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An Australian Parliamentary Delegation to the North Pacific with the Republic of Palau's First Lady, Debbie Remengesau.

THIS WEEK:

We have just 50 days of very hard work ahead of us as the Longman by-election approaches.

Many people have come forward to help and our Shadow Ministry has been rotating through the electorate. School funding cuts, the childcare crisis, veteran's issues, tax and low wages has been prominent.

We have to keep putting the messages about these fundamental issues out there.

Our Shadow Minister for Justice, Clare O'Neil, has been campaigning for changes to the way government and the law deals with the hidden issue of forced marriages. Under the Turnbull Government, we have not had a single successful prosecution of the forced marriage offences under the Criminal Code.

Victims have limited civil protections and struggle to access Government-funded support.

Now the party has announced, that if we are elected, we will introduce – Forced Marriage Protection Orders – to prevent these young Australians being forced into marriage, taken overseas or removed from school. As Clare has said; "Forced marriage is a devastating abuse of human rights."

While thinking of human rights it's sad to note that during National Reconciliation Week the Turnbull Government announced it was cutting support for three important indigenous drug and alcohol treatment programs, one of which is in Brisbane.

The Government's record on indigenous matters is more one of cuts than imagination and our indigenous brothers and sisters must be wondering if they're not going backwards fast especially given the Prime Minister's attitude to the Uluru statement and issues of representation and recognition.

Patrick Dodson gave a thought provoking speech at the National Native Title Conference in Broome this week on the issue of Native Title which our indigenous community believe is under attack. He called for a moratorium to stop the further extinguishment of native title rights and interests saying;

"These rights must be understood as the common law rights of the First Nations peoples; not the rights of the common man in the British tradition. They require more than a business as usual approach in the legislative process."

I have also spent the past few days on a whirlwind bi-partisan parliamentary trip through the Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands, our Northern Pacific neighbours. This trip including Foreign Minister Julie Bishop, Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Connie Fierravanti Wells, and shadows Penny Wong and I. We were really welcomed by the regional parliamentarians, community groups and local media, as we reinforced our support for real partnerships in this exceptionally beautiful area. Consistently issues around climate change, domestic violence, education and employment were raised as we had the chance to visit Australian supported projects and meet with politicians and regional community leaders. Check out the Facebook and Twitter links.

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WHAT'S BEING SAID ...



GOVT'S TAX CUTS - BOWEN – 2GB – ALAN JONES

"The big tax cuts are the most expensive part going forward and the fastest growing. I was making that key point yesterday. They grow at 12 per cent a year in terms of cost to the Budget. \$10.4 billion a year by 2028. I mean that is a huge cost.

"Many more women are retiring into poverty. I mean we want Australians retiring into a dignified retirement. Many more women are retiring into poverty. And when you've got that gender pay gap I think it's fair enough to examine and consider the implications of tax changes and other government policies."

GOVT'S TAX CUTS -MCCALLISTER-SKY NEWS AM AGENDA

"Women are already being penalised just for being women in the economy. I think the question is why the government would seek to exacerbate that by designing an intervention in the tax system that so overwhelmingly rewards men. It just seems an unusual decision for a government that purports to support women. Kelly O'Dwyer's busy preparing an economic statement for women we're told. What's it going to say about a tax plan that delivers benefits in a ration of three to one, men to women?"

I'm pointing out that the independent analysis from the Parliamentary Budget Office shows that the overwhelming benefit of those tranche three tax cuts goes to men. That's a statement of fact. – Chris Bowen

GOVT TAX CUTS - BOWEN- CANBERRA

"No wonder the Government has resisted providing this information consistently. We have been asking for this information in the Parliament, we have been asking the Treasurer directly for it and he said today that this information is unreliable. And here goes the hypocrisy of this Treasurer, demanding that the Parliament vote for this legislation, refusing to provide the information and then saying that the independent information from the Parliamentary budget office is unreliable. Well why the Parliament should vote for a scheme that even the Treasurer says the costings are unreliable for. His costings are so unreliable he won't release them

Now in relation to stage 3 of the Governments personal income tax scheme, the ratio is 3 to 1 with \$30 billion of the \$41.6 billion impact of the stage 3 tax cuts flowing to men.,\$30 billion out of just over \$41 billion flowing to men in our economy.

LATEST ECONOMIC FIGURES- CHALMERS-612 ABC BRISBANE DRIVE

"The global economy is in the best nick it's been in for probably a decade or so, and that's why we've got that strong export number 120 countries are growing simultaneously for the first time in a long time. Obviously, that helps us substantially. That's not necessarily about the Government's management of the economy."

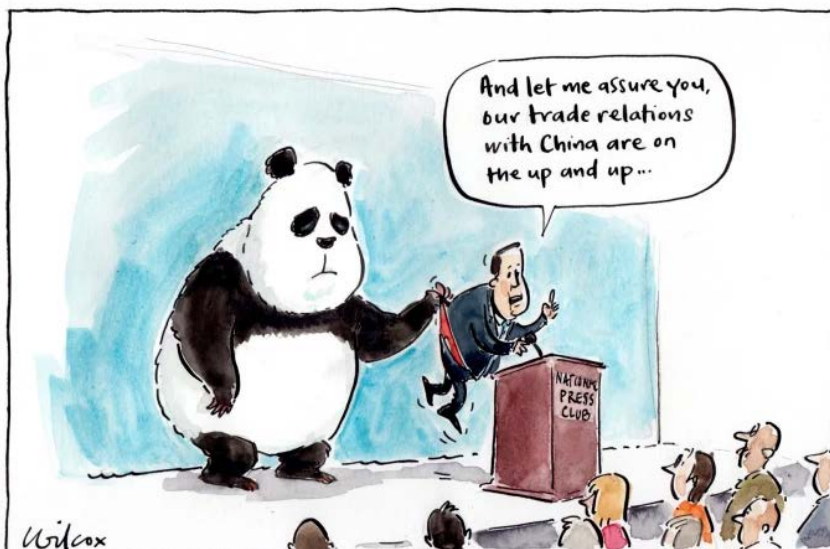
THE ECONOMY- CHALMERS-612 ABC BRISBANE DRIVE

"One of the reasons why people are not necessarily happy out there in middle Australia, is because profits in this country are growing five times faster than wages. Five times faster than wages, profits are growing in this country! That means that people, no matter how hard they work, they're not necessarily getting ahead; they're not spending in the economy, that number for consumption was very weak; the wages number was very weak; and people have got high household debt."

CRIMINAL CARTEL CHARGES- BOWEN- CANBERRA

"It was not a criminal until the Rudd Labor Government. Peter Costello was asked 20 times by the ACCC to make cartel conduct a criminal offense. He refused. We in the Rudd Labor Government, I was the Competition Minister who drafted the legislation, took it through with the Parliament, criminalized the operation of a cartel in Australia and that is the reason this prosecution is possible. Now the court should be able to do its job free of any commentary but I simply make the point, the only reason we are even here is because the actions of the Labor Party which was visited resisted consistently in Government by the Liberal Party.

CHINESE TRADE HOLDUPS – CLARE- SKY NEWS



"Wine coming in from America to China or wine coming in from Europe or New Zealand only takes two weeks from the time it hits the port to be at a restaurant or on a shopper's dining room table. It takes two months and that's new. It didn't used to be like that. Australian wine used to go through within two weeks. This all started in April and what wine companies are telling me, what beef companies are telling me, they're experiencing the same problem as well, is that this is political. It's all got to do with some of the clumsy and stupid things that the Prime Minister in particular but other members of the government have said over the last few months."

"Barnaby Joyce when he was Deputy Prime Minister he said that China was a bigger threat to the world than ISIS. Well when you say those sorts of things there are impacts, there are consequences, and we're seeing it now for Australian wine and Australian beef."



BI-PARTISAN NORTH PACIFIC TRIP - WONG-ABC RN DRIVE

"This bipartisan visit was reinstated by Julie Bishop at my request and I appreciate that she has done so; this is the second visit this term. It is a very important and useful demonstration of the importance of the region, both the North and the South Pacific to Australia, and certainly that's a message that is being heard by those we're meeting with on this trip."

FORCED MARRIAGE - O'NEILL- SPEECH-GOOD SHEPHERD FORCED MARRIAGE CONVERSATION EVENT

"Forced marriage is a devastating abuse of human rights. It can create a structure through which subjugation, abuse and sexual assault can occur over decades. It is complex, it is hidden and it is all too common. Indeed, hundreds – possibly up to a thousand – Australians are at risk of forced marriage each year."

LONGMAN SCHOOL CUTS - PLIBERSEK – KALLANGUR

"This school (Dakabin State School) sees cuts, as I say, of about \$460,000, the seat of Longman sees cuts of about \$18 million to its schools over the years 2018 and 2019 and it is close to half a billion dollars of cuts from Queensland state schools over that period because this government, the Turnbull Government, refuses to properly fund our schools."

