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### THIS WEEK:

***In June, the Australian Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Kate Jenkins, established a twelve month investigation into sexual harassment across Australia.***

***This was in response to concerns about increasing evidence of harassment experienced by women and men despite awareness campaigns and support services and the resultant lack of safety and security in our communities.***

***The terms of reference and the ways to be involved through submissions and public hearings are available on the commission website, just go to: <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/sex-discrimination/projects/national-inquiry-sexual-harassment-australian-workplaces>***

***It is important to share the knowledge so that we can establish data evidence and develop policies at all levels.***

***As we gather for Reclaim the Night again later this year, the messages must be reinforced by action.***

***This week, Universities Australia released guidelines for university responses to sexual assault and harassment as part of the Respect, Now Always initiative. (The details are in this Update.)***

***Almost a year since the Australian Human Rights Commission released 'Change the Course' - its national report on these issues across Australian universities. The guidelines are part of the 10 point plan response to ensure that students and staff are safe and that universities accept their responsibility to make this happen.***

***The Government has advised that the community has a three month period to make individual decisions about having an E-Health record as part of a national digital system.***

***We can 'opt out' of the process before October.***

***I am really worried that so many people are confused and not aware of the long standing plan to have a national electronic health record scheme. There are real concerns, particularly around privacy and it is essential that we have INFORMED choice.***

***I have always supported the scheme personally, but I know that there are varying opinions. Ask your doctor about the process, check the websites and make your own decision.***

***There is also an article in this bulletin from David Margan who considers some of issues surrounding its roll-out.***

***The Queensland Law Reform Commission has completed its work on abortion law reform ... it is a significant document and will be the basis on Queensland legislation. Check out the web sites for information –***

***<https://www qlrc.qld.gov.au/newsroom#TOP%20Report>***

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## WHAT'S BEING SAID ...

### TREASURY APPOINTMENTS -CHALMERS – SKY NEWS AM AGENDA

"The point that we would make about it is that if these appointments were above board, we wouldn't have had two out of three of them made late on a Friday afternoon snuck out via a press release, and we wouldn't have what we had yesterday, which was the Treasurer doctoring a transcript to hide what was legitimate questioning about these appointments."

### PBO REPORT ON TAX SYSTEM- CHALMERS – SKY NEWS AM AGENDA

"What that Parliamentary Budget Office report did is it strengthened the case that Labor has been making, which is that for as long as we can have these big tax loopholes in the system for the people who need them least, ordinary working people in Australia will end up carrying a heavier and heavier burden."

**"We are proposing some fairly ambitious tax reforms which will meet the objectives and the challenges identified in that very good report."** - Jim Chalmers (Responding to Parliamentary Budget Office report on tax reform)

### KELLY & MH17 - ALBANESE -5AA RADIO ADELAIDE

"When it comes to Craig Kelly, I mean I just think this bloke is a bonehead. He is a bonehead who has caused enormous damage. The fact is that he was responding to a message from Anthony Maslin who is a father from Western Australia whose three children were killed as well as his partner on the MH17 and it is frankly beyond belief that in response to that he basically says: Oh well, it won't make any difference if we condemn the MH17, we've got to overlook it. Well, for goodness sake. His apology today was pathetic. "

**"I cannot believe he said this. Australians were killed. Children were killed. There are no excuses, ever. Craig Kelly should apologise to the families of the victims,"** - Bill Shorten

### KELLY & MH17 - CHALMERS – BRISBANE

"No unqualified apology contains the word 'but'. In one breath, Craig Kelly tried to say that he was sorry for his disgraceful and insensitive contribution but in the next breath he tried to blame everybody else for interpreting it wrongly. This guy is a disgrace."

### KELLY & MH17 - WONG – PERTH

"It was extremely distressing and disappointing to see a member of the Coalition, Mr Kelly, make the comments he made. Let me say this, we don't get over the loss of Australian lives, we don't get over the murder of Australians and we don't get over the murder of civilians."



### RUTHENBERG'S BOGUS MEDALS - CHALMERS – BRISBANE

"This is not a one-off or innocent or honest mistake, as the Prime Minister and the LNP candidate for Longman have claimed. This is a pattern of behaviour; a pattern of deliberate deception which should disqualify the LNP candidate for Longman from standing for this seat or from serving the good people of Longman in the national Parliament.

