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THIS WEEK:

The ongoing dispute between Senators David Leyonhjelm and Hanson Young is deeply upsetting and does not reflect the values of our Senate.

While I have often commented on the 'dynamic' nature of debate and concerns about outbreaks of personal attack, I am particularly angered by the behaviour of Senator Leyonhjelm with his sexist and hurtful remarks about another Senator, Sarah Hansen Young, and his refusal to withdraw or acknowledge standard Senate process.

We have clear standing orders, informing Senators about appropriate behaviour in our chamber, our workplace and having spoken many times with Senator Leyonhjelm, I know he is fully aware of the proper processes.

As a temporary Chair he has responsibility to maintain order in the Senate when on duty.

We often disagree on policy issues, but I have always enjoyed discussing issues with him and sharing comments on our work. I was not in the Senate when the altercation took place and my knowledge is from the wide and ongoing media coverage, which shows that there was a personal exchange.

The Senate can often have a high level of volume in discussion and the microphones are designed to pick up individual senators as they make a contribution, rather than general comments. So often during question time, and debates, the President and Chairs call for silence and advise that they are having difficulty hearing particular Senators. However it is standard practice that if any inappropriate comment is referred to the president, Senators are asked to withdraw and with varying degrees of grace such withdrawals are usually made.

In this case, not only was the comment about Senator Hansen Young, personal, offensive and inappropriate, Senator Leyonhjelm has repeated his comments, with justifications many times in the media and refused to withdraw. This does not meet with the standards of debate for our Senate and again, can only raise questions about the behaviours of parliamentarians and our system. All Senators have the responsibility to engage in debate with respect for each other and we all should have the right to feel safe in our workplace.

This week, I met with CPSU members from the Department of Home Affairs.

There is a major government plan to privatise visa processing in this Department, based on projected increasing workloads, and significant investment in new technology. As we know, this is a complex, and stressful working environment, and the workers in the area are professional, and highly skilled. The department has been operating under strict staffing caps for many years, despite restructuring and increasing demands. This budget initiative follows similar projects in other government departments to privatise key work areas without acknowledgement of the importance and efficiency of our public sector, nor the basic policy of reducing staff and conditions. More information is available on the website and it would be useful to talk with local parliamentarians about their understanding of the process and its impact on services.

I will conclude with another unsavoury event this week in our own community. The rabid abuse and disrespectful trespass by a group of right-wing 'Christian' fundamentalist men on two Brisbane mosques who abused an elderly worshipper, a 15 year old boy and who made various threats of violence. Words fail me when considering the morality and intelligence of such people. I urge you to contact the Kuraby Mosque and voice your support for their right to engage in peaceful worship.

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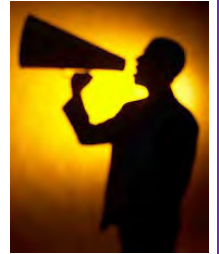
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WHAT'S BEING SAID ...



GST DISTRIBUTION – BOWEN- BUNDABERG

"They've been sitting on this Productivity Commission report for weeks. They promised that it will be released in June. I have an update for the Prime Minister, today is the 4th of July. get on with the job, get the report out and let the Australian people see it."

GST DISTRIBUTION - BOWEN – PRESS CONFERENCE – SYDNEY

"Well after 12 wasted months of talk, the Turnbull Government has finally agreed with Labor's position that Western Australia deserves a floor in GST distributions. That's been Labor's position for a long time, and if the Turnbull Government had listened to Bill Shorten and Mark McGowan when we first announced our position, Western Australia would now be better off."

"If he says he's not going to increase taxes that means he's either going to increase the Budget deficit or cut schools and hospital. I mean which one is it Mr Morrison? He may believe in magic pudding economics, that he can do it all. Australians know better than that." – Chris Bowen

GST DISTRIBUTION - BOWEN – PRESS CONFERENCE – SYDNEY

"So States and Territories are entitled to get that guarantee from Mr Morrison, that those cuts won't come from schools and hospitals to fund this new GST distribution model. This is a trend now for the Government, this is a Government which is committed to \$140 billion worth of personal income tax cuts on the never-never. More than \$80 billion worth of company tax cuts on the never-never. Now, this GST top-up model on the never-never. Locking in big long-term Budget changes without indicating how they intend to pay for them and Australians, and Australian States and Territories, are entitled to be very cynical that there are more cuts to schools and hospitals coming because of this Government."

LEYONHJELM - PLIBERSEK 6PR –PERTH

"The sort of language that he used is not appropriate in any workplace in Australia - certainly not appropriate in the Parliament. I wouldn't expect a colleague to say that sort of thing about another colleague in any workplace in Australia. And I think it is very important that we call it out".

Senator Leyonhjelm's comments are reprehensible. They're offensive, they're offensive not just to Senator Hanson-Young, they are offensive, I think, to all Australians and particularly to all women. People shouldn't have to put up with that sort of nonsense in a workplace. – Anthony Albanese

LEYONHJELM - SHORTEN – BURNIE

"People are sick and tired of politicians calling each other names, I get that. But I think this is more than just everyday name calling. I don't think that women should have to go to work and have to put up with that free character analysis from people who it's just not their right or their position. You may be a Senator in the Parliament but that doesn't mean you're entitled to cast judgement on every other person just because you're a Senator."

CHILDCARE CHANGES – RISHWORTH-RN DRIVE

"For many families that may be on an income of less than \$65,000 that have only one parent working they are actually going to see their subsidy cut in half. So, for many young families this is actually a cut to their subsidy- equating to about \$5,300 over the year."

GOVT'S ENERGY 'POLICY' - BOWEN- BUNDABERG

"You see this chaos and dysfunction at the heart of the Turnbull government when it comes to the important matter of energy policy. I mean, here in Queensland but right across the economy there's few more important issues for our economy than getting the policy settings right when it comes to climate change and energy investment."

LONGMAN BY-ELECTION – LAMB - CABOOLTURE

"While Labor funds hospitals, what we know is Liberal Governments what they do is they cut hospital funding. Under Campbell Newman and Trevor Ruthenberg's LNP Government we lost 700 nurses in this local region and under Malcolm Turnbull and his LNP Government: \$2.9 million ripped out of this hospital just here."

TAX POLICY & QLD - BOWEN- BUNDABERG

"Now Labor's plans be it income tax or corporate tax are focused on areas just like this. The Turnbull Government has a different set of priorities. Because Labor has listened and worked and developed policies, we have the policies which are better designed for places like Bundaberg, Gladstone, Wide Bay and the broader Bundaberg area."

"Just on the weekend, 10,000 workers in Bundaberg received a penalty rates cut. That's exactly the opposite of what this area needs. A penalty rate cut means less money to spend, less money in their pocket to drive the economy."

INVESTMENT & REGIONAL QLD - CHALMERS-BUNDABERG

"We want to see genuine investment in communities like here in Bundaberg and right throughout regional Queensland because we do understand that to grow the national economy you need to grow the economy in regional Queensland as well."

Now we've seen in this area \$3 million cut from the Bundaberg Hospital and \$7 million cut from the Wide Bay Health Service. And what that means is Malcolm Turnbull says to the people of Bundaberg: "Look I can't find \$3 million for your hospital, but I can find \$17 billion to give to the big four banks based in Sydney and Melbourne. I can't find \$7 million for the Wide Bay Health Service, but I can find \$85 billion in total for company tax cuts which will overwhelmingly flow overseas or to the southern capitals."

TAX POLICY & QLD - BOWEN ABC WIDE BAY

"We can say to Australian business 99.8 per cent of businesses are better off under Labor because not only do we have those tax cuts which Labor and Liberal match but also Labor has something else on top, the Australian Investment Guarantee which is a very advanced depreciation schedule so every business can claim 20 per cent of their investments upfront in the first year over and above what they can"

already claim. That applies to businesses here in Bundaberg, it applies to businesses in Sydney and Melbourne. It is a really good boost for business investment and we make our tax relief conditional on that investment occurring.”

INFRASTRUCTURE & NORTH QLD - ALBANESE – MACKAY

“The fact is that there hasn’t been any significant infrastructure development – not just in Far North Queensland but throughout North Queensland since the change of Government in 2013, that wasn’t already in the Budget. This is a Government that is asleep at the wheel. That has taken regional Queensland for granted, and that hasn’t delivered infrastructure investment.”

Labor is the party that builds the nation. That builds roads and that builds the infrastructure that we need to grow the economy and to grow jobs. – Anthony Albanese

BIO-SECURITY FAIL - FITZGIBBON – ABC RADIO NT COUNTRY HOUR

Both the Commonwealth and the States have critical roles to play in making sure our biosecurity system is as strong as it can possibly be and needs to be. You know White spot in Queensland; the Commonwealth Government did not even tell the Queensland Government what it knew months before the Queensland Government finally became aware. We have got to fix that very, very large problem. We have got an Inter-Governmental Agreement between the Commonwealth and States which has now expired. A five year old Agreement which is now expired. This Government has not lifted a finger to put a new Agreement in place. We have had a review of the first five years and the independent committee made 42, I think, recommendations about what we need to do to improve the system. Now those recommendations came out many months ago and the Government still hasn’t responded to them.