ANOTHER STOLEN GENERATION - SHORTEN –ABC BRISBANE

"The number of children being removed from their homes has doubled. In 2017 there are 17,664 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who are living in out of home care - that's compared about 9000 a decade ago. Whilst it's a state issue there should be national leadership. We've committed to a national summit about First Nations children within the first 100 days of getting elected. We can't have a new stolen generation by other means. And what we need to do is to bring everyone together to focus on how we can make sure that if families aren't coping, we can help keep the families together rather than giving up on the families, and giving First Nations children a lesser outcome than other children."

"Pauline Hanson seems to have an incapacity to manage people in her party and the giveaway is any political party that is named after an individual is a form of demagoguery really and a cult-like status and it's not a democratic party."

– Anthony Albanese

FOREIGN INFLUENCES LEGISLATION - DREYFUS – MELBOURNE

"These are, as I say, new offences. It's new law for Australia. In other respects the Bill amends and replaces existing secrecy laws, existing espionage laws, and existing sabotage laws. It's the new offences that are particularly directed at foreign interference, and Labor will be supporting them, provided they are amended in the way that the committee has recommended."

A Senate Select Committee has examined the Political Influence of Donations and its findings can be found by going to:

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Political_Influence_of_Donations/PoliticalDonations/Report_1

CHILDCARE CHAOS – RISHWORTH- LONGMAN

"What we know is that here in Longman, one in four families will be worse off as a result of the Government changes. These are not Labor's figures. These are government figures provided under FOI. These are families that won't necessarily meet the activity test as a result of the government changes. But also we heard today there is still a lack of information for many families about what will happen after the first of July. We know there is a lot of confusion out there and a lot of chaos."

VETERANS MALARIA - RISHWORTH- LONGMAN

"One of the issues which has come up here in Queensland but also across the country is some concerns around the use in the Australian Defence Force of some anti-malarial drugs. This has been an issue that has come up from a number of veterans and today Labor has announced that we will push for a Senate Inquiry into the side effects of these drugs, to look at the evidence in a transparent process."

NDIS ISSUES - BRODTMANN – 666 ABC RADIO- CANBERRA

"I think there is an issue about resourcing, and that is something we need to be having a conversation about. It's a case of actually taking these people seriously, listening to their concerns and giving them the dignity of getting in touch with them. These are people with disabilities, with carers, who have a tough day each and every day. They face enough challenges. So the fact there doesn't seem to be any empathy there, and understanding of their situation, is really concerning."

"It seems there is a new wave emerging now of people who have had their plans reviewed, and there is one woman, we're going to be taking up her case immediately, she has a seven-year-old son, severely disabled, and she's had her funding cut in half without any notification, without a heads-up phone call - nothing."

TURNBULL SOAP - CHALMERS- LOGAN – BRISBANE

"The Turnbull Government has become a B-grade soap opera. For as long as Malcolm Turnbull as his colleagues are obsessed with the B-grade soap opera around Barnaby Joyce and Michaelia Cash and Pauline Hanson, families in Australia will not get a look in."

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: *As Treasurer Morrison claims credit for everything but the Moon landing let us not forget:*

"The fact of the matter is that on 263 occasions, government ministers including the Treasurer and the Prime Minister argued very vociferously, very strongly against having a Banking Royal Commission." - Chris Bowen

THE HYPOCRISY OF SECURITY - Australian Strategic Policy Institute

While talking tough on security and planning to access all our meta-data and communications the Turnbull Government undermines our crime fighters with continual budget cuts. I suppose the rich can buy their own security. This from the Australian Strategic Policy Institute;

"In 2015 the Australian government released the '[Counter-Terrorism Machinery Review](#)'. To the surprise of few, the review reported that security agencies had identified risks to national security outcomes if their base funding continued to be eroded.

The review's authors provided an assessment of the effects of the efficiency dividend in terms of frontline staff reductions and diminished collection and analytical capabilities. They recommended that the AFP be exempted from the dividend. It wasn't.

The dividend remains, and it has had very tangible negative effects on Australia's police capability. The AFP's network of international liaison officers, once described as the 'jewel in the crown' of Australian law enforcement, is receding at an alarming rate, with drastic reductions in the number of police operating overseas. And this can be linked to the pressures on the police to make the cuts required to meet the efficiency dividend."

DON'T FLY WITH THEM

The boss of Qatar Airways has been caught up in an ugly gaffe, after saying his company needed to be led by a man "because it is a very challenging position".

Crikey writes;

"In fact, Qatar Airways is the most profoundly misogynist major airline and has long subjected female staff to appalling restrictions. It was less than three years ago that the airline ended its policy of sacking female staff who became pregnant, and banning them from getting married. That followed a [damning International Labour Organisation report](#) in response to complaints by the International Trade Union Confederation and the International Transport Workers' Federation about the airline's treatment of women.

While Qatar — where trade unions are illegal — systematically violates labour laws, with near-slavery conditions for migrant workers (who work in [horrifically unsafe environment](#)), its national carrier has a series of restrictions on female staff still in place, as detailed by the ILO report.

- Female staff must still obtain approval from the airline to marry
- Female staff cannot enter or leave company premises accompanied by any male who is not a relative
- Female staff are physically confined to Qatar Airways premises for 12 hours prior to a flight, with windows and fire escapes sealed to prevent them leaving, and they are banned from staying at unapproved accommodation.
- Staff are subject to strict surveillance including of social media activity, including when off-duty."



DROUGHT!! WHAT DROUGHT?

It seems farmers on the ground are being increasingly pained by their climate change denier representatives and their statements. Former Nationals Leader, John Anderson, said he thought the current drought, which is one of the worst on record, was not unprecedented and had nothing to do with climate change.

While Deputy Prime Minister and current Nationals leader, Michael McCormack, said: "I'm a believer that the climate is always changing and it's been changing since Moses was a boy."

Verity Morgan-Schmidt is from a multigenerational farming family in Western Australia and is CEO of Farmers for Climate Action. She said the comments were "a disservice to many of our farmers who are already facing the reality of climate change".

"My family has been on properties out in Western Australia for over 100 years. We can say this has well and truly moved beyond natural cyclical patterns. The idea that we could be accused of playing politics by accepting reality is a bitter pill to swallow. The science is clear. Climate change is increasing the severity of extreme weather events that include drought."

"The vast majority of farmers and National party voters that we speak to are growing increasingly frustrated at the lack of action on climate change at a federal level."

MAROONS RATINGS

Five Australian universities rank among the world's top 50, including the [University of Queensland](#). Outside the US and UK, Australia boasts more "top 50" universities than any country. UQ is ranked 48th in the 2019 edition of the [Top Universities guide](#). The Queensland University of Technology (QUT) is 244th out of the 1000 universities ranked globally – up from 247th place in the 2018 edition. Griffith University is ranked 329th – down from 325th this year – while James Cook University has slipped from 367th place to 369th. Bond University is ranked at 443. The top Australian unis are the Australian National University (24), the University of Melbourne (39), the University of Sydney (42) and the University of NSW (45). The global report card measures universities' academic reputation, employer reputation, proportion of international students and "meaningful interaction" with students.

Over the past four years, universities in Korea, Singapore, China and Hong Kong have shot up the rankings amid heavy investment from their governments. Universities Australia chief executive designate Catriona Jackson said while the latest global rankings showed Australian universities were some of the world's best, the university funding freeze risked future results. "Our Asian neighbours are investing heavily in higher education, with universities in China and Hong Kong becoming stronger competitors," she said. "That's why we need to see the government end the current university funding freeze and reverse cuts that will strip \$2.2 billion from our universities over the next few years."



MAROONS INFILTRATED



The UK's Conservative Party is holding an inquiry into [Confucius Institutes](#), the so-called language and culture centres that have been set up at well in excess of 500 universities and tertiary institutions around the world, bought and paid for by the Chinese Communist Party.

The inquiry is being done under the auspices of the Conservative Party Human Rights Commission and began in the House of Commons in London on June 5. A day before the inquiry began; the United States Congress saw a new bill, Countering the Chinese Government and Communist Party's Political Influence Operations Act, introduced. Part of the bill's aim is to monitor the influence of Confucius Institutes. The bill's introduction coincided with the 29th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre where, [recent documents released by UK diplomats suggest](#), as many as 10,000 Chinese citizens may have been murdered by the People's Liberation Army.

The University of Queensland, Griffith University and QUT [all have a Confucius Institute](#) Professor John Fitzgerald of Swinburne University, one of Australia's most experienced and clear-eyed China watchers, [put it this way](#): "Weighing the value of vibrant scholarship against the inclination of donors to have a say in how their donations are spent is a delicate balance. With Confucius Institutes, Australian universities clearly got the balance wrong.