"What we're seeing from Trevor Ruthenberg is, first of all, a deliberate pattern of deception which should disqualify him from standing in this by-election and serving in the Federal Parliament."

**What these revelations show is that Big Trev is a big fraud.** - Jim Chalmers

### LABOUR HIRE -SHORTEN -BRISBANE

"So I'm pleased to announce today that an incoming Labor Government will legislate the principle same job, same pay. We think this is a very sensible proposition and one which good employers and Australian workers will be happy to see written in black and white in the law. Labour hire has become a prevalent form of employment in many Australian workplaces. The problem is that all too often labour hire employees are taken advantage of by dodge labour hire business practices."

### LABOUR HIRE -O'CONNOR- 6PR PERTH

"The way to do it is to enact legislation to require workers being paid no less than the pay and conditions of direct staff, so that if you're working side by side with a worker who happens to be a direct employee you can't be paid less than them. At the moment you can be. In most of Europe, Britain, Canada they don't allow that and we shouldn't allow it in Australia"

"Too often, people can't find enough work. We have 1.1 million Australians underemployed according to the ABS. Casualisation is growing, so is the misuse of some forms of employment."

**"So why won't the Prime Minister debate why it's fair to give \$17 billion to banks and take \$17 billion from schools? Why won't the Prime Minister debate why he thinks it's ok to cut penalty rates? Why won't the Prime Minister debate the Opposition Leader in these by-elections? It's clear now that the Prime Minister is gutless."** -- Brendan O'Connor (Turnbull's refusal to debate Shorten)

### WORKER'S WAGES - SALLY McMANUS – PRESS CONFERENCE - ACTU CONGRESS

"Australia needs a pay rise. Australians deserve a pay rise. And we're not going to get that pay rise unless working people have a stronger voice at work, stronger rights to bargain. At the moment, we've got a situation where there's record-low wage growth, yet we're seeing company profits continue to soar. Productivity has gone up, but our wages haven't."

### TURNBULL ECONOMICS - SWAN - PRESS CONFERENCE - ACTU CONGRESS

"The truth is that extreme trickle-down policies such as huge tax cuts for the wealthy and powerful companies, deregulation in key parts of the economy, hacking into the social safety net, cutting back on health and education, and wage suppression is not only bad for equity, it's bad for living standards across the board."

"So we do need to look at the bargaining system. People are opting out of it; employers are withdrawing. Workers are being forced back to the bare minimum wages. So there is a need to rewrite the rules when it comes to bargaining. But it's not just bargaining in the wage system."



*It's the power that large companies and groups within our society are using to rewrite the rules of our whole economy – making our tax system more unfair is part and parcel of that equation."*

#### **BANK WEST STAFF CUTS – O'CONNOR – MELBOURNE**

*"We'd expect the Government to provide intensive support for those workers if they are subject to retrenchment. It's really important that Government works with business to make sure that workers are treated well if there are redundancies that are unavoidable. I'd hope to think that it is avoidable and they can be salvaged but again it just makes the point here we are giving billions of dollars to the banks and yet of course we're seeing circumstances where they're shedding staff as taxpayers give them \$17 billion."*

#### **QLD INFRASTRUCTURE - ALBANESE – MANGO HILL BRISBANE**

*"It's only Federal Labor that actually invests in public transport facilities. Malcolm Turnbull quite likes taking selfies on trains and trams, he just won't fund them. And he won't fund the Cross River Rail project. He was happy to come to the Redcliffe rail station opening when it occurred, but he wasn't happy to put in a single dollar to either that project or to the Cross River Rail project."*

#### **GBR FOUNDATION GRANT – CHISHOLM- TOWNSVILLE**

*The evidence so far is that there is no transparency and there is no accountability. The fact is that the government has transferred this money to this foundation and the government has released none of the details of how this transparency and accountability is going to work. The more we hear about it the more we find out, the more concerned Labor are about how the money will be used and unsure what the outcomes for the reef will be.'*

*"At the moment the Great Barrier Reef Foundation have 6 full time staff so they are nowhere near capable of dealing with the scale of 440 million. The fact when they found out they received this money they said it was like winning gold lotto. That to me starts alarm bells ringing."*

