannot receive on the island. This is not in dispute.*

*"The Australian Border Force has offered to transfer him to Taiwan. But this is not an appropriate management option. There is no Hazara community in Taiwan, he has no friends or family there, no-one to translate from his language, and no-one to perform the Shia Muslim rituals after his death.*

*"The AMA has always held that all people who are under the protection of the Australian Government have the right to receive appropriate medical care without discrimination, regardless of citizenship or visa status.*

*"They should be treated with compassion, respect and dignity.*

*"On any score - international obligations, conventions, respect, standards of clinical and ethical care - we must not fail to provide the requisite medical care on Australia's watch.*

*"The AMA reiterates its call for the establishment of a transparent, national statutory body of clinical experts, independent of government, with the power to investigate and report to the Parliament on the health and welfare of asylum seekers and refugees in Australian care.*

### **LET THEM EAT CAKE**

*Malcolm Turnbull's stumble in Parliament this week when asked what the average Australian median wage was reminiscent of John Hewson when Liberal leader had no idea as to the price of a birthday cake when interviewed by Mike Willesee*

*Asked in Parliament on Wednesday afternoon to quote the median wage, Mr Turnbull said he would have to take the question on notice.*

*"But it is certainly well below the average full-time weekly earnings, because many Australians are working part-time and are therefore on low earnings," he replied.*

*"Rather than make an attempt to pick a number, I will take that on notice and I will come back to the honourable member on it."*

*[As The New Daily [reported recently](#), there are various ways of estimating the median wage. It can be as high as \$55,063 or as low as \$44,527, depending on the measure.]*

### **LIBERAL UNHAPPINESS**

*Malcolm Turnbull faces another damaging pre-selection challenge against one of his Queensland MPs after the member for Bowman, Andrew Laming, was dramatically abandoned by his most senior branch members. In a scathing missive emailed to branch members and obtained by The Courier-Mail, Mr Laming's Federal Divisional Council executive lambasted him as an electoral liability and backed his preselection rival Paul Branagan. "Andrew has always been something of a maverick MP and while we have done everything possible to support him over many, many years, we feel that his behaviour has now reached a level that will be harmful at the upcoming election," read the email, signed by the FDC chair Shaun Edwards, Treasurer Paul Field and secretary Suzie Foster. The senior party members said Mr Laming's "belligerent Facebook arguments with local voters" and his role as a "larger developer" meant "getting the public to support him at the next election will be a difficult task".*



## DEPORT



A Sri Lankan family has lost a court appeal to avoid deportation but residents of a country Queensland town fighting to save them hasn't given up hope. Tamils Priya and Nadesalingam and their two Australian-born children are fighting plans to deport them after they were detained in a dawn raid on their Biloela home in March.

On Thursday, the family lost an appeal against deportation, but Biloela resident Angela Fredericks hopes ongoing pressure on Immigration Minister Peter Dutton will force him to step in.

The family can appeal Thursday's ruling, but Ms Fredericks says that could mean another year or so in immigration detention while that process plays out. The family remains in immigration detention in Melbourne, a situation supporters say is unacceptable given they have two young children"

### YOUNG SOLD OUT?

[This graph is from data produced by the productivity Commission in 2013 and apparently the spending gap has only got worse in the last 5 years.-Ed – and I'm not young!]

## GYMPIE WINS

Students from seven schools across Australia are tackling prominent agricultural issues in a new school program which teaches the fundamentals of entrepreneurship. AgriFutures Australia have launched a new school pilot program that embraces innovative and entrepreneurial thinking in seven high schools across Australia.

The [AgriFutures™ startup.business pilot program](#) provides Year 9 and 10 students with a number of agricultural challenges, such as water supply and animal traceability, and encourages them to brainstorm and pitch solutions. Gympie Secondary High School was one of the lucky seven.

## FORCE ON THE BORDER - Nicole Hasham (The Age)

The multimillion-dollar college that trains Australia's border security personnel has "overpromised and under delivered" and immigration and customs officials have repeatedly abused their powers, a scathing report has found.

The government-commissioned findings also said many department staff lack the training needed to perform their jobs and "jaws of death" have gripped officials struggling to complete more work with fewer resources.

The government-commissioned report said the Australian Border Force College had "overpromised and under delivered".

In May 2014 the Coalition Abbott government controversially announced the creation of the Australian Border Force (ABF), as part of a merger of customs and immigration border operations. Crucial to the new super-charged agency was the establishment of the ABF College, with multiple campuses, to ensure recruits and existing staff "have the right skills to do their jobs".

Under the former department of immigration and border protection, consultants RAND Australia were asked to evaluate the progress of the merger, ahead of the creation of the Home Affairs portfolio in December last year which combined immigration, border protection, law enforcement and intelligence.

The college's use of technology was poor and, in many cases, was used to "automate bad learning environments" rather than improve training Australian Border Force Commissioner Michael Outram and Minister for Home Affairs Peter Dutton in May this year..

The college was supposed to train staff across the department, however many officials were not given time to attend courses.

Across the department's broader workforce, senior officials said staff in many cases lacked "the capability to do the work required of their assigned positions".

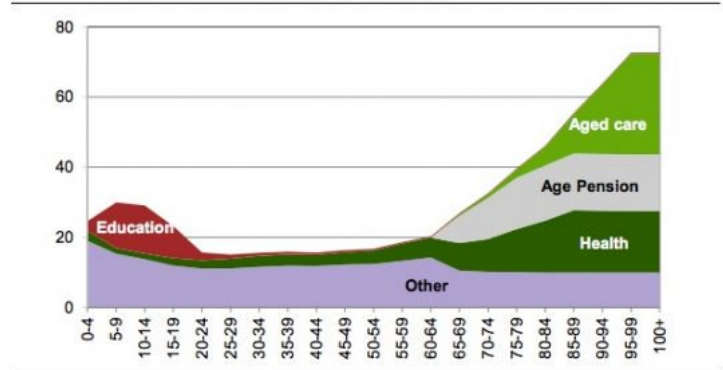
This included customs and immigration investigators "not understanding the law, use of force protocols, and rules of engagement" which in some cases led to "abuse of power," the report said.

One official said field compliance officers "were doing dangerous jobs without proper training" and another described a junior officer who was "unable to manage shipboard operations due to a lack of proper training and experience".

The findings follow a [damning audit report](#) this month on the merger of immigration and customs, and creation of the Australian Border Force. It said the benefits have not been proven and promised increased revenue has not materialised.