In this case, a donor in China assigns a teacher to each program and sets clear limits on what can be said and done in the classroom.

In effect, a number of Australian universities that are keen to expand their Chinese language and studies offerings have undermined their academic integrity, autonomy and freedom by ceding control over staffing and content to a donor."

BARNABY GOES OFF

The safe access zones bill, which proposes penalties for harassing people inside a 150 metre buffer zone, around abortion clinics passed through the Legislative Council with Nationals' support leading Barnaby Joyce to ring around some of his NSW colleagues to berate them. One MP said Mr Joyce called to express his disapproval over the bill. Another MP, who did not receive a call, said: "If he was to call, I'd tell him to get stuffed." [Anyone who has that emotional journey to an abortion clinic knows just how unpleasant the strangers outside hurling abuse can be. Barnaby, of course, wouldn't know anything about that now would he? – Ed]

UPDATE: the legislation, which will see anti-abortion protestors face jail for picketing or filming abortion clinics within the new 150-metre zones, were overwhelmingly passed overnight by the NSW Legislative Assembly. Two former Liberal Ministers for Women voted against it. Worth noting too, that in both NSW and Queensland abortion is still a criminal act.

SO YOU THOUGHT FERRARIS WERE DEAR!



Estimates last week revealed something many missed – and that's the likely cost of our new submarines – about which there has been little transparency - Rear Admiral Greg Sammut, the head of the future submarine program, dropped figures that may suggest the subs will cost ... wait for it \$200 BILLION DOLLARS! And there's more The Australian Strategic Policy Institute had this to say;

"And the future submarines alone would require around \$2 billion per year in acquisition funding and another \$2 billion in operating costs (between sustainment and crewing) for a total of around \$4 billion per year. Or put another way, around 10% of Defence's total budget will be locked into one capability. Nothing in last week's estimates hearing should lead one to revise that assessment."

GO STRAIGHT TO GAOL

In the March quarter 2018, the average daily number of full-time

prisoners in Australia was 42,102. This was an increase of:

- 2% (832 persons) from the December quarter 2017; and
- 4% (1,525 persons) from the March quarter 2017.

Since the December quarter 2017, there were increases in the prisoner numbers for all states and territories with exception of Tasmania where prisoners decreased by 1% (7 persons). The Northern Territory had the largest percentage increase with 8% (132 persons). (Table 1) In the last five years (from March quarter 2013 to March quarter 2018), the number of persons in custody has increased by 38% (11,646 persons). (Table 1 and historical data)

In the March quarter 2018, the largest contributors to the national prisoner population were:

- New South Wales (32% or 13,382 persons);
- Queensland (21% or 8,736 persons);
- Victoria (17% or 7,235 persons); and
- Western Australia (16% or 6,814 persons). (Table 1)
- or the March quarter 2018, the average daily imprisonment rate for males was 408 persons per 100,000 adult male population, which was more than 11 times the rate for females (36 female persons per

The Northern Territory continued to have the highest imprisonment rate of all states and territories with 958 persons per 100,000 adult population, followed by Western Australia with 342 persons per 100,000 adult population.

A DAY OFF

- In March quarter 2018, there were 23 disputes, 44 fewer than in December quarter 2017.

- The number of employees involved in industrial disputes in March quarter 2018 was 4,000, a decrease from 17,100 in December quarter 2017.
- There were 14,900 working days lost due to industrial disputation in March quarter 2018, a decrease from 36,700 in December quarter 2017.
- The Coal Mining industry (6,600) had the highest number of working days lost by industry, accounting for 44% of total working days lost.
- Queensland (7,100) had the highest number of working days lost of any state or territory in March quarter 2018, accounting for 47% of total working days lost. Queensland also had the highest number of working days lost per thousand employees (3.2) for the quarter.

INFRASTRUCTURE

THE NEVER NEVER OF INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT Albanese/Mulholland (Petrie Candidate)/Wells (Lilley Candidate)/ France (Dickson Candidate)

The Turnbull Government's latest Budget failed to make any investment in Brisbane's much-needed Cross River Rail, a transformative project that will unlock South East Queensland's passenger rail network and deliver more trains, more often for commuters.

That's why today I reaffirmed Federal Labor's commitment to invest \$2.24 billion of Federal funding to deliver this project in partnership with the Queensland Government if elected at the coming election.

I provided this assurance during a visit to Kippa-Ring Station, one of the six new railway stations built as part of the Redcliffe Rail Line.

First promised more than a century ago in 1895, this new line was finally delivered with investment from the former Federal Labor Government. But importantly, this was just one of many infrastructure projects we funded in Queensland the last time we were in government. The others included Legacy Way, the Gateway North Upgrade, the widening and upgrading of the Ipswich Motorway, and the Gold Coast Light Rail.

We also made a record investment in the Bruce Highway.

All up, we more than doubled annual investment in the State's infrastructure from \$143 to \$314 per Queenslander.

This record of real money for real projects that are now making a real difference stands in stark contrast to the Turnbull Government's latest Budget, which was a triumph of spin over substance.

Indeed, ninety per cent of the Federal infrastructure funding allocated to Queensland in last month's Budget will not be invested for at least four years.

This means the delivery of projects such as the upgrades to the Bruce Highway between Pine Rivers and Caloundra, the M1 Upgrade and duplication of the North Coast Line, is off on the Never Never.

Queenslanders waiting for the extra rail and road funding promised in the days leading up to the 2018 Budget will have to re-elect the Coalition not once, but twice more before the bulk of the money flows.

This is simply absurd.

As a fast growing, decentralised state, Queensland needs investment in job creating, productivity enhancing infrastructure projects now, not years from now.

As well as postponing vital investment until years down the track, the Turnbull Government also lacks the ability to translate its past promises into bulldozers on work sites. The fact is the difference between what they promised to invest in the State's infrastructure over their first four budgets and what was actually spent, amounts to \$1.1 billion.

Only Labor is committed to delivering the infrastructure Queensland needs.

CROSSIN THAT RIVER

Anthony Albanese – 612 ABC RADIO

"Let's be clear about what happened there. Infrastructure Australia approved the Cross River Rail project in 2012. It was put in the Budget with funding in 2013. I sat down with Campbell Newman, the Premier of Queensland then. We had an agreement. We had \$715 million from each level of government, an availability payment going forward. We had the media release all signed off for the press conference on the Friday. We were going to do it at Kangaroo Point and at the last minute the Queensland Government pulled the pin and the reason they gave was because Tony Abbott had made it clear that he would withdraw all funding from any public transport project that wasn't already under construction. And he did just that for Cross River Rail, for Melbourne Metro, for Perth Airport Rail, for projects right around the country that weren't under construction because he didn't believe there was a role of the Commonwealth."

AUSTIN: Under the new, with the new Leader, Malcolm Turnbull, they are funding extra lines to the Sunshine Coast. They are looking at a fast train project.

ALBANESE: There is a study off into the Never-Never, is what they are doing. They have got money for a study for faster rail. They have got money off into the Never-Never for the Sunshine Coast. But the money that they are doing is over ten years and the truth is that if you want to do anything about the rail network in South East Queensland, Cross River Rail is the number one project. It is the pre-condition for anything else. They know that and out of stubbornness really, they are refusing to fund Cross River Rail. We have put \$2.24 billion on the table for that project because we regard it as essential."



LABOR TO APPLY PUBLIC INTEREST TEST TO INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS- Albanese

A Labor Government will place more conditions on Federal infrastructure grants to States and Territories to secure public interest outcomes such as more training of apprentices and better work opportunities for mid-tier construction firms.

Shadow Infrastructure Minister Anthony Albanese told today's Australian Financial Review Infrastructure Summit in Sydney that the role of

Infrastructure Australia would be expanded under Labor Government with new conditions addressing areas like procurement, training and sustainability.

Mr Albanese said it was a common complaint in the construction industry that contracts for big rail and road projects were so large that mid-tier building companies found it difficult to bid.

"I would encourage states and territories to work with industry to craft creative procurement plans that spread the benefit of major government contracts more evenly across the infrastructure sector," he said.

"As a bonus, there is no shortage of evidence to suggest that greater involvement of mid-tier construction companies leads to savings to the public purse by fostering greater competition."

In the same way, states seeking federal infrastructure grants would be required demonstrate plans to use major public projects as opportunities to train more apprentices.

They would also be required to demonstrate that, where appropriate, designs for new roads incorporate smart technology such as variable speed limits, smooth entry points, variable speed limits, and lane directional changes.

States would also be required to demonstrate that they had ensured that new railways and roads were properly linked with active transport options like walking paths and cycling racks.

"Better planning delivers better outcomes," Mr Albanese said.