LONELINESS-LEIGH-SKY NEWS

“I think it’s a huge challenge. If you go back to the mid-1980s, 11 per cent of Australians said they had no one they could turn to in times of difficulty, now that has almost doubled up to 18 per cent. In Britain after the death of Jo Cox, they’ve appointed a Minister for Loneliness. Colleagues of mine including Graham Perrett, Andrew Giles and Louise Pratt have been talking about the issue of loneliness. We have these new survey results now suggesting that Australians have fewer close friends and are less likely to know their neighbours than they were in the past.”

QUOTES OF THE WEEK:

“The worst mistake you can make about Sky News and David Leyonhjelm’s smear of Sarah Hanson-Young is to think it was some sort of inadvertent ‘line crossing’, that a boundary had been overstepped in a robust exchange of ideas. Both Leyonhjelm and Sky News are in the same business, of selling the status of victimhood to aggrieved elites, and dressing it up as ideology to disguise the naked self-interest that motivates it.” – Bernard Keane (Crikey)

“Leyonhjelm is one of those faux intelligent cross-benchers who speak slowly to appear smart, attach themselves to a single idea which they don’t quite understand, and then let it rip at every opportunity until the few hundred people who accidentally voted for them realise their mistake and transfer their loyalty to the Penguin Appreciation Party. He will, hopefully soon, be gone.” – Michael Bradley (Managing partner at Marque Lawyers)



GLIMPSES

FINE PRINT

If there’s one thing which unites almost everyone, it is this: no one reads the terms and conditions. To prove that point, a 2016 study, asked users signing up to a fictitious social media service to consent to giving away their first-born child – and 98% agreed.

Even if real online services aren’t trying to take your first-born, they are definitely interested in hooking you (and your children) into their vast data collection and advertising networks. So here’s a question – if you use Google and Facebook, how much do you really know about how they are using you? Here are a few things that you might not have realised you were signing up for when you clicked “I agree”.

- Facebook’s Messenger app tracks your phone calls and SMS history
- Facebook tracks your physical location
- Facebook tracks you online when you’re not using Facebook, even if you’re logged out or have never had a Facebook account.

USED MORALS

A dodgy car salesman charged 48 per cent interest rates for used vehicles as he targeted \$3000 welfare payments given to vulnerable Indigenous Australians after Cyclone Yasi, the Banking Royal Commission heard. But many of the customers would default and the car would be repossessed and then resold to other people in the community by the same north Queensland car dealer.

ASIC’s indigenous outreach representative Nathan Boyle said the dealer was targeting pay-outs after Cyclone Yasi. “The car provider knew there would be some money coming into Aboriginal communities around Cairns at that time and that’s why the behaviour began,” Mr Boyle said.

FIVE STAR RENEWABLES



Solar installations set a blistering pace in the first half of 2018, reshaping the grid even as the Turnbull government debated its National Energy Guarantee. Wholesale prices fell by between 14 per cent and 21 per cent in most National Electricity Market states, as more renewable supply, gas plant and the Tesla-Neoen battery came on line to replace closed coal plants.

The reductions fed through to the first signs of price relief for households and small businesses in a decade, but remained uncomfortably high.

More regulators warned financial and industrial firms that they needed to take seriously the nation's international commitments on climate change, with Australian Securities and Investments Commission Deputy Commissioner John Price advising listed companies to seriously consider complying with international guidelines requiring full disclosure of carbon risks.

Large-scale wind, solar and hydro projects with a combined capacity of more than 2.3 gigawatts (a gigawatt is 1000 megawatts) reached financial close, bringing the total projects under construction to 6.4 GW, said Bloomberg NEF senior associate Leonard Quong.

At the same time residential and small business rooftop solar installations topped 700MW for the first six months, up about 50 per cent on last year, and commercial and industrial (C&I) rooftop solar installations of more than 100 kilowatts will exceed

574MW, said SunWiz. Combined, the total for the half-year is about 1.275GW - almost matching last year's full-year record haul of 1.29GW - "and we're not even half-way through the year", Managing Director Warwick Johnston said. Adding in projects being tendered

for by corporate buyers and state governments, the total tops 9GW worth \$16.4 billion, Green Energy Markets Director Tristan Edis said. This is almost as much as the 9271MW expected to be built under the National Energy Guarantee (NEG). Solar rooftop could add another 4GW to 5GW over the next two years.

LIAR, LIAR PANTS ON FIRE

Senior Federal Minister, Matt Canavan has claimed new coal export figures strengthen the investment case for Adani's [Carmichael coalmine](#) and the development of Queensland's Galilee basin, but a report from his own department appears to show the opposite. The Department of Industry report says coal export earnings will quickly drop below those for iron ore again, as global coal prices continue to fall.

It shows in 2019-20 coal export earnings will be just \$51.1bn, while iron ore earnings will be \$55.4bn.

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And yet, the report cites a projected decline in the global price for thermal coal as the reason for the drop in coal export earnings.

The value of thermal coal exports is expected to decrease by 14%, from \$23bn to \$19bn, in 2019-20.

The spot price of thermal coal is likely to fall from an average of US\$99 a tonne in 2018 to US\$74 a tonne in 2020, according to the Department of Industry. "The sharp decline in 2019-20 export earnings will be the result of a forecast decline in prices, which is expected to more than offset the impact of minor growth in the volume of thermal coal exports," the report says.

The report says metallurgical coal export earnings are also forecast to decline over the next two years, by 5.7% to \$35bn in 2018-19, and by another 11% to \$32bn in 2019-20, as lower prices offset rising export volumes.

MEANWHILE MALCOLM'S SNOWY RIVER DRIES UP

Energy project financier David Carland — the Executive Director of Australian Resources Development Limited — argues that once the Snowy Hydro project is operating it will provide only partial back-up energy at a high cost.



The briefing from Dr Carland was given one-on-one to a number of Coalition MPs in the last parliamentary sitting week. It came as the Nationals mounted a rear-guard action to ensure the government's national energy guarantee was supplemented by a new fund of up to \$5 billion to help deliver three new baseload power generators and as Tony Abbott called on Australia to walk away from the Paris accords.

The effect of "cycle losses" means Snowy 2.0 will have to buy around 30 per cent more power in order to pump water uphill than it can generate when water is released from the upper storage.

"Snowy 2.0 is a pump storage operation that is a net user of energy and therefore cannot resolve the longer-term issues of the lack of baseload supply in the national electricity market," Dr Carland. "Based on Snowy Hydro's own modelling the scenario in which Snowy 2.0 prospers is a world in which average power prices continue to rise."

In response, Snowy Chief Executive Paul Broad said: "What Snowy 2.0 does is make sure that cheap power is not wasted. "The concept of peak and off-peak prices in the future will be less relevant and in our view the energy market is changing rapidly.

"Snowy 2.0 is based on a market from the mid-2020s onwards. We have not used the traditional price intervals of peak and off-peak pricing to determine the economics of Snowy 2.0."

DUD COAL

Swiss Re, the world's second largest reinsurer, has pulled the plug on underwriting policies for companies with more than 30 per cent of thermal coal in their mining or power-generation portfolios, further tightening the screws on a fuel that is paradoxically enjoying buoyant demand in Asia.

No other big reinsurer has yet followed in Swiss Re's footsteps but the move opens up a new flank in the fossil fuel battles, which have previously involved investment managers and insurance groups opting not to invest in coal companies. If followed by others, it could be a



blow to local pure or majority thermal coal companies such as Whitehaven Coal, Yancoal, New Hope Group, as well as AGL Energy and Energy Australia, the nation's most coal intensive power companies. Other large reinsurers including Zurich, AXA, Allianz, Munich Re and Generali have introduced changes or restrictions around the type of coal fired power generation they will insure, but haven't gone as far as Swiss Re.

SUPER WARS -Bernard Keane (Crikey)

Big business has lost the superannuation war. The exit of most of the big banks from wealth management and financial planning, the banking royal commission and the Productivity Commission's finding that industry super funds outperform retail super funds have capped off a steady decline in retail super's fortunes since the Abbott government failed to repeal Labor's Future of Financial Advice reforms.



But having lost, it appears big business wants to wreck superannuation entirely. Andrew Bragg, a Business Council of Australia executive director is — like so many BCA staff — a Liberal Party apparatchik, as well as a former executive of the retail super fund lobby group Financial Services Council. Bragg has been running a campaign against industry super in conjunction with Kelly O'Dwyer, Michaelia Cash and News Corp writers like Simon Benson and Miranda Devine. Since it's no longer credible to claim that funds run by the big banks are competitive with industry super, Bragg claims that industry funds — which are jointly run by employer associations like Australian Industry Group, and trade unions — are in league with the Labor Party and feeding cash to unions.

This conspiracy theory relies on portraying fees to trade union-appointed fund directors as a sinister flow of cash to the labour movement. Of course, the same payments are made to an equal number of employer-nominated directors, but that isn't a flow of funds to big employer lobby groups that side with the Liberals. Bragg also portrays advertising fees paid to unions by funds as political in nature, as if funds shouldn't try to advertise to attract new members; similar payments to employer groups, or industry super's TV advertising budget, go unmentioned. Employer and union-controlled industry super is no more channelling money into the labour movement that it's channelling money into the media via advertising campaigns.