#### **INLAND RAIL – ALBANESE- INLAND RAIL CONFERENCE - PARKES**

*"At the moment the project stops 38km short of the Brisbane Port at Acacia Ridge. The truth is that just because it is called the Inland Rail Project shouldn't mean that it stays inland on its whole route. It needs to have access to the Port of Brisbane. It also doesn't have access to the Port of Melbourne and we have continued to raise these concerns with the Government."*

### **QUOTES OF THE WEEK**

*"If there's one thing privacy experts agree on, it's that the watchdog tasked with enforcing Australia's Privacy Act is not adequately resourced or funded to police contraventions of the act in any meaningful way." - Ben Grubb (Crikey)*

*"If we're to believe what we see in the media, we're being engulfed by a corporate crime wave, an outbreak of business lawlessness that engages in "wage theft", mistreatment of franchisees, abuse of workers on temporary visas and much more." - Ross Gittins (Veteran economics commentator Fairfax Media.)*

*- "..... sort of a double negative." - Donald J Trump*

### **LONGMAN HUSTINGS**



*"Under this government we've seen them turn a blind eye to wage theft. You know millions of people having unpaid super. We've seen this government turn a blind eye to ensuring that every worker has a safe working condition and we've seen this government turn a blind eye to the rising problem of labour hire in this country, undermining the pay and conditions of workers. Well what we've also seen is an absolute, absolute disregard for workers in this country in relation to penalty rates. Over 11,000 people in our Caboolture area here and the regions work in retail and hospitality and under this government, not once but twice they've already received a penalty rate cut, to their income, their take home income, with another one next year." - Susan Lamb*

*"What we've seen here this morning is that, you know, a major employer Woolworths has had contractors and sub-contractors working for them that have not paid workers their minimum rate of pay. And I'm not talking about a lot of money, we're talking about*

*between \$17 and \$19 an hour and they have not even been getting that. We've heard evidence that some workers have only received \$7 dollars and hour."*

*"Woolworths made a billion dollars profit last year and yet workers under their purview were getting about \$7 an hour. That's unacceptable in this country, it's unacceptable in Queensland and we are not prepared to have workers in Queensland ripped off." - Doug Cameron*

### **GLIMPSES**

#### **IMPOSTER? – David Margan**

*It seems to be the way of the world these days when someone is found out being a thief, a liar or just plain dishonest – all acts which generally take planning and thought – defend themselves by saying such things as, it was an oversight or just a mistake, it was taken out of context or the media misquoted me! And so it is with LNP candidate in the Longman by-election Trev Ruthenberg.*

*He falsely claimed he received a military medal for overseas peacekeeping on his personal website when he had never served overseas at all – surely something you remember? Ruthenberg claimed it was a 'mistake', a 'one-off' but it's now been revealed that he'd done it before on his defunct Newman government website when he was part of that team.*



The revelation has cast fresh doubt on Mr Ruthenberg's claim that he's no "military impostor" Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has insisted Mr Ruthenberg made an "honest mistake" and had apologised for the error. "Big Trev is as honest and straight as he is big," he said.

## UPDATE...

A Tamil refugee separated from his family and deported by Australia has been arrested and released shortly after following his arrival in Sri Lanka, according to the Tamil Refugee Council.

**SBS reports** that 30-year-old Thileepan Ganeswaran was set to face a Colombo court on unknown charges last night AEST, after being denied a temporary protection visa and forcibly separated from his wife, Karthika, and their 11-month-old daughter in Australia.

The wife of deported Tamil asylum seeker Thileepan Ganeswaran says she is devastated by her husband's forced removal from Australia and arrest in [Sri Lanka](#), and says her baby daughter faces a future where she might never see her father again.

"We are all so depressed; my daughter is very upset, she misses her father," Karthika Ganeswaran told the Guardian. "My husband is not with us and I have no idea when we will see him again. My daughter needs her father in her life. But we are apart."

The Department of Home Affairs has defended deporting Thileepan, saying his case has been "comprehensively assessed" by the department and a number of courts, while the United Nations has criticised Australia's decision to "actively and indefinitely separate" the family of a recognised refugee.



## SLAVERY

An "alarming" 15,000 people are living in slavery in Australia, working in forced prostitution, construction, food packaging and foreign embassies in Canberra, the latest Global Slavery Index says. Fortescue Metals chairman Andrew Forrest, whose charity Walk Free is a backer of the index, said expanded survey techniques had shown significantly more people were living in slavery than once assumed which was around 4,300.