"Through the Infrastructure Australia process, we have an opportunity to improve the quality of project planning to achieve outcomes that better meet the expectations and requirements of both the public and business community."

NAIF: NO ACTUAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND CONFIRMS IT HASN'T SPENT A CENT - Clare

The Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) today confirmed to a Senate hearing that it still hasn't created a single job or delivered a single cent to any projects.

Three years after the NAIF was announced, it has only promised to fund two projects and neither of them has got any funding yet.

They are the Onslow Marine Support Facility in WA announced in October last year and the Humpty Doo Barramundi Farm announced in April.

NAIF's Corporate Plan say they will deliver funding of between \$300 million and \$1 billion by 30 June this year.

That's obviously not going to happen.

This just confirms that the NAIF is the most constipated organisation the Turnbull Government has set up.

Turnbull needs to pull his finger out and start funding job-generating infrastructure projects for the North.

The government has made some changes to the NAIF. That's good.

But it was revealed today the only reason it did this was because of pressure from Labor:

"Well Senator Ketter, I think I was under pressure from you guys as well to get things moving." - (Minister Canavan – Senate Estimates – Tuesday, 5 June 2018)

FIRST PEOPLE

CRITICAL ABORIGINAL SERVICES CUT IN RECONCILIATION WEEK Dodson/Snowdon

First Nations people in crisis will be left without a place to go after Minister Scullion announced the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council in South Australia, the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health in Brisbane and the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council will all have their alcohol and other drug support funding cut.

This is yet another example of the Government doing things 'to' and not 'with' First Nations people and clearly demonstrates why First Nations people need a Voice to Parliament.

CEO of the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council in South Australia Mr Wilson received a call during reconciliations week, to inform him of the cut, which includes his own wages from January 1.

The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health received a call yesterday confirming their Inner City Referral Service will face cuts. The Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council will lose the equivalent of two full-time alcohol and other drug workers.

This is just the beginning, with other state and territory bodies anticipating similar cuts.

You can't make this stuff up, the Turnbull Government has cut critical rehab services during reconciliation week.

Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol services support members of the First Nations community at their most vulnerable. Alcoholic and drug dependant patients have a high incidence of entering the criminal justice system; it is only through rehabilitative services that people get the second chance they deserve. First Nations people need access to crisis alcohol and other drug support, not a hall pass to correctional centres.

Alarmingly, the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia ([AHCSA](#)), Institute for Urban Indigenous Health in Brisbane (IUH), Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation ([NACCHO](#)) were not consulted prior to the decision to cease funding.

Labor calls upon the Government to rethink their ill-advised decision to cut funding to critical Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol services across Australia.

NO ONE CAN EVER TAKE YOUR LAND AWAY

Patrick Dodson – Speech at National Native Title Conference, Broome

[Patrick made many very erudite observations about land and native title beginning with his thoughts as he listened to the speech of Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Nigel Scullion. Ed]

"And I looked out to that sea, and as he spoke I wondered what was swimming in there, where the sharks were, where the other good fish is, and where the currents are running. Because it's the detail of these good intentions that really have to be analysed and



thought about when it comes to matters of native title.

- *I want to talk about what we might take for granted in terms of Native Title;*
- *what gives me concern about the current status of the Native Title regime; and*
- *some of the advantages Native Title offers to First Nations People, in Australia today.*
- *One of the troubling issues for Native Title in today's political and legal landscape is the issue of compensation.*

We cannot deny the fact that First Nations Peoples in this continent had our lands taken from us without negotiation, without purchase, without consent; and without any treaty, unlike other Commonwealth nations.

This dispossession was cloaked in the insidious myth of terra nullius.

- *No negotiations needed to take place when the land belonged to no one.*
- *No compensation flows when any prior ownership is denied.*
- *No rights or benefits flow when rights are not recognized in the first place.*
- *First Nations people were denied the opportunity to enjoy what was to be ours before it was taken from us.*
- *It was taken without regard for, or justice to our unique human existence, cultures and the enjoyment of our land, waters and environments.*

For the whole speech go to: http://clairemoore.net/01_cms/details.asp?ID=691

ELECTORAL REFORM

BIPARTISAN REPORT ON LANDMARK FOREIGN INTERFERENCE BILL - Dreyfus

The consensus report of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security on the National Security Legislation Amendment (Espionage and Foreign Interference) Bill 2017 is an important achievement.



Dyson-Sydney Morning Herald

As a result of constructive negotiations between the two major parties, the PJCIS report makes 60 recommendations for improvements to the original bill.

These amendments make this bill more effective and ensure that it achieves its intention – to target and disrupt covert attempts to undermine our democratic system.

At the same time, the amendments provide important protections for journalists, non-government organisations and charities.

The amendments also introduce new legislative safeguards which are appropriate when criminal laws are being extended.

Labor urges the Government to accept all of the recommendations contained in the report, which were the result of bipartisan negotiations.

There is nothing more important than getting the details of national security legislation right. The PJCIS process plays a vital

role in applying scrutiny to all such legislation, and today's report shows the value of that bipartisan work.

Labor will always work in a constructive and bipartisan manner with the Government when it comes to keeping Australians safe, and giving our agencies the tools they need to achieve that outcome.

We also work to achieve an important balance between the security of Australian citizens, privacy, personal liberty and political freedom.

HOME AFFAIRS

ANAO REPORT REVEALS DUTTON'S MANAGEMENT FAILURES - Neumann

Peter Dutton has been dealt another blow with a newly-released ANAO report confirming he's a tick-and-flick Minister who isn't across the details of his brief – even failing to receive crucial written briefings from his own Department.

“There was no evidence identified to indicate that written briefings were provided to the Minister on progress throughout the implementation process.” - [ANAO Report, page 24](#)



The Audit General’s [report](#) released today investigated the merger of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) and the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, as well as the establishment of the Australian Border Force between May 2014 to December 2017.

The scathing report shows a litany of failures during the merger – which took place under Dutton’s watch – including:

- ***“The department’s record keeping continues to be poor.” – ANAO report, page 8;***
- The Executive Committee does not have visibility of the overall status of the merger’s 38 capability reform projects;
- The department will only collect less than one third of the additional customs duty revenue it believed it would following the merger;
- Almost half of the Senior Executive Service officers in the department in July 2015 were no longer there by July 2017; and
- 33 contracts worth more than \$1 million were used as part of the integration, with 31 of these not being evaluated upon completion, leaving it unclear whether these millions of dollars spent on these consultants was even worth it.

The Department also failed to implement its own Benefits Realisation Plan – meaning they can’t demonstrate to the Government if the claimed benefits of integration have even been achieved.

Peter Dutton will try to deny his failures and shirk his responsibilities, but the Department of Home Affairs has admitted to the shortfalls identified by agreeing to the recommendations made by the ANAO.

Peter Dutton has had a string of scathing reports relating to his portfolio including two ANAO reports into garrison support and welfare services on Manus and Nauru, two Commonwealth Ombudsman reports about the management and documentation of people held in detention, an ANAO Cybersecurity follow-up audit and an independent report into Australians citizens being wrongly detained in immigration detention.

If the Minister for Home Affairs is so out of his depth when it comes to managing his department, why has Malcolm Turnbull granted him unprecedented powers over Australia’s domestic security agencies?

Australia deserves better than a tick-and-flick Minister who talks a tough game but can’t even manage to read, or even ask for, a written briefing.

BIRMINGHAM’S LITANY OF WASTE AND MISMANAGEMENT REVEALED - Cameron

Budget Estimates have revealed a litany of Liberal failures in vocational education and training, reaffirming their neglect of TAFE and the entire skills and training system.

Wasted money

The Liberals have wasted \$24.1 million on a disastrous, now abandoned, five-year apprenticeship IT system upgrade, despite clear warnings from the very first assurance review in July 2015 that the project had the hallmarks of impending failure.

They will now spend an additional \$1.3 million just to “maintain the current capability” of the original 1999 system. The Minister doesn’t even know what it will cost to successfully upgrade the IT platform.

Cuts to apprenticeship funding

The Skilling Australians Fund, the Coalition’s apparent centrepiece apprenticeships policy, has been cut by \$270 million over the forward estimates.

For a year there has been no funding flowing to the states and territories from the Skilling Australians Fund. Not surprisingly, 12 months on and no State or Territory has signed up to the government’s diminishing funding agreement.

Dirty deals at the expense of apprenticeships

While apprenticeship numbers continue to decline, the Liberals have showed their willingness to fund Pauline Hanson’s spurious 1,000 apprenticeships proposal; and have already funded Bob Day’s dodgy student builder pilot for 17 students – with funding that would otherwise support an additional 6,300 apprentices.