Given Bragg is peddling this Trump-style theory while working as an Executive Director of the Business Council, Industry Super Australia's chair Peter Collins — that's the union operative who was NSW Liberal leader back in the day — recently wrote to BCA members pointing out Bragg's claims and providing a detailed rebuttal.

"The association of the Business Council of Australia with the publication of such political, misleading and inaccurate material attacking industry super funds is a matter of considerable concern. It is akin to party political propaganda. We would appreciate your assurance that it will not continue. We would be happy to meet with you to discuss further."

Well, that escalated quickly.

But Shepherd then went radically further, claiming "but [industry funds] are the backers of the Labor Party. They provide cash and resources for elections."

This is utterly false. And it appears designed to undermine the entire superannuation system. Shepherd is telling workers their retirement savings are part of a giant scam designed to deliver power to Labor. At a time when banks have trashed the wealth management and financial advice industries and when community trust in the financial industry is seriously damaged, one of the doyens of Australian business is telling Australians they can't trust the retirement savings system either.

The broader context here is a push to nationalise superannuation. This is the mutually assured destruction option for the right and big business now they have lost the super war. Future Fund chair Peter Costello recently called for nationalisation by making the Future Fund the default super fund for every worker — although his own CEO [kyboshed the idea](#) (there's the problem that the Future Fund [underperforms](#) many super funds). Kelly O'Dwyer has been an enthusiastic backer of the idea and has tried to spin the Productivity Commission's draft report as showing the entire system is broken, rather than problems being concentrated in retail super. "The system right now is broken for millions of Australians and it has cost them millions upon millions of dollars in retirement savings," O'Dwyer has said.

The government and big business appear to be thinking on parallel tracks: if they can't win on superannuation, they'll wreck the entire system.

OOPS

The financial regulator ASIC has found that one in five Australian companies overstated their profits to a tune totalling \$750 million.

Is there no end to the malfeasance and incompetence of these people?

LEGAL STEALING

A truly damning report on the credit card industry on Wednesday, ASIC revealed almost 20 per cent of people with credit cards were struggling to pay their bills. That's almost two million of us who are using credit cards incorrectly — as high-interest loans rather than a short-term cash flow facility.

Most alarmingly, it found more than half a million of us are in a state of severe or serious "delinquency".

It was a huge report with lots to pick apart. But one aspect of it was particularly concerning: the phenomenon of 'balance transfer' credit cards. Balance transfer credit cards are targeted at people with existing credit card debt. They lure customers in with promises of interest-free periods, meaning you can switch over to them and pay off your existing debt without racking up more interest.

Used savvily, this may look like a pretty good offer. But as ASIC showed, a lot of people are not being savvy — and the banks are doing nothing to help them. The regulator found around a third of balance-transfer customers were ending up in even more debt than before, while 17 per cent saw their debt go up by more than 50 per cent.



CATASTROPHIC RISK

The Great Barrier Reef could be hit with catastrophic bleaching every two years by 2034, under current greenhouse gas pollution levels, according to the latest report from the Climate Council.

The ['Lethal Consequences: Climate Change Impacts on the Great Barrier Reef'](#) report shows the future survival of coral reefs around the world, including the Great Barrier Reef, depends on how deeply and swiftly greenhouse gas pollution levels are slashed over the coming years and decades.

Climate Councillor and ecologist Professor Lesley Hughes said accelerating climate change has driven a 54 per cent increase in the number of marine heatwave days each year (between 1925-1954 and 1987-2016), placing global reefs at serious risk.

"Intensifying marine heatwaves around the world are now occurring more often, lasting longer and are more intense than ever before," she said.

"Now, coral reefs around the world are also in the firing line, with rising ocean temperatures and more frequent marine heatwaves placing them at increasing risk."

Professor Hughes said the unprecedented bleaching events on the Great Barrier Reef in 2016 and 2017 resulted in mass coral mortality, with the 2016 bleaching event at least 175 times more likely to occur due to intensifying climate change. "Unless drastic action is taken, extreme coral bleaching will be the new normal by the 2030s. We will see extreme ocean temperatures, similar to those that led to these bleaching events possibly occurring every two years, which will effectively sign the death certificate for the world's largest natural living wonder that is the Great Barrier Reef," she said.

About 34 per cent of 1500 employers surveyed as part of Manpower's global talent shortage survey to be released on Thursday reported lack of skills as a major impediment to hiring, climbing to 43 per cent for medium-size businesses and 41 per cent for large firms.



Jenny to Retire – Bill Shorten

In Wangaratta in 1974, a young woman wearing a 'We Want Gough' badge lined up to cast her first vote for the Australian Labor Party.

On that day, in that seat, Labor were no chance. But Jenny Macklin didn't mind. She knew the policy program, back to front. She knew what she believed and she held true to it.

That's been the story of Jenny's life of service to our movement and to this country: deep policy knowledge, unshakeable conviction and a ceaseless determination to see the right thing done.

I have the honour today to thank Labor legend Jenny Macklin for everything she has done for the Labor party in 22 years as a Minister, Deputy Leader, policy thinker and parliamentary warrior – and also to pay tribute to her for all she has given in the service of the people and causes she cares so deeply about.

Like most modest people, I suspect Jenny does not truly know just how much she is loved. But as news of her decision to retire spreads, I'm sure many more friends and colleagues and community organisations will rush forward with thanks and fond memories of their own.

Every political party in Australia wishes they had a Jenny Macklin, but only Labor has been blessed with her extraordinary mind, her caring heart and her fearless love of the good fight. How lucky we have been.

Jenny is Labor's longest serving woman in the House of Representatives and the first woman to serve as Labor's Deputy Leader. But her contribution isn't just measured in time served or firsts achieved.

The truth is, there isn't a single major social policy reform in recent times that hasn't been shaped by Jenny Macklin.

Jenny's extraordinary record of achievement is testimony to her values:

- Delivering the biggest single increase in the aged pension in Australian history, lifting one million pensioners out of poverty.
- Introducing Australia's first national paid parental leave scheme.
- Helping Kevin Rudd deliver the National Apology along with practical plans for an equal, reconciled Australia.
- Her crucial role in designing, funding and delivering the National Disability Insurance Scheme, empowering Australians with disability, their carers and the people who love them.
- Leading the push for a Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and carrying on the long battle for National Redress.
- And championing, always, a caring arm and a helping hand for those who need it most: people living in poverty, women and children fleeing family violence and low-income families.

In the 11 years I've had the privilege of serving alongside Jenny, I've seen her put her arms around people who'd lost everything in the Black Saturday bushfires and, just for a moment, take their worries away.

I've seen her shed tears of joy alongside children with disabilities and their families as she helped drive the NDIS from a noble sentiment to a concrete reality.

I've seen her demolish a hapless procession of Liberal social policy ministers, every one of whom forgot that beneath the gentle exterior lies a forensic mind for detail and an unbreakable belief in social justice.

Through all this, I've never seen her ill-at-ease. She's as comfortable talking to Aboriginal mothers in a remote community as she is meeting pensioners at the local Italian Club. She belongs everywhere, because she makes everyone feel like they belong.

For a generation of Labor MPs, Jenny Macklin has set the standard. She is a mentor and an inspiration to so many colleagues, and something of a cult hero to Labor staffers.

I know well the benefit of her mentoring, having learnt a lot from Jenny as her Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers when I first entered Parliament. I know Jenny will give wonderful guidance to her successor and will continue to be an invaluable source of advice for me and all my colleagues.

Her legacy is a powerful reminder of what Labor can do for the country at our compassionate and determined best, and her example is one we must all strive to live up to in the future. Jenny Macklin changed the country, in her own quiet way.

I wish Jenny, Ross and their family every happiness in the next phase of their lives together.



ECONOMY

GST: TOO LATE FOR WA AND NO GUARANTEE OF FUTURE SERVICES - Bowen

The announcement by the Government regarding changes to the GST comes 12 months too late for Western Australia, and relies on a desperate “trust us” commitment from a government that has cut billions in funding for schools and hospitals.

After a year of inaction and failing to deliver for Western Australians, the Government has now effectively come on board to Labor’s approach of locking in a 70per cent floor that would deliver more funding for WA.

If Labor was in government, our Western Australia fair share fund would have been legislated with the money already flowing, instead of waiting more than 12 months for a Productivity Commission report that the government has simply ignored.

When it comes to the broader GST distribution model, the Turnbull Government is now essentially telling people to accept cuts to their GST payments now and that it can be trusted to deliver ongoing top up payments into the future. The irony today is that Scott Morrison said “top ups forever is a mug’s game”, yet his proposal today to grow the GST pool relies on top ups forever from the Commonwealth.

The model proposed is moving from a GST pool towards a GST plus “trust Scott Morrison” pool. The Government’s proposed model relies on \$7.2 billion in additional top up payments over the next decade. This comes on the back of the Government’s expensive and unfair \$144 billion in income tax cuts on the never never and giving \$17 billion to the banks.

Where is the money coming from? When it comes to the Budget, Scott Morrison isn’t Santa Claus, he’s the lead character in the Magic Pudding. The States and Territories are entitled to be concerned that this approach by the Government could lock in future cuts to schools and hospitals.

The GST top ups to smaller states are as permanent as schools and hospital funding agreements – which the Government has cut time and time again. As the Productivity Commission warned in its report, models that rely on ongoing top up funding arrangements will “**always be subject to the vagaries of the Commonwealth Budget**”.