The Australian Border Force has been controversial since its inception, [described by critics](#) as "hairy chested" and deliberately threatening. It [drew ridicule](#) in 2015 after an operation to target potential visa fraudsters in the heart of Melbourne was cancelled following a public backlash.

Figure 8 Age-related government spending  
All governments, \$'000 per person, 2011-12



## ECONOMY

### TURNBULL AND MORRISON ADOPT HANSON FLAT TAX RATE...OF ZERO! - Bowen

In an act of gross incompetence the Turnbull Government teamed up with Senator Pauline Hanson's One Nation to vote to support a bill which abolished all income tax rates from 2024.

This is just the latest act from a Government consumed by chaos and incompetence, which has outsourced all economic policy to Pauline Hanson's One Nation.

For years Pauline Hanson has advocated flat tax and last night the Government adopted this policy and set the rate at zero.

The Turnbull Government's latest solution to bracket creep is to abolish every income tax bracket.

The Bill supported at the third reading stage in the Senate by the Government and One Nation would open up a Budget black hole of \$240 billion every single year once implemented.

The Turnbull Government has gone from a \$140 billion three stage income tax cut plan to a \$240 billion a year income tax cut plan...no wonder the Turnbull Government or One Nation have no concern for gross debt remaining above half a trillion dollars.

### LABOR WILL DELIVER BIGGER TAX CUTS FOR WORKING AUSTRALIANS – Shorten/Bowen

A Shorten Labor Government will deliver permanent tax relief for the Australians who need it most – ensuring tax relief goes back into the pockets of 10 million middle income and working Australians, not Turnbull's millionaires.

Under the Liberals, working Australians are struggling with soaring cost of living expenses – with energy costs higher than ever, health costs higher than ever, and wage growth at record lows.

But Turnbull wants someone on \$200,000 to pay the same tax rate as someone on \$40,000.

Labor will fight to ensure that low income and working Australians get a fair share – rather than the top tax bracket being the largest beneficiary in six years' time.

Labor's will support tax cuts for 10 million people on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July – we are ready to vote for them today. And if we are elected, we will almost double these tax cuts and make them permanent – while asking those in the top tax bracket to pay a little more to help reduce the debt.

Labor's bigger, better and fairer income tax cuts will see those earning up to \$125,000 a year better off when compared to Malcolm Turnbull's plan over the next four years.

Labor does not support someone on \$200,000 paying the same tax rate as someone on \$40,000. We don't agree with Turnbull giving even more tax cuts for the top tax bracket – and this is after Turnbull cut their tax rate last year.

That's why Labor will move amendments in the Senate to the *Treasury Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Plan) Bill 2018* to ensure the passage of the tax cuts starting on 1 July.

We will seek to implement better, fairer tax cuts through Labor's *Tax Refund for Working Australians* – which would double the tax relief to up to \$928 per year.

Turnbull needs to stop standing in the way of tax relief for 10 million Australians. Tax cuts for teachers and tradies this year should not be held hostage to tax cuts for bankers in six years.

And if Turnbull doesn't allow passage of tax relief for 10 million Australians before 1 July – a Shorten Labor Government will ensure they receive it regardless. The Treasurer himself has conceded that the legislation does not need to be in place by 1 July for the tax relief to be received at the end of next financial year – so we will act on Turnbull's failure, make sure they receive this tax relief and lock in our bigger, fairer, tax cut.

The Turnbull Government's priority is for tax cuts for big business and high income earners – at a cost to the Budget of a \$25 billion a year in ten years' time.

Because Labor isn't giving millionaires another tax cut, or giving big business an \$80 billion tax handout, we can put more money into the pockets of working Australians, fund better schools and hospitals, and pay down the debt quicker.

Malcolm Turnbull needs to come clean with the Australian people on what the terms of the side deal, arrangement or 'understanding' are between the Turnbull Government and Pauline Hanson over One Nation's support for the Government's reckless and unfair income tax cuts legislation.

What does the Turnbull Government have to hide? The only reason we saw the terms of the earlier Turnbull-Hanson deal that fell apart on company tax was because of a leak to *The Australian*. That leak suggested significant policy and regulatory changes that would impact on the offshore resources sector – changes the Government is keeping the sector in the dark on.

The Turnbull Government's modus operandi on deals with the crossbench is secrecy and obfuscation. Malcolm Turnbull refused to answer Labor's question on this latest One Nation deal in Question Time during the week.

#### Why the secrecy?

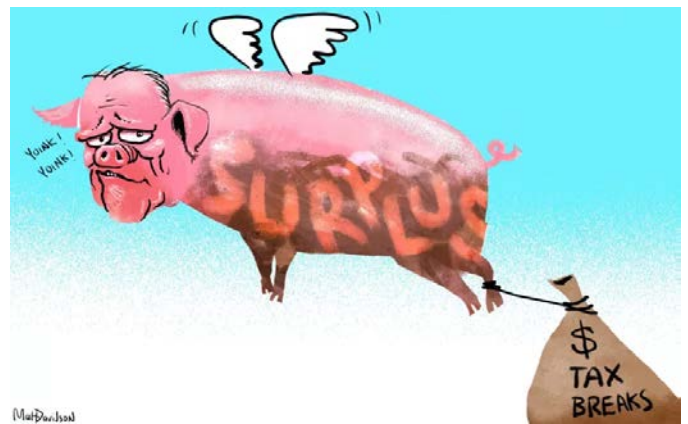
Mathias Cormann had a serious case of the wibble wobbles this morning on Sky's AM Agenda refusing to confirm or deny what the terms of this deal might be.

When the Finance Minister can't give you a 'yes or no' answer on a deal with One Nation, it's as good as a confirmation.

The Liberal Party is clearly trying to put distance between the income tax cut vote and announcing what One Nation gets out of it.

Malcolm Turnbull and Mathias Cormann need to stop the linguistic gymnastics and fess up on their deal with One Nation.

The Australian people deserve to know and the electors of Braddon, Longman, Perth, Fremantle and Mayo all deserve to know.





**HOST:** So is that the only thing that she wanted was that apprenticeship deal?

**CORMANN:** They are getting something back for hard working families of Australia.

**HOST:** Was the apprenticeship deal the only thing that you gave her, the only thing you promised?

**CORMANN:** Well **we have agreed to consider it.** Like so -

**HOST:** Is that the only thing though, was there anything else?

**CORMANN:** But again it's - you know, **we have an ongoing conversation with all crossbenchers**, we've been engaging with Senator Hanson and her team ever since she's been elected to the Senate and indeed we are engaging with all crossbenchers ever since they've been -

**HOST:** So there are other things on the table?

**CORMANN:** Well **we are always prepared to engage and to discuss and to talk about things that would be sensible.**

**HOST:** But this isn't fair- you're talking about, you say it's the public's money that's right - you're giving them money back. It's public policy, why shouldn't the negotiations or at least the deals be made public?