No leadership on TAFE

Despite clear findings on the importance of TAFE to Australia, with Professor John Halsey reporting that, “TAFE has to be put back in the regions, closer to people and the heartland of much of Australia’s productivity”, Simon Birmingham continues to show no leadership on critical importance of quality public provision, and under questioning deflected responsibility to the states and territories.

Cuts to vocational education research

The Turnbull government’s total contribution to the National Centre for Vocational Education and Research has dropped, with their budget for independent research cut by close to thirty percent over four years.

These cuts, waste and mismanagement are damaging the VET sector and the productivity of Australian workers. Skills and vocational education are absolutely vital to the future of this country, but the government’s infighting and instability, and the hostility of the Liberals towards TAFE particularly, is crueing our future prosperity.

Only Labor has a costed and comprehensive [plan for VET](#) that will give Australians looking to improve their skills a fair go.

ECONOMY

PBO REVEALS COST OF TAX CUTS - Bowen

New information provided by the independent Parliamentary Budget Office to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee today at the request of Labor senators, shows Stage 3 of the Turnbull Government’s income tax cuts hitting \$10.4bn a year by 2028-29.

Based on the PBO data, Stage 3 of the Government's tax cuts are set to grow at a staggering 12 per cent a year, much faster than any other component of the income tax cut package.

This has a major structural impact on the medium term Budget, particularly when combined with the Government's big business tax cuts which are due to mature over this period.

The tabled PBO analysis also shows that the financial benefits of Stage 3 of the package overwhelmingly flow towards men over women at a ratio of 3:1 with \$30 billion of the \$41.6 billion in Stage 3 tax cuts flowing to men.

It's not surprising that Scott Morrison has stopped Treasury from releasing the year-on-year costs of the Government's income tax cut plan – it's not a pretty picture. By the end of the medium-term (2028-29), Stage 2 of the plan costs \$13 billion a year as the Stage 3 costs rise to over \$10 billion.

The evidence on the Stage 3 tax cuts is now in – they're expensive, the fast growing stage of the package, and they are the most unfair.

The Stage 3 tax cuts are projected to grow at more than twice the rate of projected nominal GDP growth, an indication of how fiscally irresponsible this is.

The Treasurer continued his 'charm offensive' on the income tax cut plan on Sky AM Agenda this morning with no answers on what happens to the tax cuts if a global shocks sees revenue fall away in the future and instead repeating his claim that year-on-year costs of his plan were "unreliable" and "rubbery". That's the basis on which Scott Morrison wants the Senate to pass the entire package. Some sales job.

Stage 3 of the income tax cuts that are heavily skewed towards higher income earners begin in 2024-25, just about the same time as the Government's company tax cuts flow to big business at an annual cost of at least \$15 billion a year.

Taken together, if implemented the Government's stage 3 tax cuts and the company tax cut for big business will cost the budget at least \$25 billion a year by the end of the medium term.

Evidence provided by the Grattan Institute and other think tanks and peak bodies show the benefits of Stage 3 of these tax cuts flowing overwhelmingly to high income earners.

Given there is a clear majority in the Parliament for Stage 1 of the income tax cuts plan, the Turnbull Government should split its legislation so that tax relief can begin to flow from 1 July 2018, and if the Turnbull Government wants to do better for low and middle income earners it should support Bill Shorten's bigger, better and fairer income tax cut plan.

WHEN YOU ADD IT UP, WHERE'S THE BITE? -Keogh

The settlement announced today between Austrac and the Commonwealth Banks highlights just how deficient our corporate regulatory regimes have become.

At first glance, \$700 million sounds like a significant fine, it will be the largest civil penalty paid in Australian Corporate history, but let's put that into perspective.

Among many other infractions, the CBA failed to provide 53,506 threshold transaction reports to AUSTRAC on time for cash transactions of \$10,000 or more with a total value of about \$625 million.

The maximum fine for just one of CBAs failures to make a threshold report is \$18 million.

This settlement means CBA is paying less than \$14,000 per contravention - less than 0.06% of the maximum penalty.

The Turnbull Government says it will be tough on contraventions by the banks, it says it's tough on counter-terrorism, yet in the first big test, the regulator appears to be all bark and no bite against the banks, just like the Turnbull Government.



PROFITS CONTINUE TO CLIMB, WAGES REMAIN SUBDUED – O'Connor

The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Indicators for March 2018 shows that company profits continue to climb, outstripping workers' wages.

Company profits rose 5.9 per cent in the March quarter to be up 5.8 per cent over the year, nearly three times as much as wages growth (2.1 per cent).

Many Australians feel the economy is not working for them. Jobs are less secure and wages are less likely to be able to keep up with the cost of paying the bills.

The ABS business indicators show that while cost of living pressures are climbing for many Australians, quarterly increases in company profits were notable in the electricity, gas, water and waste, mining and construction industries.

Over the year, profits in the electricity, gas, water and waste industry are up by a massive 37.5 per cent.

Malcolm Turnbull and his Liberals have presided over record low wages growth and they have no plan to address this.

Their plans for Australians will only further erode wages growth through their support for cutting penalty rates and complete failure to address corporate gaming of the workplace relations system.

While Labor wants to give 10 million working Australians almost twice the tax cut that the Liberal's are offering, we will also protect penalty rates and properly fund education and hospitals.

HAIR AND BEAUTY WORKERS COULD LOSE \$95 IF PENALTY RATES ARE CUT - O'Connor

Labor continues to stand against cuts to the take home pay of some of Australia's lowest paid workers as the application to the Fair Work Commission (FWC) by industry to cut penalty rates under the Hair and Beauty Award progresses.

Under the proposed cuts hairdressers and beauty therapists could lose up to \$95 pay for working on a Sunday.

There are almost 89,000 people employed as hairdressers and beauty therapists, which is one of the lowest paid trades in Australia.

Our position is unequivocal - a Shorten Labor Government will, in the first 100 days, legislate to reverse the cuts and prevent any more from being made.

Labor has long warned that the cuts to penalty rates in the Hospitality, Fast Food, Retail and Pharmacy Awards that commenced last year could spread to other industries.

The fact industry continues to pursue further cuts to penalty rates confirms that the first round of penalty rate cuts was just the beginning of a broader assault on the take-home pay of Australian workers.

Penalty rates are not a luxury, they are what pay the bills and put food on the table.

Malcolm Turnbull and his Liberals support cuts to penalty rates. They have refused to join Labor to stop the cuts which have already come in and to prevent the cuts from spreading to other industries.

At a time when wages growth has hit record lows, Malcolm Turnbull is doing everything he can to give big business a \$80 billion tax cut and doing nothing to stop a pay cut for workers.

If the Prime Minister truly cared about protecting workers he could support [Labor's Bill](#) in the Parliament now, which will restore the penalty rates which have already been cut and protect the take-home pay of people who rely on penalty rates into the future.

But it is clear that he won't. The only way to protect penalty rates is to change the government.

LLOYD RESIGNATION – ANOTHER CASH FAILURE– O'Connor

The resignation of Australian Public Service Commissioner John Lloyd is another indictment on the Turnbull Government – and on Senator Michaelia Cash's time as Minister for Workplace Relations and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service.

The Public Service Commissioner is supposed to be an impartial officer, who upholds the values of impartiality in the public service.

From day one of his tenure, Mr Lloyd demonstrated again and again that he was completely incapable of being impartial in the role – regularly revealing his strongly partisan positions.

His resignation today comes after intense scrutiny of his partisan behaviour while Senator Cash was the responsible Minister.

Mr Lloyd presided over a chaotic and unfair approach to enterprise bargaining where thousands of workers lost important workplace rights and conditions of employment.

Under Mr Lloyd, many workers in the public sector haven't had a pay rise for four years and their job security and wages have been attacked through outsourcing.

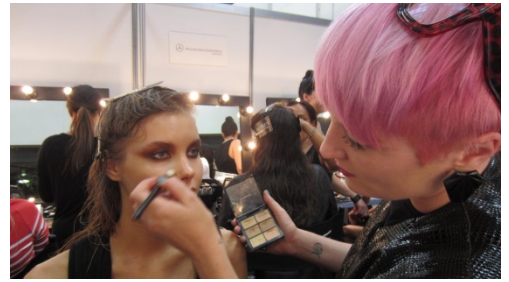
Michaelia Cash has presided over a number of politicised appointments and agencies, including the discredited Registered Organisations Commission, former ABCC Commissioner Nigel Hadgkiss, and now Mr Lloyd.

Mr Lloyd, who was himself appointed as head of the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) by the Howard Government, wrote an overtly biased [opinion piece](#) rant against "critics" of ABCC in *The Australian* on 20 December 2016, which showed he was anything but impartial.

He then went on to broker the golden handshake resignation of Nigel Hadgkiss as head of the ABCC. After dragging out litigation against him for 18 months, Mr Hadgkiss finally had to step down for breaching the very law he was supposed to uphold.