No one trusts Turnbull or the Liberals on the GST. Every time they’ve touched the GST, they’ve tried to increase taxes on people, or cut payments to states.

Labor will carefully consider the Productivity Commission’s report and the Government’s proposal as the devil will be in the detail.

OUT-OF-TOUCH LIBERALS FAILING OWN BUDGET TESTS – Bowen/Chalmers

In the two years since the last election Malcolm Turnbull, Scott Morrison and Mathias Cormann have added \$44.6 billion to net debt and \$111.5 billion to gross debt.

With debt at record highs, it’s clearer than ever that the Liberals are failing the budget tests they set for themselves.

They promised to pay down debt but instead it has skyrocketed.

Given how significantly the Budget has deteriorated on their watch, it’s hardly surprising they no longer talk about the so-called debt and deficit disaster they used to bang on about.

Under Turnbull, net debt for this financial year is double what it was when the Liberals first came to office.

Gross debt crashed through half-a-trillion dollars on Turnbull’s watch for the first time ever in the nation’s history, and his own Budget papers expect it to remain well above half-a-trillion dollars every year for the next decade.

Both kinds of debt are growing quicker under this Government in good global conditions than they did under Labor, which had a Global Financial Crisis to contend with.

The arrogant and out-of-touch Liberals are only making things worse by insisting on an \$80 billion-plus tax handout for multinationals and the big banks, and high-end income tax cuts for those who need them least.

Turnbull’s obsession with the top end of town is not only hurting middle Australia, but the Budget as well.

Labor’s approach to the Budget is fairer and more responsible – we are able to look after the most vulnerable in our community and manage the Budget in a better way because we have made the big policy calls, and we have got them right.

MORE DODGY PRACTICES IN THE ROYAL COMMISSION- O’Neil/Dodson

The Royal Commission into the Banking and Financial Services sector has today uncovered more outrageous behaviour by companies, this time the targeting of vulnerable consumers in First Nations communities.

The conduct being alleged is nothing short of reprehensible.

Already, we have heard shocking allegations of First Nations communities and families being targeted with high interest car loans, predatory sales techniques and deceptive marketing tactics by companies selling junk funeral insurance, and telephone sales staff pressuring First Nations people into buying insurance that they did not want.

We have seen scandal after scandal revealed as part of this Royal Commission – the same Royal Commission that Malcolm Turnbull staunchly refused to establish for some 600 days.

Now, Malcolm Turnbull wants to give the sector a big reward through his big business tax giveaway.

The question has to be asked, do Malcolm Turnbull and Scott Morrison still believe this Royal Commission is “regrettable”?

Labor will always stand up for the rights of consumers while Malcolm Turnbull and his Liberals will always act with the best interests of their mates at the big end of town in mind.

HOW ABOUT A COMPROMISE? WE KEEP THE LAND, THE MINERAL RIGHTS, NATURAL RESOURCES, FISHING, AND TIMBER, AND WE’LL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AS THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF IT.



LABOR'S TAX REFUND BETTER FOR REGIONAL QLD Bowen/Chalmers/Chisholm/ Zac Beers (Flynn Candidate)

Hundreds of thousands of workers across regional Queensland will be better off under Labor's plan for bigger, better and fairer income tax cuts.

In the Queensland electorate of Flynn, 58,000 workers will get a bigger tax cut under Labor than the Liberals, while 49,000 would be better off next door in Hinkler.

A Shorten Labor Government will prioritise permanent tax relief for working Australians now - not talk about tax cuts for high-income earners in the never never.

Under the Liberals, Queenslanders are facing higher cost-of-living pressures with rising power bills, health costs and record low wages growth. Malcolm Turnbull's priority has always been on tax relief for the top end of town – he gave them a tax cut last year and will again through an expensive and unfair tax cut in 2024.

Mr Turnbull wants someone paying \$200,000 to pay the same marginal rate of tax as someone on \$40,000. Under the Liberals, working Australians get a smaller tax cut and cuts to schools and hospitals.

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

Labor has already supported tax cuts for 10 million people that start on 1 July, and if elected, we will almost double these tax cuts – providing up to \$928 a year - and make them permanent.

The Turnbull Government's priority is for tax cuts for big businesses and high-income earners, which will cost the Budget \$25 billion a year in 10 years' time.

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

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

TURNBULL IGNORES EVIDENCE FOR TAX REFORM- Cameron

The Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute's latest findings on the interaction between tax policy and the housing market has provided yet more evidence that well designed tax reforms can make a significant contribution to improving housing affordability.

AHURI's report entitled '[Pathways to housing tax reform](#)' has found that while Australia is experiencing a period of sustained economic growth, housing affordability has declined sharply in recent years and the shortage of suitable affordable housing is having far-reaching economic and social impacts on Australians.

The report is highly critical of the Turnbull Government's stubborn refusal to deal with the distortions created by its negative gearing and capital gains tax concessions for wealthy property investors. The report notes that "Australia has some of the most generous negative gearing provisions within the OECD" and that there is "increasing evidence that tax policy settings are contributing to the problem, exacerbating intergenerational inequality, inflated housing prices and reduced mobility."

The report also refutes the claim by Scott Morrison that it is Australians on modest incomes that benefit most from these generous tax concessions.

"In the case of both negative gearing and discounted CGT, it is higher income earners who benefit the most. Hence, both policies

potentially exacerbate economic inequality between high and low-income groups. Negatively-geared investments appear more likely to be for the short-term, suggesting that the availability of negative gearing does not necessarily promote long-term secure rental housing supply."

In spite of the overwhelming evidence, Malcolm Turnbull and Scott Morrison continue to defend the existing tax arrangements, which sees the vast bulk of financial benefit flow to those in the top 10 percent of income distribution.

Unlike the Liberals, Labor believes that worsening housing affordability and increasing homelessness are serious social and economic challenges that must be addressed.

Labor has a [plan](#) to improve housing affordability, increase financial stability, reduce homelessness and boost jobs. This plan includes tackling unfair tax concessions head-on by:

- Reforming negative gearing so that deductions can only be claimed on newly built homes, which will increase supply and create construction jobs.
- Reforming capital gains tax concessions, cutting it by half to 25%, which will reduce incentives for investing in property only in order to realise capital gains.

Labor is acutely aware that housing affordability remains an ongoing challenge for many Australians and we will continue to articulate policies and provide the leadership the Turnbull Government has failed to demonstrate on this issue.



THE INVASION - PAUL TSUI - NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVEL PHOTO FINALIST

INFRASTRUCTURE

FIRST TOWNSVILLE NAIF LOAN FINALLY ANNOUNCED – Clare/O’Toole (Herbert)

The Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) has finally announced its first investment decision in Townsville.

This is good news, but what took so bloody long?

There are almost 10,000 unemployed people in Townsville who have been waiting more than three years for Turnbull to deliver one project from the NAIF in North Queensland.

Turnbull needs to pull his finger out and make sure that it doesn’t take another three years to fund the next project.

Labor welcomes the new funding for JCU – we want to see jobs and investment in Townsville and we want to see the NAIF succeed.

Hopefully this is the first of many projects to be funded in Townsville.

BRUCE HIGHWAY EXTENSION WILL SUPPORT TOURISM –Elida Faith (Candidate Leichhardt)



Labor’s \$40 million commitment to extend the Bruce Highway from the intersection of Comport Street and Draper Street to Cairns Airport will ensure a better tourist experience for the almost three million people that visit Cairns every year.

The Bruce Highway is Queensland’s most important piece of road infrastructure and is central to the movement of people and freight up and down its coast.

These major upgrades will improve access to the Airport, which is particularly important given the growth in passenger numbers – in May this year Cairns Airport welcomed 390,000 passengers.

Locals will also benefit from the jobs that will be created as a result of this \$40 million investment.

This project builds on the \$5 million Labor has already announced for the Wangetti Tourist Trail in Cairns and our commitment to establish a \$1 billion Northern Australia Tourism Infrastructure Fund. It comes in addition to the investment Labor made when last in Government.

This included the almost \$700 million we allocated to upgrading and widening key sections of the Bruce Highway through Cairns’ southern suburbs, as well as between Cairns and Gordon vale.

The simple fact is that quality infrastructure underpins a successful tourist experience. Labor understands that many people in Cairns rely on tourism for their income, which is why we are committed to investing in infrastructure that will help support this important sector.

FORGET THE LYCRA - WE WILL BUILD THE MACKAY RING ROAD – Albanese/ Belinda Hassan

Dawson MP George Christensen’s failure to secure Budget funding for Stage II of the Mackay Ring Road highlights his growing irrelevance within the Federal Government.

In February Federal Labor committed \$102 million for planning and construction of the Mackay Port Access Road, to be delivered in partnership with the Queensland Government.

Labor recognises the fundamental importance of this project to Mackay’s quality of life and ongoing economic development.

By contrast, Mr Christensen was unable to extract a dollar of funding from the Federal Coalition Government in May’s Federal Budget.

To his embarrassment, Mr Christensen recently made a bizarre video in which he ran around singing in a lycra leotard in an attempt to bring attention to the project.

The people of Dawson don’t need a clown in a leotard.