**CORMANN:** Well, it is public. The Hanson - Senator Hanson and her team, Pauline Hanson's One Nation team decided to support our income tax package in full and everybody can see that. **If we make decisions down the track, if we make decisions which involve the expenditure of public money we will be making those announcements** and we will be accountable for it, of course. I mean we take responsibility, but we believe it's actually part of our job to engage with all Members and Senators who are prepared to engage with us.

## LABOR'S DIVIDEND IMPUTATION REFORM POLICY - Bowen

**Scott Morrison has no concern for the reputation of Treasury as an apolitical economic agency, preferring to use it instead as a Liberal Party advertising agency.**

Treasury has confirmed that *"the costing was produced on the basis of policy specifications provided to Treasury by the Treasurer's office"*.

Despite the Treasurer's claims of an 'external review' this morning, Treasury has also confirmed there was no "external review" of the policy despite suggestions to the contrary in today's report in *The Australian*. Correspondence between the [Shadow Treasurer](#) and [Treasury Secretary](#) is attached.

Three months ago, Mr Morrison confirmed that the Turnbull Government had no plans to reform dividend imputation saying "the government has never entertained it".

Despite this, we discover today that the Treasurer's office has directed finite Treasury resources to consider this policy and discuss with 'external experts' on it.

This is next level politicisation of the Australian Treasury.

Labor is deeply concerned that the release of "Treasury modelling" not only undermines the perception of Treasury as an apolitical economic agency, but the exercise itself seeks to deliberately undermine the quality of costings provided by the independent Parliamentary Budget Office, a costing agency of equal standing under the Charter of Budget Honesty.

Labor's policy to reform dividend imputation was fully costed by the independent Parliamentary Budget Office and the costing took account of a broad range of potential behavioural responses.

The Parliamentary Budget Officer, Ms Jenny Wilkinson, went to a fair bit of detail in talking through the sorts of behavioural responses during the recent Senate estimates.

**Senator McALLISTER:** *Sorry to jump around but, in terms of behavioural change, you did contemplate the possibility that self-managed super funds might sell down Australian shares to avoid the policy.*

**Ms Wilkinson:** *We considered a number of different ways in which individuals may adjust their behaviour....we considered all of those and also that individuals could change their asset allocation as a consequence of this policy...*

**Senator McALLISTER:** *So the approach you took was relatively conservative. I think you said the impact of these behavioural assumptions was substantial.*

**Ms Wilkinson:** *That's right*

## TURNBULL MUST ACT ON POOR CHOICE AND ROTTEN APPLES - Leigh



**Malcolm Turnbull needs to stop focusing on giving big business a billion dollar handout and instead ensure they are playing by the rules.**

Apple has been fined \$9 million by the Federal Court for making false or misleading claims to customers with faulty iPhones and iPads in a case that backs Labor's calls for increased fines for breaches of consumer law.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission had [taken the tech giant to court](#) amid complaints it had told customers they weren't entitled to a repair or replacement after they had a third party fix devices that were disabled by an iOS software update.

In a statement, the Commission said:

***If a product is faulty, customers are legally entitled to a repair or a replacement under the Australian Consumer Law, and sometimes even a refund.***

Labor [went to the last election calling for:](#)

- Increased civil penalties for anti-consumer behaviour from a maximum of \$1.1 million to \$10 million under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*
- Adopt a new penalty system for anti-competitive conduct, based on 30 per cent of the annual sales of the relevant product or service, multiplied by the number of years the infringement took place, capped at 10 per cent of annual turnover.
- An increase in the Commission's litigation budget, funded in part by increased penalties
- An amendment of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 to give a market studies function to the Commission
- The Turnbull Government finally saw reason last year and adopted Labor's push to increase penalties, but has let the bill languish in the House of Representatives since February.

Bigger penalties deter dodgy behaviour and some of the revenue could be directed back into the Commission's litigation budget, giving it more firepower to go after companies that flout the law.

### **TIME FOR THE LIBERALS TO SCRAP TAMPON TAX –Shorten/Plibersek/Bowen/King**

**If the Liberals actually care about a fairer tax system, they should vote with Labor and others in the Senate today to abolish the tampon tax.**

It's time this arrogant and out of touch Prime Minister gave women a tax cut, instead of his mates at the big banks.

The Liberals talk about doing more for women, but never do – today Malcolm Turnbull has a chance to change that.

Or does Mr Turnbull agree with Tony Abbott, who says scrapping the tampon tax is a "politically correct mistake"?

Or does he agree with his Liberal colleague Stuart Robert that it's more important to abolish the GST on superyachts than on tampons and pads?

Malcolm Turnbull reckons the tax system is gender neutral, but tampons are taxed, while Viagra isn't.

Back in April, Labor announced that we would end Australia's unfair and discriminatory tampon tax by partnering with the states and territories to remove the GST on women's sanitary products.

Scrapping the tampon tax will make sanitary products more affordable, and it will be an important step forward in gender equity.

The tampon tax is a tax on women.

Australian women spend around \$300 million on sanitary products – tampons and pads – each year.

Currently, every single one of these products is hit with the 10per cent GST – around \$30 million a year in tax – because they are not considered necessities.

At the same time, products such as incontinence pads, sunscreen and nicotine patches are exempt from the tax.

The tax shouldn't have been applied in the first place – there is no question that sanitary products aren't a luxury item. They are necessary for reproductive health and hygiene.

That's why Labor is leading the way to abolish this tax on sanitary items.

Labor is offering a real solution and there is no reason for Malcolm Turnbull to refuse it – it's a well-designed plan that's fully funded. And there's no reason for the Liberals to vote against scrapping the tampon tax in the Senate today.

Under Labor's proposal, the loss of revenue to the states from the GST on sanitary items would be offset by applying the GST consistently to 12 natural therapies that are sometimes GST free, such as herbalism and naturopathy.

These natural therapies are not supported by clinical evidence, as the Commonwealth's Chief Medical Officer and the National Health and Medical Research Council found in a review in 2015.

At a time when government budgets are tight, the GST health exemption should only cover items with proven clinical effectiveness.