## COVERED IN GLORY

The University of Queensland offers the world's best mining and mineral engineering course, according to the prestigious ShanghaiRanking of global universities. UQ claimed the top spot on the list of the world's best mining degrees ahead of a number of specialist Asian geoscience universities. It was also the only Australian university to achieve a No.1 ranking in any discipline, in the annual league tables which compare the performance of 4000 higher education institutions

## THEY GLOAT – YOU PAY (Crikey)

Slashed company taxes, less spending for luxury items and plummeting fuel tax revenue are set to increasingly force workers to shoulder a greater burden of Australia's tax system, according to a review by the Parliamentary Budget Office.

According to [The Age](#), the report shows that, without current governments undertaking dramatic tax reform, future governments will have to create new revenue streams for billions in lost fuel excise over the coming decade, either through increased costs or road tolls. Other concerns include soaring healthcare and education costs resulting in a lack of consumer spending on items taxed under GST, the Turnbull government's decision to cut company taxes, and increasing multinational tax avoidance measures.

## INDIA

In India, the stigma associated with being sexually assaulted often deters women and girls – as well as boys and men – from reporting abuse. Despite this, more than 100 cases of rape are reported in India every day, according to recent data from the National Crime Records Bureau. Last month, a report from Thomson Reuters Foundation found that India was the least safe country in the world to be a woman, followed by Afghanistan and Syria. So it comes as no surprise to report the following horrors;

Eighteen men have appeared in court in the southern Indian city of Chennai on charges of repeatedly raping a 12-year-old girl over seven months. The men were reportedly all workers at an apartment block where the girl lived. Some worked as security guards, lift operators and plumbers.

Police say the alleged rapists range in age from 23 to 66. They allegedly waited for the girl to come home from school before taking her to secluded areas in the gated community, including the gym and the basement, to rape her.

Just a day earlier, reports emerged of a six-year-old girl being raped outside a temple in New Delhi and left to die on the street.

She had been living with her father – a rickshaw-puller – and stepmother on the streets by the temple. She was kidnapped and raped, before being discovered bleeding in the street. She was taken to hospital for extensive surgery to repair damage to her internal organs.

## CHILDCARE BUNGLE

Thousands of parents have been left out of pocket in the first week of the new childcare subsidy program. Some providers say their staff and families are stressed trying to figure out why payments are not working but others say the bugs are being worked out. Issues include delays of up to 28 days in Centrelink in processing the flood of last minute registrations, parents having missed a step in filling out their forms and bugs with new software for providers

## LAMING LAMINATED

Andrew Laming faces a renewed campaign against him by dumped Liberal National Party executives who claim his branch is hemorrhaging members. The former secretary of Mr Laming's Federal Divisional Council, Suzi Foster, has written to LNP members complaining the party had silenced grassroots supporters and would struggle to win the next election. Ms Foster was suspended from the LNP along with other members of Mr Laming's FDC executive, Shaun Edwards and Paul Field, after they last month distributed a letter calling for the "maverick" MP to be disendorsed. LNP state director Michael O'Dwyer said the claims about membership losses in Bowman were wrong. Mr Laming was unable to comment on the allegations under party rules.



## MIGRATION

A new snapshot of permanent migrants to arrive in Australia between January 2000 and August 2016 reveals most of them are buying or own a home, more were born in India than anywhere else and business, human resources or marketing professional was their most common job. Almost 292,000 people born in India arrived between January 1, 2000 and August 9, 2016 with 234,000 (18.5 per cent) of those on a skilled migration visa, Australian Bureau of Statistics data released yesterday shows. More than 63,000 people from Iraq and Afghanistan made up almost 30 per cent of all those permanently settled under the humanitarian visa program. Under the family visa program, about 95,000 people born in China arrived between 2000 and 2016, the most of any country.

## BAD PIZZA

The man in charge of the company and whose company's business plan saw franchisees squeezed to such a point hundreds of already low paid workers were underpaid has just been revealed as the best paid CEO in the nation. At a time when inequality is accelerating like a Porsche 911 GT2 RS here's what he earns; Domino's CEO Don Meij has topped the list of Australia's highest paid chief executives, taking home a staggering **\$36.8 million in the 2017 financial year.**



Pressure placed by management on franchisees led to widespread underpayment and exploitation of vulnerable employees, particularly migrants. Managers were instructed to — whatever the circumstances, by whatever means — keep their labour costs below a certain percentage of their sales revenue, resulting in widespread “trimming” of workers' shifts, recording shifts as far shorter than they were, and paying staff less accordingly. It was alleged some staff were paid as little as \$10 an hour. Further, vulnerable migrant workers were in some cases required to **pay up to \$150,000**

to be sponsored for the relevant work visas.