They need a Labor Government in Canberra with a Labor representative able to deliver the services and infrastructure their community needs and deserves.

It is becoming increasingly clear that Mr Christensen’s frequent media stunts and threats to cross the floor have eroded his credibility with his colleagues to such an extent that he is ineffective as an advocate for his community.

With Stage I of the Mackay Ring Road under construction, Labor is determined to ensure that we lock in Stage II to allow for a seamless continuation of the project.

The 8.2km Mackay Port Access Road will link the Bruce Highway North intersection to the Harbour Road intersection – connecting Mackay’s northern suburbs to the Paget Industrial Area and mining locations west of the city.



CHARITIES

‘RECONNECTED’ FORUM A SUCCESS – Leigh/Watt/Denis Hardman (Forde Candidate)

This week we held a successful ‘Reconnected’ forum with Logan and Gold Coast charities and not-for-profits, exchanging ideas to boost social capital and community engagement.

While the Turnbull Government is working in Parliament to stifle the voice of our charities, we’re listening to charities to hear how we can ensure our communities have stronger bonds and louder voices.

Over the course of the last generation, we’ve seen some worrying trends. Australians are less likely to join community organisations or play organised sports. We’ve seen troubling drop-offs in volunteering rates and donation rates in recent years.

These are the trends Labor is trying to reverse as we hear from charities and organisations about what they’re doing to foster community spirit and build social capital at a local level.

This was the fourteenth Reconnected forum, following on from successful forums in Brisbane, Sydney, Perth, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, Newcastle, the NSW Central Coast, Launceston, Hobart, and Darwin. Across these forums, we have had the chance to meet with

representatives of over 1200 Australian charities.

The local groups who joined today's conversation included:

- Florea Productions
- Transit Care Limited
- Supporting Silk Sister Project Inc.
- Twin Rivers Centre
- World Central
- Brisbane Anglicare Maori Mission Inc.

A life spent with others is a better life. We thank the organisations who participated in today's vital conversation for their energy and ideas. In a battler electorate like Forde, community support is especially important, which is why Labor will give charities and community organisations a hand, and battlers a leg up.

Labor has been working with the Hands off Our Charities Alliance to push back against LNP measures that would stifle the voices of charities and not-for-profits.

We have successfully defeated attempts to scrap the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission. Labor will fight the LNP's attempt to include charities in the ban on foreign political donations.

Unfortunately local member Bert Van Manen has been silent on these attempts to stifle the work of charities and not-for-profits. Bert Van Manen needs to explain to community organisations in his electorate why he is not speaking up for them in Canberra.

ENERGY POLICY

EMISSIONS AMBITION OF NEG DISASTROUS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY – Mark Butler

The latest electricity sector emissions data, released by The Australia Institute, shows just how worthless Malcolm Turnbull's weak National Energy Guarantee (NEG) really is.

The data shows having only a 26 per cent emissions reduction target for the electricity sector will ***"make little or no contribution to reducing emissions in the NEM"*** with just a **4 per cent cut in emissions over the entire decade of the 2020s**.

This is disastrous news for other sectors of the economy as well. To reach the already inadequate Paris Agreement target of 26 per cent - industrial, transport and mining emissions over the decade will need to be cut by **41 per cent**, according to the Government's own emissions projections.

On top of that, most of the emissions reduction will happen by 2021 thanks to the tail of Labor's Renewable Energy Target (RET). The RET is the only policy that has driven emissions cuts in the electricity sector, while other sectors, like transport, have continue to rise.

With almost all of the emissions reductions being achieved by 2021 it will leave the NEG with only **0.5Mt to be cut per year for eight years**.

In contrast, in the last year of the Labor government, electricity emissions fell by 10.9Mt.

Malcolm Turnbull's emissions reduction target for the NEG will paralyse any investment in renewable energy for the entirety of the 2020s. As the report says, ***"in the absence of stronger emission reduction targets, the currently booming wind and solar generator construction industry is at risk of completely collapsing after 2021."***

Malcolm Turnbull's emissions ambition of the NEG will destroy renewable energy investment, risking thousands of jobs and an entire industry. It will simply shift the emissions reduction responsibility to other sectors of the economy that don't have a low-cost technology available to them.

The electricity sector wants, can, and should do more than its mathematical share to reduce carbon emissions. The only thing standing in its way is Malcolm Turnbull and his inability to stand up to the hard-right climate deniers in his Party Room.

CHILDCARE

SOFTWARE GLITCH LEAVES PROVIDERS AND FAMILIES IN THE DARK- Rishworth

Only days since its inception, and providers and families alike are reeling at mess that is the Turnbull Government's new child care system.

Providers who are trying to administer the changes are unable to access the Provider Entry Point (PEP) which is used to access the Child Care Subsidy System (CCSS) for the administration of the Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

<https://www.education.gov.au/ccshottopics>

This is just another bungle which providers and families have had to face with the new changes. This is despite the Minister providing certainty that his systems would be ready earlier this year in [Senate Estimates](#);

"I do certainly have a high degree of confidence that we are well placed for a full and successful launch of the new childcare subsidy and the associated IT services across the board on 2 July." - **Simon Birmingham, Thursday, 31 May 2018**

Families and providers who signed up weeks ago are still waiting for Centrelink to process their paperwork or software that can't connect.

Even for those families and providers who have signed up in the last couple of days, there are suggestions that they will have to wait up to 28 days for Centrelink to process their new registrations.

Providers are essentially being told to get in line and wait, and that families are not eligible for support during this time, as this communication from the Department of Education and Training shows:

“The Department of Education and Training will decide on each application as soon as possible, but is not required to do this in a set period of time. Please note that the Department is currently experiencing a high volume of CCS Application submissions and an Assessment Officer will be in contact once the Application has been assessed.

You should also be aware that families who use your service during this time are not eligible for CCS. Families’ eligibility for CCS will not commence until your application for approval is successful.”

Despite giving reassurances that his system would be ready, families and providers are fighting an IT system which isn’t ready leaving many frustrated and potentially out of pocket.

This is just another example of the Turnbull Government’s mishandling of this transition. The Minister must front up and fix this mess immediately.

NO ACCESS TO CENTRELINK WEBSITE FOR CHILDCARE SUBSIDY – Rishworth/Burney

Families have been left high and dry by the Turnbull Government with thousands unable to access Centrelink online to switch over to the new child care system.

Child care providers and families are still waiting for the applications to be processed, weeks after submitting the paperwork to Centrelink. Once again, families have been let down by the Turnbull Government who have botched the transition for thousands of families and providers making the switch to the new child care system.



The [Centrelink website was shut down](#) over the weekend for “scheduled maintenance” but users have complained they are still unable to access it.

The Turnbull Government must explain why a maintenance shutdown was scheduled for the weekend on which its new child care system was to begin.

The Minister also needs to guarantee these families and providers will not be left out of pocket because of this latest bungle.

This just highlights the clumsiness of the Turnbull Government.

Over the past year, the Government has attempted to shift more people to managing their Centrelink matters online, and away from Centrelink’s phone and in-person services. Average call wait times to Centrelink on the family’s phone line have increased from 16 minutes to 21 minutes.

These are just the averages. The reality is, we’ve heard stories of [people waiting hours](#) just to speak to someone at Centrelink.

And those attending Centrelink in-person are also enduring longer wait times.

The average wait time in service centres have increased from 12 minutes and 4 seconds last year, to 13 minutes and 47 seconds.

And even then, people who attend in person are directed to the phones where they are again forced to endure lengthy phone wait times, or they are directed online.

Many are finding Centrelink’s online platform [difficult to navigate](#), and there have been numerous occasions where the Centrelink [website has been down](#).

It’s a vicious cycle of vulnerable Australians being forced to the edge of their bank accounts while they wait for, or simply not receive their payments at all.

Labor welcomes the transition of services online, so long as it remains accessible and reliable. And it shouldn’t mean that we neglect in-person and phone services.

On the weekend, the Government said it would begin a new system in which Centrelink clients will be [identified based on biometric information](#), including facial recognition.

Experts have warned of the high risks of personal information being used. How can we trust the Government to roll out such a complex system when it can’t even ensure consistent and reliable access to the Centrelink website

The Turnbull Government has demonstrated time and again that it is only interested in making claiming income support so difficult in the hope people just give up.

2 YEARS ON, BIRMO STILL WON'T OWN UP TO CHILD CARE FAIL - Rishworth

Two years since the election, families are paying the price of the Government’s child care failures – with the rollout of the new system coming at the same time as fees are hiked by up to another 10 per cent.

Families are already paying over 20 per cent more for child care under this Government – more than \$2,160 on average.

And today the Government launches a system that will leave 279,000 families worse off—one in four – and cut support for the early education of some of Australia’s most vulnerable children in half.

The Minister is completely out-of-touch with parents and child care – and he’s passing the buck at every turn.

Last week he suggested that parents simply [‘change centres’](#) in response to fee hikes.

And this week he’s announced that they will simply keep a list of complaints about child care fee rises. The Government needs to act – not just keep a list of naughty providers.

The Government has imposed this new system on providers and forced them to pay the costs of implementing it – costs including new IT systems, new staffing and billing arrangements, new red tape, and the costs of personally registering staff and families in the system.