Ensuring the GST is applied to these therapies will also bring their GST treatment into line with bipartisan policy to remove the private health insurance rebate from them.



**Tampons Fly over Canberra in Protest**

## **WORKERS**

### **GOVERNMENT HELP TELSTRA WORKERS THROUGH JOBS PLAN- O'Connor/Husic/Rowland**

**Reports that Telstra will be making 8,000 workers redundant exposes the Turnbull Government's complete lack of a jobs plan for Australian workers.**

Labor is concerned that we are seeing yet another example, under Turnbull's Government, of thousands of Australians losing secure, decent jobs, without a plan to transition into new jobs.

In the 2018 budget the Turnbull government took money from the Labour Market Support Stream, which is used for structural adjustment packages, because they didn't think it was needed.

This is another example of the Turnbull Government being completely out of touch with what is happening in the labour market and not being unprepared to help workers. This government has a callous disregard for workers. Just this morning in response to these job losses, Paul Fletcher said, **"These things happen"**.

Telstra should consult with its employees and unions about managing the effects of a very significant loss of jobs. And the Turnbull Government must not sit idly by.

The Turnbull Government must actively be involved to ensure that affected workers get the intensive and tailored support they need to transition to new employment and where required, provide training and case management services. It's simply not good enough to sit back and





leave it to Telstra.

Labor is calling on the Government to take appropriate action to support these workers, and we will be keeping a close eye on what impact these developments have on front-line staff and customer service.

Under this arrogant and out of touch government Australians are suffering from stagnant wages, rising insecure employment, cuts to penalty rates and soaring costs of living.

It is unbelievable that on a day of devastation for thousands of Australian workers, Minister Fifield's response is to play politics and push the Turnbull tax cuts to big business. How out of touch can you get?

Unlike the Liberals, Labor will always be the party of jobs and will work for decent, secure jobs for all Australians.

## SENIORS

### PRIME MINISTER MUST APOLOGISE TO AUSTRALIA'S AGED CARE WORKERS- Collins

**The Prime Minister should immediately apologise to Australia's aged care workers who he thinks should 'aspire to get a better job'.**

The Prime Minister's comment in question time is elitist and disgraceful. It shows just how out-of-touch and arrogant the Prime Minister is.

There are more than 360,000 Australians employed in the aged care sector and the Prime Minister's comment is an insult to every one of these hard workers.

Labor believes Australia's aged care workforce is world-class and values the incredible work they do.

Every day across the country the aged care workforce delivers quality care to older Australians.

Workers in aged care don't need to aspire to get a 'better job', they need a Government that treats them with respect. They also deserve a bigger, better and fairer tax cut.

The Liberals have never respected Australia's aged care workers.

One of the first acts of the Abbott Government was to cut the Aged Care Workforce Supplement - denying an investment in an adequately paid, trained and supported workforce.

The Federal Liberal Government has cut billions from aged care and failed to support this important workforce.

Australia's aged care workers deserve better.

## EDUCATION

### LABOR COMMITS \$120 MILLION FOR NEW MORETON BAY UNI CAMPUS

**Shorten/Plibersek/Lamb/Ali France/ Corinne Mulholland**

**A Shorten Labor Government will invest more than \$120 million in the University of the Sunshine Coast's new Moreton Bay Campus.**

\$50 million of Labor's investment will help build a state-of-the-art super laboratory that will transform the Moreton Bay region into a high tech education hub. Students will be able to study science, engineering, IT, environmental science, and sports science at the new campus.

This is great news for locals, who will now have the opportunity of a world class uni education right on their doorstep.

It's about helping prepare Moreton Bay locals for the jobs of the future.

Moreton Bay is a terrific place to live, and work. Labor wants to make it an even better place to study too.

The new campus will be located next to Petrie train station, so students from Caboolture and other parts of Moreton Bay will be able to study at a world class uni without having to travel to Brisbane.

It's expected that the new Moreton Bay Campus will cater for up to 10,000 students.

The super laboratory project is expected to support 1500 jobs during construction. It will be an impressive seven-storey, 8000 m<sup>2</sup> building located on the old Petrie Paper Mill site.

The super laboratory project will include:

- New science super laboratories
- Digital laboratories with research-level equipment
- Energy and water laboratories
- School experience centre, including an environmental research lab and field station
- Teaching facilities

The Moreton Bay Campus will work closely with schools in the area to provide exciting learning opportunities and support students who aspire to study at uni.

Malcolm Turnbull has put an unfair cap on the number of students they will fund to go to the Moreton Bay Campus.

In contrast, Labor will guarantee funding for every single Australian undergraduate student enrolled at the Moreton Bay Campus. That's about a \$70 million commitment over the first three years alone.

Unlike the Liberals, Labor believes the University of the Sunshine Coast should be supported to enrol as many qualified students as wish to attend the new Moreton Bay Campus.

We pay tribute to the leadership of the Labor candidate for Longman, Susan Lamb, the Labor candidate for Petrie, Corinne Mulholland, the Labor candidate for Dickson, Ali France, and the Moreton Bay Regional Mayor, Allan Sutherland, who have been tremendous advocates for this project.

Labor knows that nine in ten jobs created in the coming years will need a uni or TAFE qualification. We want the Moreton Bay region to have a strong economy, and secure, decently paid jobs.

Only Labor believes in the power of education to change lives. That's why we will make investment in education a top priority. When it comes to education, the Liberals never learn: they cut schools, cut TAFE, and cut unis.

Locals will never forget that the Liberals in Moreton Bay cheered on Malcolm Turnbull and Campbell Newman's horror cuts to education.

## **THE LIBERALS' SCHOOL FUNDING MESS - Plibersek**

**Reports today confirm the Liberals' unfair school funding regime is a complete mess.**

*"Public schools took the biggest hit from the Turnbull cuts in education - \$1.9 billion in 2018 and 2019. That's why we're hitting the campaign trail again."* - **Correna Haythorpe, Australian Education Union**

*"As a result of the changes resulting from new government funding arrangements, our systems, and the continued provision of quality education for the young people in our schools, is under threat."* - **Pam Betts, Executive Director, Brisbane Catholic Education, lead signatory in a letter to the Liberals from Catholic schools in Queensland, NSW, Victoria, and the ACT, reported in The Australian, 19 June 2018**

*"'Growing alarm' in school communities..."* - **Michelle Green, Chief Executive, Independent Schools Victoria, reported in The Australian, 19 June 2018**

The Liberals are cutting \$17 billion from school to give it to the big banks

Malcolm Turnbull can't seem find \$17 billion to properly fund schools, but he can find \$17 billion to give the big banks a tax handout.