Mr Lloyd can now be added to the list of people that Turnbull has allowed to continue in their position well after serious questions regarding their conduct first emerged.

Labor believes our hardworking public service – and Australian taxpayers – deserve better.



HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

ESTIMATES EXPOSES TURNBULL'S ABYSMAL RECORD ON HOUSING- Cameron

Budget Estimates have again exposed the Turnbull government's total lack of credibility when it comes to addressing Australia's housing affordability and homelessness crisis.

One year on from delivering a Budget that claimed addressing housing affordability as its "centrepiece", the Turnbull Government has delivered none of the promised relief to young people struggling to buy their first home or the rising number of Australians experiencing increasing levels of rental stress and homelessness.

Answers given during Estimates hearings revealed the Turnbull Government has:

- Failed to reach a bilateral agreement with a single state or territory on the new National Housing and Homelessness Agreement, jeopardising the ability of specialist homelessness services to provide critical support services from 1 July 2018.
- No plan to replace thousands of affordable and social housing dwellings that will begin to exit the market in 2019 as the successful National Rental Affordability Scheme winds down, and no plan to transition the tenants to appropriate alternative housing.
- Ignored calls from the Senate Economics Committee, its own Affordable Housing Working Group, and key experts and stakeholders, to urgently address the 'yield gap', in order to encourage institutional and community housing providers to invest in and build affordable housing.

- Failed to reach agreement to tackle the unconscionably high number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experiencing overcrowding, poor housing conditions, and homelessness. Western Australia, Queensland and South Australia all remain without any funding certainty for remote indigenous housing and face a possible shortfall of more than \$1.5 billion over the next four years.

The 2018-19 Budget was the Government's last opportunity to make a difference after years of neglect in the face of deteriorating housing affordability and increasingly homelessness.

Instead, the Turnbull Government doubled down on its perverse choice to maintain negative gearing and capital gains tax concessions for wealth property investors over helping first home buyers struggling to break into the housing market.

Only a Labor Government will tackle the housing affordability crisis and put the great Australian dream back within the reach of middle and working class families. Labor has announced a comprehensive series of [policies](#), and will have more to say in the lead up to the next election.

SOCIAL SERVICES

WAITING, WAITING AND MORE WAITING - Burney

Centrelink call wait times have blown out for older Australians, students, and families and parents.

CALL WAIT TIME INCREASES		
Payment type	2016-17	2017-18 as at 31 March
Older Australians	18 minutes and 59 seconds	23 minutes and 1 second
Students	31 minutes and 15 seconds	35 minutes and 0 seconds
Families	16 minutes and 19 seconds	21 minutes and 12 seconds

Ask any Australian who has had to contact Centrelink, and they will tell you their own personal nightmare. These are just the averages. The reality is, we've heard stories of people waiting hours just to speak to someone at Centrelink.

The Turnbull Government cut 1,280 staff from the Department of Human Services in this year's budget.

Last year, the Turnbull Government cut 1,180 staff and call wait times and busy signals skyrocketed.

The truth is Centrelink is understaffed and under-resourced.

These job cuts will make it more difficult to contact and access Centrelink.

Meanwhile, Malcolm Turnbull has outsourced 1,250 jobs to labour hire. This Government is selling Centrelink jobs piece by piece.

Morale at Centrelink is at an all-time low.

Centrelink needs permanent full time staff who are supported, familiar and equipped to manage the often complex issues facing income support recipients.

The Turnbull Government is simply trying to make it so difficult for Australians to claim income support in the hope they just give up.

PENSIONERS AND CARERS WAITING LONGER FOR CENTRELINK PAYMENTS - Burney

Age pensioners and carers are waiting longer to have their payments approved by Centrelink.

Age pension and carers payment median processing times by Centrelink have dramatically increased.

PROCESSING TIME INCREASES		
Payment type	2016-17	2017-18 as at 31 March
Age pension	36 days	49 days
Carers payments	28 days	47 days

Older Australians who have worked all their lives are being made to wait, on average, for two months just to have their age pensions approved.

Carers looking after loved ones are waiting an additional two and a half weeks, on average, for their payments.

The median times don't even take into account instances when Centrelink requests further information, which can further delay the approval process. And these are just the median processing times. The reality is we have heard horror stories about older Australians and carers waiting many months for their payments, living on the edge of their bank accounts.

We understand that age pension and carers payments can be complex. That's why it's so important that Centrelink has permanent full time staff who are supported, familiar and skilled to manage the often complex issues facing income support recipients.

Last year, Malcolm Turnbull axed 1,180 jobs from Centrelink, and now we've seen age pension and carer payment processing times completely blow out.

At this year's budget, Malcolm Turnbull axed a further 1,280 jobs from Centrelink. These job cuts will only make it more difficult to access Centrelink. Meanwhile, Malcolm Turnbull has outsourced 1,250 jobs to labour hire. This Government is selling Centrelink jobs piece by piece.

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REGIONAL

FARMERS BLAST NBN SATELLITE SERVICE - Jones/O'Neill/Ketter

NSW Farmers have blasted the Turnbull Government's NBN satellite service telling Parliament's Joint NBN Oversight Committee the service was failing to live up to expectations.



Farmers said rural and regional Australia was paying more for less under Turnbull's satellite NBN.

Farmers consistently rate telecommunications as the "number one concern for farm-based businesses" but with higher costs, slower speeds and a less reliable service believed satellite NBN was not delivering for them. While city based users are using their NBN for Netflix, the case in rural and regional Australia was very different.

NSW Farmers Federation told the Joint Committee, people living in rural and regional Australia "just want to be able to book a plane ticket in under 45 minutes."

Yet again, the Minister for Regional Communications is missing in action as the Turnbull Government continues to put regional Australia at the bottom of the pile when it comes to broadband and communications.

With no new money in the Budget for Mobile Black Spots and only weeks after NBN revealed it had scuttled plans for 100mbps on the fixed wireless service, it's clear Malcolm Turnbull and the Liberal Nationals have forgotten about regional Australia.

CHILDCARE

MINISTER HAS QUESTIONS TO ANSWER - Rishworth

Whilst the clock keeps ticking with only 25 days until the Turnbull Government's unfair changes to the child care and early education system come into effect, the wheels on the government's spin machine are starting to get stuck in the detail.



As confirmed in Senate Estimates last week;

- The government has confirmed almost 43 per cent of families are yet to register;
- 30 per cent of providers are yet to register;
- The new IT system and software hasn't finished testing or been rolled out;
- The government has no idea how many safety and quality compliance staff are employed through the national quality agenda funding they have cut;

Here are some questions for the Minister to answer:

1. What will happen to families who have not registered in the new system on 2 July?
2. What is the Government doing to ensure these families register in time?
3. Does the Government expect the whole burden to fall on centres?
4. Can the Government guarantee centres will continue to be safe and meet quality standards now they have gutted the funding for the compliance staff?
5. Is the Government confident the new system will launch without any glitches in payments to centres and families?

The Turnbull Government's unfair child care package will hurt those families who can least afford it.

RIGHTS

LABOR TAKING ACTION ON FORCED MARRIAGE – Plibersek/Dreyfus/O'Neill

Labor has committed to ground-breaking reform to tackle forced marriage alongside representatives from the Salvation Army, Anti-Slavery Australia and ACRATH – Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans.

Every year, up to a thousand young Australians are at risk of forced marriage. Forced marriage can have devastating consequences, creating a structure through which subjugation, abuse and sexual assault can occur over decades.

Australia's current approach to forced marriage is not working. Under the Turnbull Government, we have not had a single successful prosecution of the forced marriage offences under the Criminal Code. Victims have

limited civil protections and struggle to access Government-funded support.

A Shorten Labor Government will bring this problem into the open. If elected, Labor will introduce a new mechanism – Forced Marriage Protection Orders – to prevent these young Australians being forced into marriage, taken overseas or removed from school.



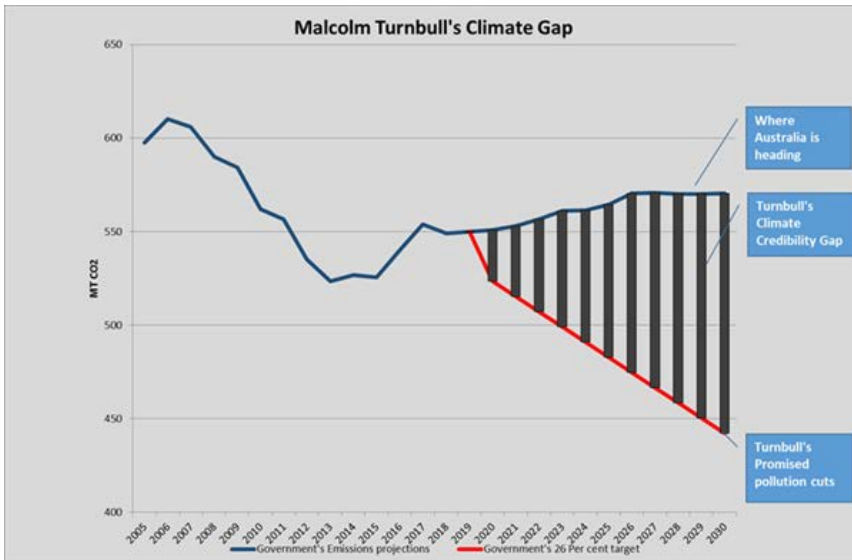
Labor will also make it easier for victims to access support.