These costs, imposed by the Liberals onto the sector, are now being passed onto families.

The fact is that nothing in the Government’s changes will cap fees – it will only cap the amount Government pays. Fee increases above the government’s benchmark price will have to be paid by families – and it will only increase by CPI – well below the real cost of care.

At the last election, Labor’s plan for more affordable child care included a policy to give the ACCC powers to crack down on unjustified price increases – together with new transparency and accountability standards for the sector.

It’s no wonder that around 15 per cent of families haven’t signed up the new system – around 175,000 families.

For the one in four families around Australia who will be worse off under the Liberals new system, it would cost as much as \$5,300 a year to



replace the day of early learning their children will lose because of the new activity test.
Only the Turnbull Government would reduce access to early learning for Australia's most vulnerable children.

LABOR LAUNCHES CHILD CARE CAMPAIGN - Rishworth

The Turnbull Government's new child care system began this week – a new system that will leave 1 in 4 families worse off.

Funding support stops, or is reduced, for 279,000 families – funding families rely on to help balance the household budget.

Labor has been raising concerns about these changes since they were first proposed by the Liberals. We know, like the early learning sector does, that this unfair new system will hurt many vulnerable and low income families.

Labor is launching a new website to hear from those families who have been unfairly targeted by the Turnbull Government's child care changes. These families need, and deserve, a voice.

We've already heard in the weeks leading up to the new system stories of a [single mother battling breast cancer](#) being left worse off, a [blended family who are trying to make ends meet](#) but believe they will be more than \$9,000 a year worse off, and families who have had to fight with an IT system which is designed to work against them.

These aren't stories we want to hear but they're stories that need to be told to highlight just how unfair the Turnbull Government's child care package really is.

Sadly from today more families will discover they are worse off. In addition, more than 200,000 families are still yet to register for the new system.

Labor's child care campaign can be found here; <https://www.alp.org.au/childcare>

HEALTH

MALCOLM TURNBULL'S PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE FAILURE - King

Malcolm Turnbull's private health insurance "reforms" have been exposed as a complete sham, with his own department confirming they are unlikely to deliver any significant benefits for consumers.

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's Office of Best Practice has raised serious doubts about the changes designed by Greg Hunt – hand-in-hand with the big insurers – which resulted in a 4 per cent price rise this year.

The Office of Best Practice thinks the impact of the changes have been overstated, that the Government did not properly model its own measures, and failed to properly consider other reform options.

Department of Health documents have also revealed that the Government's changes are only intended to keep premium price rises at 4 per cent a year – double what Labor policies will deliver.

So even if the Government's package works just as intended it will still result in price rises that will drive more people away from private health insurance.

Is Malcolm Turnbull really so arrogant and out-of-touch that he thinks annual double inflation price rises are acceptable? Australians are struggling with the rising cost of health insurance just as they are with the rising cost of electricity and childcare.

Under the Liberals, premiums have increased by 27 per cent since 2014 – costing families an average \$1,000 more.

Labor will cap premium price increases at 2 per cent for two years, delivering families an average saving of \$340 and shifting the balance back in the favour of consumers rather than private health insurance company executives.

We will also task the Productivity Commission with a sweeping review to identify long-term sustainable ways to bring down costs and improve quality.

NURSES & MIDWIFES

Nurses and midwives are warned of a scam SMS text message which pretends to be from the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

AHPRA and the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) have been alerted that some nurses and midwives have received a scam SMS sent to their mobile phone with the message 'You have now passed your AHPRA Renewal and been made inactive.'

AHPRA does not send SMS messages and will not ask for your login credentials or for you to make payments over phone or email.

The SMS message could be a [Mobile Premium Services scam](#) as advised by Scamwatch. The sender tries to trick you into paying extremely high call or text rates when replying to an unsolicited text message on your mobile phone.

Example of the SMS text

What should you do?

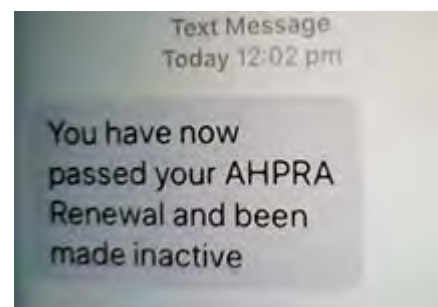
If you have received this SMS, please do not reply or call the sender's number.

Please read the [Scamwatch article](#) for more information about protecting yourself.

More information

AHPRA does not share practitioner contact details with any organisation except for law enforcement purposes.

[IDCare](#) provides assistance to individuals who may have lost their personal details.



LIFE-SAVING MEDICAL SCANS FOR MORETON BAY REGION – Shorten/King/Lamb

People living in the Moreton Bay region will benefit from more affordable access to life-saving medical scans under a Shorten Labor Government.

Labor will deliver a new Medicare-subsidised MRI licence to the region – one of 20 we will deliver nationwide, because we understand that improving access to health care is about improving people's quality of life.

MRI scans are used to detect and diagnose conditions that affect soft tissue – including tumours and cancer – and are critical in the early detection of many diseases.

If someone cannot access a Medicare MRI they can be forced to pay high out-of-pocket costs and join lengthy waiting lists. Some people choose to forego the scans altogether, potentially putting their lives at risk.

Earlier this year, a bipartisan Senate inquiry recognised that the Brisbane North region has a shortage of access to subsidised MRI scans – meaning locals have to travel long distances or delay their care.

The electorate of Longman has a population of nearly 160,000 people but only one fully licenced MRI machine. The nearby electorate of Fisher by contrast has seven MRI licences – one for every 20,000 people.

Labor will work with the Queensland Government to determine the best location for the new licence, which will benefit everyone in the region.

The Turnbull Government has completely neglected MRI scans, granting only five MRI licences during five years in office – and the latest only as a result of a dodgy deal with One Nation in Western Australia.

Labor by contrast granted 238 licences when we were in office, with hundreds of communities benefiting from the early detection and diagnosis of disease today because of Labor's investment.

Labor will deliver 20 extra licences across the country if we win the election.

The first 10 licences will be reserved for public hospitals, with locations determined based on evidence to the Senate inquiry. The remaining licences will be awarded via a transparent application process under a Labor Government.

This commitment comes on top of Labor's announcement that we will invest \$10 million to establish a chemotherapy treatment service at Caboolture Hospital and is a result of Susan Lamb's strong community advocacy over many years.

Turnbull is cutting \$2.91 million from Caboolture hospital in only three years and turning his back on the health needs of locals in Brisbane's north.

Labor is prioritising Longman's health care and hospitals, and we can afford to do so because we aren't giving \$17 billion away to the banks.

GAY CONVERSION THERAPY – Terri Butler

I am deeply concerned by recent comments made by the new head of the Australian Christian Lobby, Martyn Iles, in relation to gay conversion therapy.

Gay conversion therapy is a practice which is not only outdated, but completely discredited and dangerous.

For many young people, it can be difficult enough coming to grips with the fact that they aren't heterosexual or cisgender.

The last thing they need is for groups like the ACL to try to "counsel" them. What they need is support.

Mr Turnbull needs to send a message to young LGBTIQ people that they aren't broken and don't need to be fixed. He should unequivocally condemn this shameful, toxic practice.



EDUCATION

TWO YEARS SINCE THE ELECTION, TWO YEARS OF EDUCATION CUTS – Plibersek/Cameron

This week marks two years since the last federal election, and two more years of Malcolm Turnbull's devastating cuts to schools, TAFE, and unis. Mr Turnbull has cut \$17 billion from schools. He has distinguished himself by becoming the first Prime Minister in Australian history to unite public, Catholic, and independent schools against his unfair school funding policies.

Under Malcolm Turnbull cuts to TAFE and training have reached more than \$3 billion, and there are around 140,000 fewer apprentices than there were at the time of the last election.

Mr Turnbull has also imposed an unfair cap on uni places, ripping \$2.2 billion from campuses around the country. This will see tens of thousands of Australians miss out on a uni place over the next couple of years alone.

The Liberals never learn - they always cut schools, cut TAFE, and cut unis.

The Liberals are cutting money from education to give it to the top end of town.

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

His priorities are all wrong. Labor believes that getting a great education sets you up for life.

That's why Labor will restore every dollar of the \$17 billion the Liberals have cut from schools.

It's why Labor will deliver 100,000 free-free TAFE places, and a \$100 million fund to rebuild TAFE campuses.

And it's why Labor will give around 200,000 more Australians the chance to go to uni by abolishing Malcolm Turnbull's unfair cap on student places.

Labor can afford to invest in education because unlike the Liberals, we are not giving \$80 billion to the top end of town, including the big banks.

Labor will always put people and services first.

WORKERS

TURNBULL GOVERNMENT FAILS YOUNG PEOPLE ON JOBS - O'Conner/Terri Butler/Husic

The Turnbull government's atrocious record when comes to youth unemployment and youth underemployment has been exposed by a report from the Reserve Bank of Australia.

The RBA's [research](#) shows how tough it is for young people when it comes to jobs. The RBA has pointed out that youth unemployment is 7% above the national unemployment rate. The RBA has also said that young workers are not getting the hours they want. On average young workers would prefer to get another eleven hours' work a week.

The proportion of young people not working or studying has been at its highest in a decade.