His priorities are all wrong.

Labor believes that getting our kids a great education sets them up for life.

With Labor, Australian schools have a brighter future, with better funding, outstanding teachers, and great results. We want our kids to get more individual attention, and more help with the basics such as reading, writing, maths, science, and coding.

That's why Labor will restore every dollar of the \$17 billion Mr Turnbull has cut from schools.

We will always put schools and services before banks.

## **LABOR WILL BACK NAPLAN REVIEW - Plibersek**

**After 10 years of testing, Labor believes it's time to make sure NAPLAN is serving students, parents, and teachers as best it can.**

Labor supports taking a serious look at how to improve the insights we get from tests like NAPLAN, and how we can better focus on the progress of students and schools over time.

We think we can have a sensible conversation about how we test, what we test, and how results are reported fairly and accurately. But it's very important we continue to have a way of making certain our kids are learning and progressing at school.

Labor wants our kids to know how to read, write and do maths - to successfully get the basics under their belts. Diagnostic tests, such as NAPLAN, help give us a picture of how kids, schools, and systems are doing.

But there's no doubt that some of this testing has become very high stakes.

It's up to all of us, parents and teachers, to reassure kids that these kinds of tests are just a way of finding out where we can help them more.

We don't want young students stressing about these tests.

The tests are supposed to tell us where we need to redouble our efforts. They're supposed to give us valuable information about how we do better in the classroom. They're not supposed to be making kids sleepless or sick with nerves.



## **1 IN 4 FAMILIES STILL YET TO SIGN UP TO UNFAIR CHILD CARE PACKAGE -Rishworth**

**The Turnbull Government has confirmed there are still more than 275,000 families who are yet to sign up to its unfair child care package.**

**This is over 23 per cent - or around 1 in 4 families.**

With just under two weeks to go until the new system launches, this should be of deep concern to the Turnbull Government.

They are on the cusp of launching a new system which a quarter of families aren't signed up for or probably even aware of.

What will happen to the families who don't register with MyGov on 2 July?

Will they have their payments cut off in two weeks?

We already know the new system will leave one in four families' worse off - but it seems likely the true number will be much higher.

It is time for this Minister to admit he has botched the implementation of his new system, stop blaming families and providers, and fix it to make sure families are able to receive support from 2 July.



## **MORE CONSULTATION NEEDED ON FAMILY COURT REFORM- Dreyfus**

**Labor has called on the Attorney-General to address the government's woefully inadequate consultation on its family court plans, and release the secret consultant's report on which the plans are apparently based.**

The Attorney-General's announcement of the planned reforms stunned many in the family court sector, who have first-hand knowledge of how the system works and where improvements could be made. They were not consulted. In fact, according to what the government has said, only two people were consulted – the chief judges of the Federal Circuit Court and Family Court.

For such a sweeping change to an established system, which affects many thousands of lives including young children, this is just not right.

I have written to Mr Porter, urging him to use the time between now and the Spring sittings of Parliament to release an exposure draft of legislation, to allow for proper consultation and feedback on the government's plans. It is only right that those with a stake in the system have a say on how and why it should be changed.

As well, it is imperative that a PwC report which seems to contain much of the detail on which the government's plans are based be made public.



It's important that any assumptions contained in the report be thoroughly tested, and its conclusions examined.

The family court has existed as a stand-alone body since the Whitlam government created it in 1975. If such radical structural changes are to be made, they must be done with complete openness and transparency. I look forward to Mr Porter's response.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

### TURNBULL WILL BREAK PROMISE TO NORTHERN AUSTRALIA- Clare

**The Minister for Small and Family Business today confirmed to Parliament that the Government will break its promise to deliver up to \$1 billion in infrastructure funding by 30 June from the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF).**

In Parliament, the Minister was asked whether the NAIF would deliver the commitment it made in its corporate plan to deliver between \$300 million and \$1 billion in infrastructure funding to Northern Australia by 30 June.

His response was:

***"On the 15<sup>th</sup> June the first loan draw down for \$3.4 million as part of that \$16.8 million was released."* - Craig Laundy, Parliament House 19 June 2018**

Given they have only allocated \$3 million in three years, there is no chance they are going to allocate between \$300 million to \$1 billion in the next 10 days.

In three years, Turnbull has only announced three projects and delivered \$3 million out of a \$5 billion fund.

This is another Turnbull broken promise to the North. He has let the people of Northern Australia down again.

## DEFENCE

### LIBS HAVE ONE CHANCE LEFT TO GET DEFENCE PROCUREMENT RIGHT – Marles/Kelly

**The Liberal Government need to break with their traditional habit and get their upcoming frigate procurement right in the national interest.**

The Liberals used the submarine procurement decision as a leadership bargaining chip; pitted states and marginal seats against each other for the Armoured Fighting Vehicles; sent the supply ships to be built overseas; and failed a last-minute attempt to jam two competitors together in the Offshore Patrol Vessel project.

Australia cannot afford a re-run of the OPV circus. Neither can we afford to see the Government run from its local content promise as fast as they've run from their commitment on submarines.

No matter which option they pick, the Liberals should front up to Australia's shipbuilding workers and explain why they opened the valley of death in their industry and breezily sent the work that could have bridged it overseas. Promises of more work sometime next decade will be cold comfort for the thousands of workers who'll be laid off with nothing more to pin their hopes on than the vague promises of a government that has done nothing but let them down.

The Liberals must get their act together and do this procurement right, for the nation's sake. The frigates have to be built by a truly Australian company, with the maximum intellectual property retained here.

### REPORTS STRESS NEED FOR NATIONAL APPROACH TO PFAS - Marles/Brodthmann

**Labor once again calls on the Turnbull Government to implement a national, coordinated, consistent response to PFAS contamination in light of the weekend's [reports](#).**

Right now, communities are uncertain about their futures, confused by mixed messages from multiple sources and deeply distressed.

And the Turnbull Government just continues to drag its feet.

The PFAS Task Force, which was established in February 2017 to develop a whole of government approach, has been missing in action since.

We're now on to our [sixth Minister in three years](#) as responsibility for PFAS contamination gets shifted from one Minister to another.

And the 'solution' [promised in May last year](#) is yet to materialise.

If the Turnbull Government is serious about the concerns of residents living near PFAS contaminated sites, it will settle on one Minister, kick start the Task Force and release its solution now.