Forced marriage is an abuse of human rights. A failure to adequately prevent, address and respond to this practice is a failure to protect individuals – including young people and children – from crime and abuse.

We are calling on the Turnbull Government to match our commitment.

ENVIRONMENT

INTERNATIONAL INVESTORS CALL OUT TURNBULL'S CLIMATE TARGETS – Mark Butler



288 international institutional investors with \$26 Trillion (USD) under management have [called on governments](#) to raise their pledges under the Paris Climate Agreement as existing targets will fail to deliver the Paris Accord goal of keeping global warming to well below 2-degrees.

The Turnbull Government is squarely one of those governments whose lack of ambition and lack of action has prompted this call to action – with only having a Paris target pledge of 26 per cent pollution cuts by 2030, and no post 2030 targets at all.

In stark contrast, Labor's targets are based on scientific advice of what is needed to deliver the Paris goal of passing on a sustainable climate to future generations; a cut of 45 per cent by 2030 and net zero emissions by 2050.

The global investors state, *"This ambition gap is of great concern to investors and needs to be addressed, with urgency. It is vital for our long-term planning*

and asset allocation decisions that governments work closely with investors to incorporate Paris-aligned climate scenarios into their policy frameworks and energy transition pathways."

Yet the Turnbull Government's weak National Energy Guarantee is projected to deliver no new large-scale renewable energy investment over the 2020s.

And far from being on track to delivering their weak targets, according to the government's own data emissions are projected to increase all the way to 2030. Malcolm Turnbull has simply given up on tackling climate change. Australia deserves so much better.

QUESTIONS TURNBULL MUST ANSWER ON TAS HYDRO – Mark Butler/Keay (Braddon Candidate)

Labor welcomes the release of a feasibility study into a potential 4,800 MW of pumped hydro capacity in Tasmania's Central Highlands and on the North and West Coasts as part of the Battery of the Nation project.

This potential investment largely overlaps with what Labor has already identified as a Renewable Energy Zone in North West Tasmania, and as such could play a central role in delivering on Labor's commitment to ensure 50 per cent of our electricity is sourced from renewables by 2030.

The study was in part funded by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) - an agency that Tony Abbott and Liberal Candidate for Braddon Brett Whiteley tried multiple times to abolish when in government.

Like Snowy 2.0, an expansion of pumped hydro in Tasmania doesn't make sense unless it is coupled with an ambitious renewable energy investment plan. The Turnbull Government and their Liberal candidate for Braddon must answer these questions:

- Does Mr Whiteley still think ARENA should be abolished, or does he believe trying to abolish it was a mistake?
- Does the Government admit, as Snowy Hydro as well as numerous experts have repeatedly done, that more pumped hydro investment in Australia only makes sense alongside greater renewable investment and penetration post the 2020 Renewable Energy Target?
- How is it consistent for the Government to be praising pumped hydro investment around the country while also proposing a National Energy Guarantee that industry and experts say will result in not a single large scale renewable energy investment in the 2020s?
- Does the Government agree with experts, industry and the past statements of Snowy Hydro that pumped hydro investment is not consistent with building new coal fired power stations?
- Does the Government and Mr Whiteley agree with Senator Abetz that Australia should be investigating investments in Nuclear as well as new coal power stations?

The fact is pumped hydro is a crucial part of our future renewable energy system but without an ambitious renewable energy investment policy, projects like the Battery of the Nation and Snowy Hydro 2.0 just don't make sense.

Far from having a plan to transition to a renewable energy future, the Turnbull Government has a plan to strangle renewable energy investment because their energy policy is still dominated by a climate change dismissing extreme right wing.

Only Labor has a credible and consistent renewable energy vision for Australia's energy future, one which will support projects like the Battery of the Nation and the economic benefits they bring.

COMMUNICATIONS

LABOR REJECTS NBNCO'S SWIPE AT ONLINE GAMERS – Rowland/Jones

The NBNCo CEO's singling out of [online gamers](#) as the predominant cause of congestion on the fixed-wireless network is both misguided and disappointing.

It beggars belief that Australians are being categorised and criticised for using the internet.

This ill-judged assertion was made despite the [Cisco Visual Network Index](#) forecasting that online gaming would only account for 2.9 per cent of consumer traffic in 2018, up from 2.4 per cent in 2017.

Even [a blog on NBNCo's own website notes](#):

"Believe it or not, some of the biggest online games use very little data while you're playing compared to streaming HD video or even high-fidelity audio."

The on-and-off messaging highlights a concerning pattern of hype and under-delivery by the public relations arm of the company, which for too long has placed spin above substance at the taxpayers' expense.

Regional Australians want NBNCo to focus on configuring its network to deliver the best possible experience.

Making promises to deliver a 100 Mbps upgrade path – then "[killing it](#)" – and now taking a swipe at online gamers for simply using the internet, is a misguided strategy to achieve this objective.

SURVEY FINDS 1 IN 3 WOULD DITCH TURNBULL'S SECOND-RATE NBN - Rowland

[A new survey](#) from finder.com.au has found more than 1 in 3 NBN users would switch back to their old internet service if they could.

Separate research from [Canstar Blue](#) also found the percentage of households looking forward to switching to the NBN has dropped significantly over the last 12 months.

Only 43 per cent of respondents still on an ADSL or cable internet connection indicated they are looking forward to switching to the NBN, down from 62 per cent recorded a year ago.

These results are hardly a ringing endorsement of Malcolm Turnbull's second-rate multi-technology mix.

Labor reiterates its call on the Turnbull Government to abandon deployment of its second-rate copper wherever feasible, and at a minimum take fibre to the curb.

As shown in [research re-released by NBNCo](#) yesterday, first-rate fibre infrastructure has a positive impact on the Australian economy.

At the time of the 2016 Census, the data upon which a sizeable segment of the NBN research was based, roughly 8 in 10 active users on the NBN were using Fibre to the Premises, with 1 in 10 active users being on the copper-based Fibre to the Node.

VETERANS

SENATE INQUIRY INTO THE USE OF ANTI -MALARIALS IN THE ADF Rishworth/Gallacher

Labor has announced that we will move to establish a Senate Inquiry into the use of the Quinoline anti-malarial drugs Mefloquine and Tafenoquine in the Australian Defence Force.

It is almost two years since the Turnbull Government first acknowledged concerns around the use of the anti-malarial drug, Mefloquine.

However, members of the serving and ex-service community have continued to raise their concerns around the side effects from some anti-malarial drugs which were taken during their service.

It is time for a proper and public examination of the issue and to establish the facts.

In that spirit, Labor has discussed the draft Terms of Reference with the Government to ensure the Senate Inquiry has the opportunity to work through this issue in an open and transparent manner and provide a thorough and comprehensive report about the use of Quinoline anti-malarial drugs in the ADF.

The draft terms of reference for the inquiry are:

The use of the Quinoline anti-malarial drugs Mefloquine and Tafenoquine in the Australian Defence Force with particular reference to:

- Current and past policies and practices for prescribing quinolone anti-malarial drugs to ADF personnel
- Current and past policies and practices for identifying and reporting adverse drug reactions from quinoline anti-malarial drugs among ADF personnel



- The nature and extent of any adverse health effects of those who have taken Mefloquine/Tafenoquine on serving and former ADF personnel
- Support available for partners, carers and families of personnel who experience any adverse health effects of quinoline anti-malarial drugs
- A comparison of international evidence/literature available on the impact of quinoline anti-malarials
- How other governments have responded to claims regarding quinoline anti-malarials
- Any other related matters.

Labor understands this is a complex issue and looks forward to the Inquiry providing further transparency on this issue. It is anticipated the inquiry would hold public hearings to allow all voices to have an opportunity to be heard.

Labor will consult with senators over the coming weeks to establish the inquiry during the next sittings of the Senate in June.

PRIME MINISTER GOES BACK TO THE FUTURE - Fitzgibbon

At his media conference today the Prime Minister went back to the future by acknowledging the climate is changing in a way which is challenging our farmers and our agriculture sector.