The Liberals have comprehensively failed young people when it comes to jobs.

This report is a damning indictment on this terrible government and its inability to do anything about youth unemployment or youth underemployment.

One of their first acts in government was to cut the successful Youth Connections program. They brought in the PaTH program, which the Prime Minister last week bragged was helping "thousands" of young people get work.

The real figures tell a different story. As at 20 May, there had been 5,473 PaTH placements and only 292 young Australians had a job six months later. That's less than 20 per cent of the anticipated 30,000 placements and only a miniscule number of young Australians overall.

This is not dissimilar to another of the Liberal's failing job programs; Work For the Dole which also has just a 20 per cent success rate for job outcomes.

The Turnbull government needs to stop waging its war on young people. No more cuts to education. No more penalty rates cuts.

TURNBULL GOVERNMENT HAS DROPPED THE BALL ON TAFE AND VET- Cameron

This week's article in the Sydney Morning Herald confirms the Turnbull Government's dismal failure on TAFE and vocational education.

The number of students enrolled in government funded training at TAFE has plummeted by 24.5 per cent since the Turnbull government came to office.

In the last year alone, students attending TAFE and community education providers decreased by 5.8 per cent and 5.6 per cent respectively.

Students attending other registered providers decreased by 8.1 per cent over the same period.

Around Australia, TAFE campuses have closed, courses have been cut and students are being locked out due to increased fees.

Shadow Minister for Skills, TAFE and Apprenticeships, Senator Doug Cameron, said the Liberals have failed to improve the quality of courses, reduce costs and increase access to education and training.

"Australia's TAFE and vocational education system is under enormous pressure as a result of the Liberals poor and incoherent policy development," Senator Cameron said.

"The system has been damaged by privatisation, poor regulation and unhealthy competition."

He said only a Shorten Labor Government will restore vocational education and improve outcomes for students

"Labor has committed \$100 million to the Building TAFE for the Future Fund to commence a program of revitalising campuses across Australia," he said.

"A Shorten Labor government will also conduct a once in a generation inquiry into the post-secondary education system within the first 100 days of being elected.

"TAFE is the anchor for a quality vocational education and training. If it is properly supported and resourced, it gives Australia a significant competitive advantage."

Labor has committed that at least two thirds of all government funding for vocational education will go to TAFE.

The balance will go to not-for-profit community and adult educators and only quality private providers. There is no place for dodgy VET providers.

SOCIAL SERVICES

TWO YEARS IN AND STILL CUTTING THE PENSION - Macklin

Two years since the last election, out-of-touch Turnbull is just as determined as ever to keep cutting the pension.

The Liberals and Nationals have repeatedly tried to cut the pension over the last two years.

Legislation is currently before the Parliament to completely scrap the energy supplement for new pensioners – a cut of **\$14.10 per fortnight to single pensioners or around \$365 a year, and a cut of \$21.20 a fortnight or around \$550 a year to couple pensioners.**

Since 2017, 277,700 pensioners have seen their payments cut, and 92,300 people have lost the pension entirely, because of a dirty deal between the Conservatives and the Greens Political Party to change the pension assets test.

The Government still has legislation before the Parliament to take away the pension supplement for anyone who travels overseas for more than six weeks – ripping \$120 million from the pockets of pensioners.

Malcolm Turnbull also wants to increase the pension residency requirement from 10 to 15 years, leaving many hard working Australians facing poverty.

Since the last election, this Government has refused to change the deeming rates – which are now much higher than the real rate of return pensioners can get on their modest savings.



On top of all this, the Liberals and Nationals are **increasing the pension age to 70**.

Only someone as arrogant and out-of-touch as Malcolm Turnbull would demand farmers, bricklayers and nurses work until they are 70.

The Conservatives aren't listening at all – pensioners simply can't afford their cuts.

A Shorten Labor Government will protect the pension, reverse the cuts to the energy supplement and invest in local health services. Pensioners will always be better off with Labor.

GOVT NEEDS TO FIX CENTRELINK'S ONLINE SERVICES AND SECURITY – Burney/Husic

The Government needs to fix Centrelink's online services and security risks before it begins its biometric identification scheme for Centrelink clients. The Government says it will begin a new system in which Centrelink clients will be identified based on biometric information, including facial recognition.

The Government says its "voluntary" but it will use "[nudge tactics](#)" to get the system "[fully operational](#)" by 2025.

This is despite privacy and tech experts warning of the risks of the information being misused.

Last year, it was [reported](#) that Medicare card details had been sold on the dark web.

Last week, it was [revealed](#) that a Centrelink client's personal details, including bank and residential details, had been inadvertently disclosed.

Centrelink clients have also complained about the [difficulty in using Centrelink's online platform](#).

The Government needs to address these issues before it even begins to contemplate a biometric identification system.

We challenge the Minister to outline how the Government will deal with the security risks highlighted by experts.

SENIORS

HOME CARE PACKAGE DATA STILL SITTING ON THE MINISTER'S DESK - Collins

The latest round of data that determines the waitlist for home care packages is still sitting on the Minister's desk.

This means the public release of the data is now more than a month late.

What is the Minister for Aged Care hiding?

Why isn't the Minister being honest with older Australians and immediately releasing the latest round of data on the waitlist for home care packages?

The Department of Health has previously committed to release the data two months after the period that the data covers.

Of great concern to Labor is the last package of data revealed almost 105,000 older Australians were waiting for a home care package, with the average wait time for a high level package blowing out to more than a year.

The demand for home care packages grew by 20,000 older Australians in the last six months of 2017 alone.

There are distressed sons, daughters and carers supporting older Australians who are waiting for an approved home care package.

Older Australians, their loved ones and carers need some certainty as to how long they will continue to wait.

This is intolerable and unacceptable.

The Turnbull Government has promised the world to older Australians waiting on the queue for a home care package.

If the Turnbull Government is confident its '*Baby Boomer*' Budget will deliver for these Australians, it should release the latest data on home care packages immediately.

Sadly the Minister for Aged Care has already admitted the Government will need to consider other interventions to reduce the list, but with older Australians waiting years for care this action needs to be happening now.

The Government needs to apologise for overpromising and under delivering for older Australians.



VETERANS

CENTENARY OF THE BATTLE OF HAMEL – Rishworth/Snowdon

This week marks the Centenary of the Battle of Hamel.

Described as a brilliant success, the Battle of Hamel took place on July 4, 1918 and lasted 93 minutes.

Hamel would later be cited in establishing Sir John Monash's reputation among allied forces, as he became known for his meticulous planning and coordinated approach.

The Battle of Hamel was just one in a number of Battles during mid-1918 which allied forces began to see go in their favour.

Although a relatively quick battle during World War I, the Battle of Hamel was pivotal for Australian and American troops who would become an allied force during this battle.

Located north-east of Villers-Bretonneux, Hamel was strategically important to capture, as it provided a higher ground and observation for enemy forces.



Thomas Axford and Henry Dalziel both received the Victoria Cross for their acts of gallantry during the Battle of Hamel.

Upon his company Commander becoming a casualty, Lance Corporal Axford, in an act of bravery, threw bombs amongst the enemy gun crew

before charging with his bayonet, killing ten enemy forces and taking six prisoners.

Private Dalziel charged an enemy gun, killed and captured the entire crew and gun allowing fellow soldiers to advance their position. Private Dalziel was heavily wounded during this attack and did not return to Australia until the following year after following his recovery from the Battle of Hamel.

Despite the success of the Battle it came at a huge cost to Australian troops who suffered 1,062 casualties, with 800 killed, devastating their families and loved ones back home.

A century later we remember and honour the bravery and sacrifice of those soldiers who served in the Battle of Hamel.

COMMUNICATIONS

WHERE'S MORE FIBRE AND A NBN SERVICE GUARANTEE, MALCOLM? - Jones

After two years of dragging their feet on fixing the holes in consumer protection, the Turnbull Government has, today, released its Consumer Safeguards Review. It shows the Government has the wrong priorities and continues to play catch-up.

While the Government is focussed on who handles complaints and how they are reported, the real priority is to fix the root causes of problems: second-rate technology, lack of transparency, and the lack of proper service standards for rectifying faults and minimising downtime.

The [Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman received over 158,000 complaints last year, alone](#). This is four times the level of the Financial Ombudsman Service.

Labor calls on the Government to adopt our policy:

1. Stop deploying second-rate technology that produces more faults, more dropouts and more complaints.
2. Support the establishment of Labor's NBN Service Guarantee to ensure industry have the right incentives to be responsive and fix problems **before those problems turn into complaints**.

The Government's track record on the consumer safeguards review is nothing short of a shambles.

It first declared it would undertake a review of consumer safeguards in 2016. The Minister literally [did nothing for two years](#), and then scrambled to re-announce the review on the same day TIO complaints increased by 204 per cent.

Despite having two full years to dwell on the issue, the Turnbull Government has failed to explain how the proposed measures will make a practical difference.

Labor will always welcome genuine initiatives designed to deliver better outcomes for consumers, but we will not play along with half-baked measures designed to shift the optics of problems around, rather than dealing with their root causes.