### SENATE INQUIRY TO EXAMINE ANTI-MALARIALS IN THE ADF Rishworth/Gallacher

**Labor has successfully established the Senate Inquiry into the use of the Quinoline anti-malarial drugs Mefloquine and Tafenoquine in the Australian Defence Force.**

This Senate Inquiry will provide a transparent and thorough investigation into the concerns of Quinoline anti-malarial drugs in the ADF.

With concerns from the serving and ex-service community about the side effects of some anti-malarials, this Senate Inquiry will allow our ex-service personnel, medical professionals and peak bodies to speak first-hand of their experience and knowledge of Mefloquine and Tafenoquine. The Coalition, Greens and Senate Crossbench have shown their support today for Labor's push to have this Senate Inquiry established and Labor looks forward to working with the Senate during this process.

**The Senate Inquiry is open for public submissions and will provide dates for upcoming public hearings with a final report due back to the Senate on Monday 17 September, 2018.**

Labor looks forward to the outcomes of this important inquiry.

## ENERGY POLICY

### LOWY SHOWS THE COALITIONS WAR AGAINST RENEWABLES HAS FAILED - Mark Butler

The [Lowy Institute Poll 2018](#) confirms the Turnbull Government's baseless war against renewables has failed to dent Australians' support for a renewable energy future.

The Australian people know what a 21<sup>st</sup> century energy system looks like. The poll shows that 84 per cent of Australians (up three points since 2017), want a renewable energy future saying, **"the government should focus on renewables, even if this means we may need to invest more in infrastructure to make the system more reliable."**

Even Liberal and National Party supporters haven't been fooled by the Prime Minister's baseless attacks on renewable energy, with 72 per cent of Liberal-National Party supporters supporting a focus on renewables rather than coal for Australia's future energy needs.

Yet under Malcolm Turnbull's inadequate emissions reduction targets for the National Energy Guarantee, there will not be one new large-scale renewable energy project built for the entirety of the 2020s.

Malcolm Turnbull once said he wouldn't lead a party which wasn't as dedicated to effective action on climate change as he was. But under his leadership, according to his own government's data, carbon pollution is projected to rise all the way to 2030.

Australians deserve a government that will transition the energy sector and take real action on climate change. Only a Labor Government will deliver with our 50 per cent renewable energy target by 2030, and our commitment to cut emissions by 45 per cent (on 2005 levels) by 2030. It's time Malcolm Turnbull just got out of the way.

## ENVIRONMENT

### FOI REVELATIONS ON THE GOVT'S GREAT BARRIER REEF CASH SPLASH - Burke

The Government's response to Labor's freedom of information (FOI) request has revealed that there was absolutely no consultation between the Minister for the Environment or his office and the Government's key advisor on the Great Barrier Reef prior to the Government providing a half billion dollar donation to the Great Barrier Reef Foundation from 1 April 2018 to 30 April 2018 inclusive.

It beggars belief that a record breaking donation to a private foundation would take place without the minister seeking any advice from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority which is charged under Australian law as being the principle advisor on matters about the Great Barrier Reef.

Requested in the FOI were copies of all communications between the Authority and the Minister for the Environment and Energy or the Minister's Office which relate to the Great Barrier Reef Foundation. Documents requested include, but are not limited to, emails, attachments to emails, text messages, letters, notes of meetings and phone calls (being records of communications), briefs, attachments to briefs (including Ministerial advisor notes), reports, instructions and drafts of any of the above.

It is still not clear that the Great Barrier Reef Foundation is even able to cope with a grant of this size – their previous revenue for 2015 and 2016 was \$9.6 million and \$8 million respectively. The Foundation has six full-time, and five part-time members.

Labor will continue to investigate further.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### WORLD CUP WOES ARE A TURNBULL 'OWN GOAL' - Farrell/Rowland

Labor stands with Aussie football fans furious over the botched coverage of the FIFA World Cup.



This is the Government's fault and the blame lies squarely at the feet of Malcolm Turnbull.

As Communications Minister, Malcolm Turnbull ignored warnings that funding cuts would threaten the ability of SBS to fully cover future World Cups.

Instead of listening and ensuring Australians could watch the 2018 World Cup on SBS, Malcolm Turnbull cut millions of dollars of funding from SBS in 2014 and again in 2015.

His trademark 'telling off' for Optus today would be laughable if it wasn't for the millions of Australian football fans left crying over a mess he has created.

In an interview with the SEN radio network today, Michael Ebeid said budget cuts had played a part in the sub-licensing deal with Optus.

**"At the end of the day, it does come down to finances. Our revenues have been going down. We've had about \$40 million in reductions in our government funding."**

Labor welcomes the offer from SBS to help Optus get games into Australian homes, football clubs and other venues if the telco's problems continue.

Football fans have every right to be aggrieved over games missed due to technical issues.

Malcolm Turnbull needs to guarantee his elitist, out-of-touch Government will make no further funding cuts to SBS or ABC.

Cuts to public broadcasters hurt the public. Labor puts people and the services they rely on first.



## FANS WANT MORE FOOTBALL, NOT MORE ADS - Farrell

In response to my question in the Senate, Communications Minister Mitch Fifield doubled down on Malcolm Turnbull's refusal to apologise to football fans for the World Cup broadcast woes – which are a direct result of Turnbull's cuts to SBS funding.

Instead of accepting that the Liberals' cuts have consequences and apologising to Australian football fans, Mitch Fifield suggested the solution was further commercialisation of SBS through the addition of more ads.

This arrogant, elitist, out-of-touch government just doesn't get it.

Football fans don't want more ads – they want more football. The reason they don't have more football was made very clear by SBS Managing Director Michael Ebeid on Monday, when he told SEN Radio:

*"At the end of the day, it does come down to finances.*

*We've had about \$40 million in reductions in our government funding.*

*Had we not had to look at our budgets we probably would have retained it like we were planning to when we bought it."*

The message could not be clearer, but Turnbull and Fifield still refuse to admit that their cuts have consequences and apologise to Australian football fans.

SBS' commitment to the world game is demonstrated in the news it will simulcast full coverage until the end of the group stage.

If only the Liberals had half that level of commitment towards Australia's public broadcasters.

The Liberals will continue to plot the further commercialisation of SBS and privatisation of the ABC.

Twice the Turnbull Government has attempted to turn the SBS into a fourth commercial broadcaster by stealth by increasing the level of advertising, and twice Labor has blocked those attempts.