He and his Agriculture Minister also used the term "building resilience", a phrase rarely used by members of Malcolm Turnbull's team.

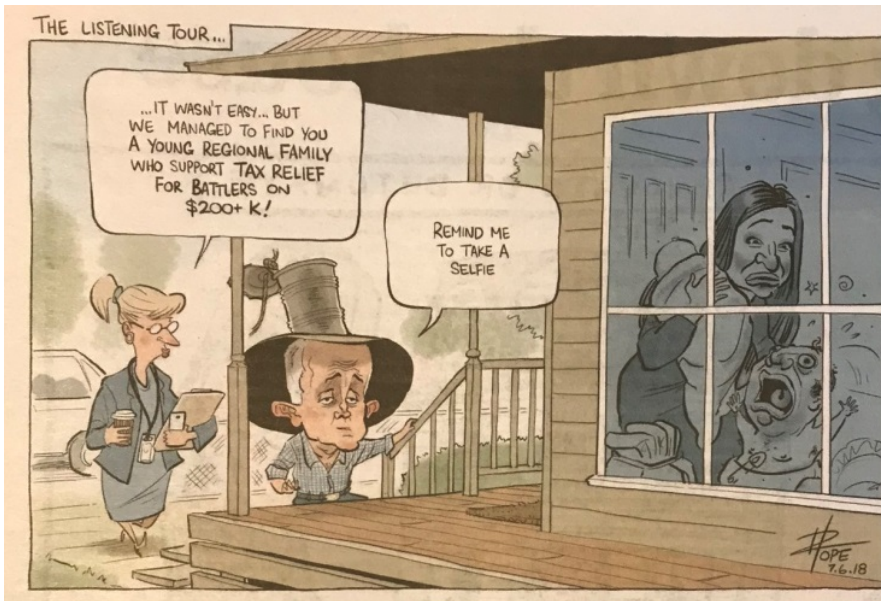
But that's where the progress ended.

After five years in government the Prime Minister is using his drought tour to "listen and learn", "listen and learn", and "listen and learn". It's as if drought only just emerged.

Having finally used the "resilience" word, Malcolm Turnbull then proceeded to say "natural resource management is a matter for State Governments".

Sadly, with the approval of both Tony Abbott and Malcolm Turnbull, Barnaby Joyce abolished the CoAG processes for progressing drought reform. As a result, no work has been done to progress or assess the current *Intergovernmental Agreement on Drought Reform* which will expire on July 1.

And as a result, no support is in place for farming families about to exhaust their three-year long



entitlement to the *Farm Household Allowance*.

Agriculture Minister David Littleproud has again embraced Barnaby Joyce's spin by claiming the Government had "put \$1 billion on the table" for drought. It is very selective language which reflects the fact that this figure includes the capital value of concessional loans over many years, whether they are taken up or not.

More debt is rarely the answer for drought affected farmers.

At his media conference today the Prime Minister and his Agriculture Minister studiously avoided expressing a view about what more the government can do for our farmers. Rather, we only heard; "*listen and learn*". **The truth is; it was all about the 6 o'clock news.**

A TINY RIPPLE OF HOPE - Jason Clare



Most politicians have a political hero. Someone they look up to. Someone they wish they were half as good as.

Mine died 50 years ago this week. Murdered in a kitchen in a Californian hotel. His dad called him a runt. His enemies called him ruthless. His brother called him Black Robert. We know him as Bobby.

When he died so did the dream of Camelot restored, of another Kennedy in the White House. But Bobby wasn't just another Kennedy. He was different from his famous big brother.

For a start he was shorter. But he was also tougher. Jack wrote a book about political courage. Bobby had it in spades. He took on everyone from Jimmy Hoffa to the mafia to white segregationists.

He also had a clearer moral compass than his big brother. When the world was on the brink of nuclear war for 13 days in October 1962 it was Bobby who convinced his brother not to bomb Cuba. With the memories of Pearl Harbour still fresh he told JFK that America didn't launch sneak attacks. The President took his advice and it probably averted a nuclear war. It was also Bobby who urged him to act on civil rights.

When his brother died Bobby could have crawled up in a ball, never to be seen again. But he didn't do that. Instead he used his fame and his name to shine a light on a dark part of America. On poverty and prejudice. On children dying of hunger in the richest country in the world. On the plight of migrant farm workers who picked but didn't share in the bounty of America and on what he called "a national disgrace" - the desperate poverty and deprivation endured by Native Americans.

At a time when America was tearing itself apart over a war it was losing Vietnam and black and white Americans were fighting in the streets at home, Bobby Kennedy also tried to bring people together. If you haven't seen it go to YouTube and watch the speech he made in Indianapolis on the night Martin Luther King died. No other white man could have made that speech. That night fires burned in more than 60 cities across America, but Indianapolis was quiet.



Like any politician made his fair share of mistakes. A big one was the decision he made when he was Attorney General to tap Martin Luther King's phone. He also admitted that the war he tried to end in Vietnam he had also helped start.

And like most politicians he was ambitious, but he was ambitious with a purpose.

In South Africa in 1966 in the depths of apartheid he told a group of university students: "Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope".

That pretty much sums up Bobby Kennedy. He believed that change starts with the actions of a single person and that if enough people do the same thing they can bend history.

The world he hoped for isn't here. Apartheid has gone. But poverty and prejudice are still here. The divide between rich and poor and black and white still exists, and not just in America. That doesn't mean he was wrong. It just means we need to try harder.

We will never know what would have happened if Bobby Kennedy hadn't walked through that kitchen 50 years ago, whether he would have won the Democratic nomination, whether he would have become President or even whether he would have been any good.

But I do know we need more people like Bobby Kennedy. Not just in politics. Everywhere. More people trying to bring us together. More people willing to act to improve the lives of others. More people seeking what Tennyson called a newer world. More tiny ripples of hope.

This opinion piece first appeared in [The Guardian](#) on Tuesday, 5 June 2018.

Moreton Trivia Night

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The ABC is under attack as never before

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

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

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

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

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

The Murdoch camp continue with their relentless assault on the ABC

Call to Arms

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

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

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

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Rally Brisbane – July 13

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Join the Fight

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

Margaret Reynolds,
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Saturday 21st July 2018

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Proceeds from this dinner will be used for campaign purposes

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Petition to Australian Parliament CLEAR WARNINGS ON ALL DANGEROUS MEDICATIONS

OPEN 23/05/18

CLOSES: 20/06/2018

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Petition Request

We Request: TGA should mandate all pharmaceutical companies to put clear warnings on the outside of the boxes of all dangerous medications.

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Petitions/House_of_Representatives_Petitions/Petitions_General/Sign_an_e-petition?id=EN0607

BACKGROUND:

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) - Australia's medication regulator - issued a Medication safety update in Dec. 2016, as a reminder for all medical professionals to tell their patients and their carers about the dangers of antidepressants, BUT this is still not happening.

Here is the Medication safety update. <https://www.tga.gov.au/publication-issue/medicines-safety-update-volume-7-number-5-october-december-2016#a2>

There are many flaws in the warning system continuing to put lives at risk and a simple clear warning on the outside of a box of all dangerous medications, *would make it very clear to the patient and their carers, that they are taking a high risk life threatening medication.*

Current Senate Inquiries

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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

Community Affairs References Committee

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

Economics Legislation Committee

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

Economics References Committee

- [Financial and tax practices of for-profit aged care providers](#)
- [The Commitment to the Senate issued by the Business Council of Australia](#)
- [Regional Inequality in Australia](#)
- [Selection process for a national radioactive waste management facility in South Australia](#)
- [Governance and operation of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility \(NAIF\)](#)
- [Consumer protection in the banking, insurance and financial sector](#)
- [Future of Australia's naval shipbuilding industry](#)
- [Non-conforming building products](#)

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

- [Education and Other Legislation Amendment \(VET Student Loan Debt Separation\) Bill 2018 and Student Loans \(Overseas Debtors Repayment Levy\) Amendment Bill 2018](#)

Education and Employment References Committee

- [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

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

Finance and Public Administration References Committee

- [Digital delivery of government services](#)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

- [New Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment \(Veteran-centric Reforms No. 2\) Bill 2018 \[provisions\]](#)

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

- [Proposed Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership](#)
- [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(SDG\)](#)
- [Australia's trade and investment relationships with the countries of Africa](#)

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

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

Red Tape Committee

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

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

- [Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment Bill 2018](#)
- [Water Amendment Bill 2018](#)
- [Air Services Amendment Bill 2018](#)
- [Performance of Airservices Australia](#)

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

- [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 into the Political Influence of Donations

- [Select Committee into the Political Influence of Donations](#)

Select Committee on Stillbirth Research and Education

- [Stillbirth Research and Education](#)

Select Committee on the Future of Work and Workers

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

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