GOVERNMENT ENTITY CYBER SECURITY IS NOT AN OPTIONAL EXTRA - Brodtmann

The latest [Australian National Audit Office report](#) on the cyber resilience of government entities is a damning indictment of the Turnbull Government's management of our nation's cyber security in an environment where cyber-attacks are becoming increasingly prevalent, sophisticated and malicious.

This fourth audit in the series shows that of 14 government entities reviewed, just four have been found to comply with mandatory cyber security standards - the Department of Human Services, Treasury, AUSTRAC and the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

Those that haven't complied in the past include the:

- Australian Federal Police
- Former Department of Immigration and Border Protection
- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Australian Taxation Office
- Australian Financial Security Authority, and
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Labor has been [sounding the alarm bells](#) on the lack of compliance and cyber resilience of government entities for years.

But the response from the Turnbull Government has been a deafening silence - apart from a [letter to Cabinet Ministers](#) asking them to tell their agency heads to take cyber security 'very seriously'!

In [2014](#), not one of the seven government entities investigated by the ANAO complied with mandatory cyber security standards.

Four years on, and a review of 14 government entities later, and only four - or 28 percent - have been found to comply.

At a time when significant data breaches and cyber-attacks are an almost daily occurrence, the revelation our own government entities continue to fail to meet mandatory standards should be a cause of great and immediate concern for the Turnbull Government.

These are government entities that collect and store the information of Australians, protect our borders and run our national security operations.

Continuing to ignore these warnings means the Turnbull Government is continuing to put this data at risk, with potentially significant consequences for Australians.

Cyber security is everyone's responsibility and government entities must be the standard by which others in the community measure themselves. What part of mandatory does the Turnbull Government not understand? Where are the deadlines for these government entities to become compliant? And when will the Turnbull Government stop treating the cyber security of government entities as an optional extra?



ENVIRONMENT

GOVT NEEDS TO SHOW LEADERSHIP ON THE SLAUGHTER OF WHALES – Burke/Dreyfus

Federal Labor is appalled by reports emerging over the weekend around Japan wishing to lift the ban on commercial whaling for profit. The moratorium on commercial whaling was one of the great environmental reforms of the last century.



Grand Prize Winner, 2018 National Geographic Travel Photographer of the Year -REIKO TAKAHASHI

"As the largest island nation Australia has a clear responsibility to be one of the loudest voices globally when it comes to protecting our oceans and the life that lives within it. Japan's so called 'scientific whaling' has never been justified or reasonable. There is nothing scientific about travelling from one side of the planet to the other harpooning whales and chopping them up to put them on a plate," Mr Burke said.

"When last in government Labor took action by taking Japan to court over its so called 'scientific' whaling program and was successful, winning the case at the International Court of Justice. It is time for the Turnbull government to step up and take real action to protect whales and our marine environment," Mr Dreyfus said.

The Australian Government needs to be able to fight this loudly and forthrightly. We

should again have ministerial representation at the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and the Government should make clear that Australia is willing to once again take Japan to court to stop whaling in the southern ocean.

THE FARM

APVMA FLOP NEEDS A COMPLETE FLIP - Fitzgibbon

The Turnbull Government is gradually running up the white flag on its crazy forced relocation of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) to Barnaby Joyce's electorate.

The blatant pork barrelling exercise has been a flop and only a complete backflip from the Turnbull Government will deliver the capacity our farmers and other key stakeholders need.

Embarrassingly, the Government will have to change its own General Policy Order, which was trumpeted as a linchpin of their decentralisation "policy", to allow one quarter of the APVMA's staff to stay in Canberra. The Government proposes to spend up to \$60 million on the relocation but it has given no indication that the heavy financial cost of the relocation will be less as a result of the retention of Canberra staff.

The independent cost-benefit analysis which the Government tried to keep a secret told us more than a year ago that the relocation is a shocking waste of taxpayers' money which will hurt the agriculture sector. The Senate Committee said much the same. Barnaby Joyce's hand-picked APVMA CEO told industry leaders in a speech that the suggestion that the relocation was causing workforce issues was a "furphy". This was obviously untrue.

Through all of the chaos and dysfunction, Malcolm Turnbull has given his full support to the relocation of the APVMA. Sadly, it appeared that Malcolm Turnbull did not even understand what the APVMA actually does when he claimed that "The APVMA here, to build a connection with the University of New England, is a very logical connection."

The APVMA does no research and it does no work with universities.

Speculation is rife that there is more bad news to come including increased approvals charges for those who manufacture the pesticides and veterinary products.

FIRST PEOPLE

TURNBULL WALKS AWAY FROM REMOTE INDIGENOUS HOUSING – Cameron/Dodson

Malcolm Turnbull has turned his back on remote Indigenous communities in Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland, with funding for remote housing in those states ceasing this week.

This is despite Senator Nigel Scullion's repeated claims to contrary over the past six months.

This year's Budget confirmed there would be no additional funding for these states in the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing. Only the NT will continue to receive Commonwealth support to tackle overcrowding.

Shadow Homelessness Minister Doug Cameron said the Turnbull Government is walking away from remote communities.

"This cut shows an appalling lack of leadership and a complete misunderstanding of the Close the Gap framework," Senator Cameron said. "Overcrowding is a root cause of Indigenous disadvantage because it leads to a range of other social and health problems in remote communities.

Prior to the Budget, Senator Scullion described claims he was cutting the agreement as 'fiction' and 'nonsense'.

In December 2017, Senator Scullion told the Guardian Australia that "commonwealth officials are in discussion with their state counterparts regarding future funding arrangements. This will include further Commonwealth funding."

Shadow Assistant Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Patrick Dodson, said housing underpins all of the Close the Gap targets.

"Without a decent place to live, the task of closing the gap in health or education becomes only more difficult," Senator Dodson said.

According to a 2017 review of the program, by 2018 the strategy will have delivered 4,000 new houses and 7,500 refurbishments

The NPA is estimated to have led to a significant decrease in the proportion of overcrowded houses in remote and very remote areas. It has also been a driver of job creation and Indigenous business's in many remote communities.

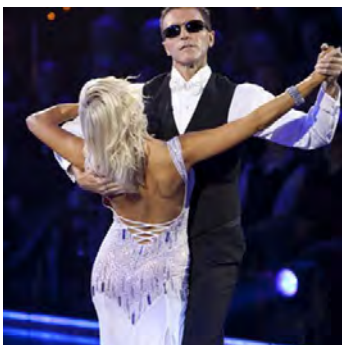
With Malcolm Turnbull's refresh of the Close the Gap strategy now underway, it is critical that the Turnbull Government does not walk away from any of the current targets.

Instead of walking away from programs that work – the Turnbull Government should be working with Indigenous communities to ensure services are delivered as efficiently and effectively as possible.

It's time to run the white flag to the top of the pole and the Prime Minister must make it happen.



CONGRATULATIONS GERRARD GOSENS OAM- Brown



Labor congratulates Gerrard Gosens OAM on being appointed 2018 Patron for International Day of People with Disability.

As part of his new role, Mr. Gosens will be tasked with raising awareness of disability issues, especially in advance of the International Day of People with Disability on December 3rd.

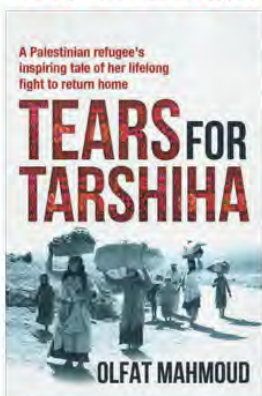
As a Paralympian, advocate, business owner and adventurer, Mr. Gosens has been a role model for all Australians achieving an OAM for services to the blind and vision impaired.

Whether it be co-piloting planes across regional centres in Queensland for charity, or summiting Mount Everest, Mr. Gosens has achieved a tremendous amount.

Labor welcomes the appointment of Mr. Gosens as Patron, and congratulates him on this well-deserved honour.

For all you need to know go to: <https://www.idpwd.com.au/>

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- [Social Services Legislation Amendment \(Cashless Debit Card Trial Expansion\) Bill 2018](#)
- [Social Services Legislation Amendment \(Maintaining Income Thresholds\) Bill 2018](#)
- [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

- [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** [Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Bill 2018 \[Provisions\]; and Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage \(Regulatory Levies\) Amendment Bill 2018 \[Provisions\]](#)
- [Treasury Laws Amendment \(Protecting Your Superannuation Package\) Bill 2018 \[Provisions\]](#)
- [Space Activities Amendment \(Launches and Returns\) 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](#)
- [Non-conforming building products](#)

Education and Employment References Committee

- [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

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

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

- **New** [Defence Amendment \(Sovereign Naval Shipbuilding\) Bill 2018](#)

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- [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

- **New** [Unexplained Wealth Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 \[Provisions\]](#)
- **New** [Defence Amendment \(Call Out of the Australian Defence Force\) Bill 2018](#)
- **New** [Family Law Amendment \(Family Violence and Cross-examination of Parties\) Bill 2018](#)
- **New** [Modern Slavery Bill 2018](#)
- [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](#)

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- **New** [The practice of dowry and the incidence of dowry abuse in Australia](#)

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- **New** [Proposal to replace the parliamentary prayer with an invitation to prayer or reflection](#)

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- [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](#)

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- [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 Charity Fundraising in the 21st Century

- [Charity Fundraising in the 21st Century](#)

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- **New** [Electric Vehicles](#)

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