Labor will always put Australians and the services they rely on from their public broadcasters first.

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS

### TRADE MINISTER BACKS LABOR TRADE PLAN - Clare

Labor's plan to help Australian businesses tackle non-tariff barriers has received another endorsement – this time from the Trade Minister himself.

Non-tariff barriers are anything from product standards to labelling and certification requirements.

In October last year, Labor announced it would establish a cross-agency team with officers from the DFAT, Austrade and the Departments of Industry and Agriculture to help Australian exporters tackle non-tariff barriers to trade.

It has been backed by:

- The National Farmers Federation
- The Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- The Export Council of Australia
- The Business Council of Australia
- Red Meat Advisory Council.

The policy is based on a model adopted by the New Zealand Government to tackle non-tariff barriers to trade. Under Parliamentary questioning yesterday, Trade Minister Steve Ciobo indicated he was considering doing the same thing:

**"I'm looking very closely at what New Zealand has done in relation to opportunities for an Interdepartmental Committee and I don't want to use IDC loosely but I'm looking at opportunities for coordination between of course both the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Trade and Investment."** - **Steve Ciobo, Consideration in Detail, Australian Parliament 18 June 2018**

We welcome the Trade Minister's support for Labor's plan and we are happy to work with him to implement them.

### US WITHDRAWAL FROM UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL- Wong

Labor is disappointed by the US decision to withdraw from the United Nations Human Rights Council.

It's entirely a matter for the US which international bodies it chooses to be a member of. However, the absence of a nation looked to as global leader risks emboldening those who do not share our support for democracy and human rights.



We acknowledge the concerns voiced by the US in making its decision. At times the UNHRC has taken decisions which Australia has also opposed.

But Labor believes it is better to remain engaged in international organisations like the UNHRC in order to promote our values and protect our national interests.

That is why Labor welcomed Australia's appointment to the United Nations Human Rights Council. As the Foreign Minister said when Australia took up its position;

**"It is in our national interest to shape the work of the Human Rights Council and uphold the international rules-based order."**

Labor is a long standing and consistent advocate for human rights and civil liberties. We will continue to pursue effective human rights diplomacy that

supports international and regional security in Australia's national interest. We will also continue to work closely with key allies and partners, such as the US, through bilateral and multilateral mechanisms to promote and protect human rights around the world.



Jane Edge and Lan Anh - CBM Australia Parliamentary event - Voice and Participation of Women with Disabilities in Developing Countries

## **BISHOP'S BELATED RECOGNITION OF DAMAGE DONE BY AID CUTS - Wong**

**The Foreign Minister's pledge to lift Australia's aid funding in the Pacific cannot be taken seriously while her government continues to drive down Australian development assistance spending to the lowest level in history.**

Despite clear evidence of Australia's diminishing influence in our region the Turnbull Government continues on its disastrous path of cuts to aid which can only further weaken Australia's standing.

Under Minister Bishop's watch more than \$11 billion has been cut from Australia's aid program.

Just last month the May Budget cut another \$140 million from our aid spending, driving Australian development assistance spending down to the lowest level in history - just 22 cents in every \$100 of our national income will be spent on foreign aid in 2018-19.

Pacific island states have felt the impact of these cuts, and will increasingly turn to others to fill the gap left by Australia, further eroding our influence in the region.

The Foreign Minister has now acknowledged Australia does need to demonstrate greater leadership in the Pacific and play our part in ensuring a stable and prosperous region.

Yet the Turnbull Government's own budget figures forecast our international development program will fall even further to just 0.19 per cent of GNI over the forward estimates.

Australia has a deep interest in contributing to global poverty alleviation, and our international development program supports security and stability in our region.

The Foreign Minister's own [DFAT White Paper](#), released late last year declares "Australia's overseas *aid* program aims to help developing countries reduce poverty and achieve sustainable *development* **in line with Australia's national interest.**"

The Turnbull Government's cuts to development assistance are already a source of international embarrassment for Australia, and are at odds with the generous spirit of the Australian people.

[A Shorten Labor Government will contribute more to international development assistance than the current Government.](#) And we will ensure more of it gets to the people who it is meant to be assisting.

Labor has repeatedly urged the Turnbull Government to return to a properly bipartisan approach to international development assistance.

Instead of continuing to prioritise massive tax cuts for big business, Julie Bishop must now put her words into action by joining Labor in committing to lifting Australia's embarrassingly low level of international development assistance.

## **PRESIDENCY OF THE AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY- Swan**

**It's an honour and a privilege to be voted the next president of the Australian Labor Party.**

My thanks to the many thousands of Labor members who participated in this important election, and of course to all the candidates who put themselves forward for the honour and hard work of being president of our party.

My campaign was driven by the belief that Labor's future lies first and foremost in being clear about what we stand for.

Our success won't be determined by tinkering with internal processes or by the outcome of votes over single issues at national conferences.

To get new members coming through our door, and a new generation campaigning and voting for us, we have to show them we mean business about creating a better, more democratic and more equal society.

This means getting better at addressing the big picture. Around the world and here in Australia, democracy and equality are under threat from powerful and well-funded vested interests.

We need to take them on and beat them. Labor must be re-organised so it can better fight that battle. We have to be more than a campaign machine for winning elections; we have to be a campaign machine for winning the battle of ideas.

The idea that we live in a corporation, not a community must be defeated for once and for all, and Labor has to take the lead in defeating it.

Ultimately, Labor must restore people's faith in the idea that collective action through government can create a better society and better lives for all of us.

Winning that battle is the starting point for having Labor governments that can succeed in office.

## **RIP**

*I offer the sympathies of this parliament to Eurydice Dixon's family, all the people who loved her and the people she loved.*

*We remember that they are not mourning a statistic or a cautionary tale. They are grieving for a person: a funny, smart, clever woman with passions and opinions, friends and family.*

*And she wasn't seeking to make a statement that night, she was just living her life.*

*She had her phone with her, now full of a hundred unfinished conversations.*

*She was happy that her comedy performance had gone well, she was messaging a friend to check-in and to let him know that she was nearly home safe.*

*None of that cost her life. Nothing she did or didn't do in any way makes her responsible for what happened.*

*Walking home should not mean that you are risking your life.*

*Getting an Uber, a cab, catching public transport should not be a dangerous ordeal.*

*Women's rights in Australia must include freedom of movement.*

*And that's about more than better lighting and more CCTV cameras.*

*It's about attitudes, it's about actions.*

*It's about honesty. It's about stopping violence and stopping the enablers of violence.*

*It's about deciding as a nation that violence against women is ultimately preventable.*

*It's about the example that we set for our sons.*

*Our hearts go out to Eurydice's loved ones today.*

*May she rest in peace. - **Bill Shorten***





## FAIR AGENDA PETITION

Last **week Eurydice** Dixon was raped and killed on her way home from work. In response, a Victoria Police superintendent said: "people need to be aware of their own personal security... make sure you have situational awareness".

Police comments have a massive impact on community attitudes towards violence - especially understandings of how it can be prevented and addressed. Imagine if, instead of focusing community attention on the behaviour of women and victim-survivors, police used their influence to focus attention on the behaviour of perpetrators, and on advancing the conversation around how we prevent men's violence against women...



Police have publicly acknowledged that they could have used better language in the wake of Eurydice's killing. But these mistakes happen too often. [They need to put measures in place.](#)

**Can you help build a wave of public support behind the call for police to improve their responses to violence against women -- starting with putting guidelines in place for their public statements? [Sign the petition now.](#)**

If we are going to create a future where women are safe from violence, we need to focus on shifting the behaviours that lead to violence against women in the first place.

Community attitudes are a big part of that. And police have the capacity to have huge influence over them.

**Join the call for police to consult with survivor support services, violence prevention experts, and with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and other members of the community who are most likely to be the targets of such violence. Sign the petition now: [www.fairagenda.org/vicpolice](http://www.fairagenda.org/vicpolice)**

We've no doubt that the police who respond to these kinds of horrifying crimes have good intentions, and that they want to improve the safety of women from such violence. This is about urging them to make good on that intention - by working with experts to ensure their guidelines and internal trainings have the biggest impact possible on the actual problem – the men choosing to perpetrate violence against women.



ANTI DISCRIMINATION  
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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.



Breastfeeding  
Know Your Rights  
cards and fact sheet



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](#)  
[Know Your Rights Cards](#)

The Know Your Rights cards can also be downloaded as an A3 or A4 poster.

[Breastfeeding Know Your Rights Poster](#)

If you would like to order the Know Your Rights cards (printed in credit card size), you can use our order form <http://www.adcq.qld.gov.au/resources/other-resources#orderform>.



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# The ABC is under attack as never before

The May Budget has inflicted a further cut of \$84 million on the ABC

Also a \$43m cut for news-gathering is planned

These come on top of \$254m in funding cuts since 2014 and nearly 1,000 ABC jobs lost

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

## Call to Arms

The future of strong and independent public broadcasting in Australia is at stake.

Well-funded and independent public broadcasting is essential to keep citizens informed and to hold government and powerful organisations to account.

Think of the work that *Four Corners* does. Think *Background Briefing*, *Science Show*, *Late Night Live*, the music – we all have our favourites.

**Together we can prevail** over politicians and others who are hostile to an independent, well-funded national broadcaster and prevent a weakened or, even worse, an ABC sold-off to the highest bidder.



Crowd Funding Campaign

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**Rally Brisbane – July 13**

**11.30am - Beside ABC Bldg, Russell St, S. Brisbane**

All Rallies will feature prominent supporters of National Broadcasting. Details soon.

**Join the Fight**

Write to newspapers - Ring or Visit your Federal Member – We can help with this - Attend our Rallies - Volunteer to help our cause

Margaret Reynolds,  
National President, ABC Friends



# 2018 Fairfax FEC Stimulus Raffle

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### Community Affairs Legislation Committee

- **New** [Social Services Legislation Amendment \(Cashless Debit Card Trial Expansion\) Bill 2018](#)
- **New** [Social Services Legislation Amendment \(Maintaining Income Thresholds\) Bill 2018](#)
- **New** [Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 and related bills](#)
- [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 \(Protecting Your Superannuation Package\) Bill 2018 \[Provisions\]](#)
- **New** [Space Activities Amendment \(Launches and Returns\) Bill 2018 \[Provisions\]](#)
- [Intellectual Property Laws Amendment \(Productivity Commission Response Part 1 and Other Measures\) 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 \(NAIF\)](#)
- [Consumer protection in the banking, insurance and financial sector](#)
- [Future of Australia's naval shipbuilding industry](#)
- [Non-conforming building products](#)

### Education and Employment References Committee

- **New** [The exploitation of general and specialist cleaners working in retail chains for contracting or subcontracting cleaning companies](#)
- [The high rates of mental health conditions experienced by first responders, emergency service workers and volunteers](#)
- [The prevention, investigation and prosecution of industrial deaths in Australia](#)
- [Work health and safety of workers in the offshore petroleum industry](#)

### Environment and Communications References Committee

- **New** [Great Barrier Reef 2050 Partnership Program](#)
- [Australian content on broadcast, radio and streaming services](#)
- [Water use by the extractive industry](#)
- [Waste and recycling industry in Australia](#)
- [Current and future impacts of climate change on housing, buildings and infrastructure](#)
- [Rehabilitation of mining and resources projects as it relates to Commonwealth responsibilities](#)

### Finance and Public Administration References Committee

- [Digital delivery of government services](#)

### Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

- **New** [Use of the Quinoline anti-malarial drugs Mefloquine and Tafenoquine in the Australian Defence Force](#)
- [Proposed Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership](#)
- [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(SDG\)](#)

### Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

- [The Criminal Code and Other Legislation Amendment \(Removing Commonwealth Restrictions on Cannabis\) Bill 2018](#)
- [Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment \(Strengthening the Commitments for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures\) Bill 2018](#)
- [Judiciary Amendment \(Commonwealth Model Litigant Obligations\) Bill 2017](#)

### Red Tape Committee

- [The effect of red tape on child care](#)
- [The effect of red tape on occupational licensing](#)

### Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

- [Air Services Amendment Bill 2018](#)
- [Performance of Airservices Australia](#)

### Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

- **New** [Regulatory approaches to ensure the safety of pet food](#)
- [The need for regulation of mobility scooters, also known as motorised wheelchairs](#)
- [The operation, regulation and funding of air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities](#)
- [The integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin](#)



- [Regulatory requirements that impact on the safe use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems, Unmanned Aerial Systems and associated systems.](#)

### Select Committee into the Obesity Epidemic in Australia

- [Obesity Epidemic in Australia](#)

### Select Committee on Stillbirth Research and Education

- [Stillbirth Research and Education](#)

### Select Committee on the Future of Work and Workers

- [Senate Select Committee on the Future of Work and Workers](#)



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