## WHILE WE'RE THERE...

Australia's top 100 CEOs enjoyed a pay rise of nearly 13% in 2016-17, new data shows, over seven times the 1.8% wages growth of private sector workers that year. CEO pay growth was over 10% above inflation, while private sector workers went backwards by 0.1% compared to CPI. The CEO pay data has been compiled by [the Australian Council of Superannuation Investors](#) and shows “realised pay” — which includes the realisation of gains from share options and other bonuses — and “reported pay”, which takes out the impact of share price movements that can artificially inflate or reduce the value of shares. Median reported pay for the CEOs of the top 100 ASX companies increased from \$4,196,435 to \$4,728,890, or 12.7%; average reported pay increased from \$5,164,722 to \$5,544,284, or 7.3%. Things were even better for CEOs of ASX 100-200 companies, who enjoyed increases on average of 22%.

## WALKLEY WINS

SBS journalist Laura Murphy-Oates has been named Young Australian Journalist of the Year at the [mid-year Walkley Awards](#). Murphy-Oates also won awards in the long form feature or special, and the public service journalism categories. [Jane Caro won the award](#) for women's leadership in media, over other nominees Tracey Spicer, Kate McClymont, Lorna Knowles, Jo Puccini and Jeannette Francis.

## CHECK-OUT CHUCKED-OUT

While every day hundreds, if not thousands, of consumers are wronged and ripped off Australia's only national consumer affairs show, *The Checkout* has been shelved by the ABC. *The Checkout* was a beautiful fit for our national broadcaster — which is independent of commercial interests — and just the ticket at a time of soaring consumer concerns. Government budget cuts or ABC management priorities?

The independent Australian Competition and Consumer Commission also said the show has done an incredible job since 2013 of informing Australians about consumer rights and holding businesses to account.

## WHO'S GOT THE BEST AIRLINE?

The [Skytrax rankings](#) are based on a survey of 20.36 million travellers from more than 100 different countries, covering more than 335 different airlines. It measured 49 parameters spanning from boarding procedures to quality of service to seat comfort.

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| 1. Singapore Airlines             | 14. China Southern Airlines |
| 2. Qatar Airways                  | 15. Etihad Airways          |
| 3. ANA All Nippon Airways         | 17. Air New Zealand         |
| 4. Emirates                       | 22. Virgin Australia        |
| 5. EVA Air                        | 27. Finnair                 |
| 6. Cathay Pacific Airways         | 28. AirAsia                 |
| 7. Lufthansa                      | 31. British Airways         |
| 8. Hainan Airlines                | 33. Korean Air              |
| 9. Garuda Indonesia               | 34. Malaysia Airlines       |
| 10. Thai Airways                  | 35. China Airli             |
| 11. Qantas Airways                |                             |
| 12. Swiss International Air Lines |                             |
| 13. Japan Airlines                |                             |



## WARNING, WARNING

Australia is one of 54 countries that have been infected by a nasty computer virus currently spreading around the world, dubbed VPNFilter.

The malicious software (malware), which is believed to have already infected about 500,000 devices around the world, mainly targets your Wi-Fi router, snooping on all the internet traffic coming in and out of your house.

Basically, it's like someone looking over your shoulder and watching your every move each time you jump on the internet, and writing down all your passwords and credit card details.

It has also been found to infect Network Attached Storage devices – a hard drive you connect directly to your router that allows you to access media files from anywhere in the world.

#### **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

First, check the [full list of affected devices](#), which includes makers Asus, D-Link, Linksys, Netgear, QNAP and others.

The majority of these devices can be purchased through any number of popular retailers, so there's a high possibility that VPNFilter has infected the home equipment of many Australian internet users.

To determine if your equipment is on the list, you will need to know the brand and model number of the device – usually found on the underside, along with the serial number.

The brand and model number of your Wi-Fi router should be found on the bottom. Next, scan your home network for VPNFilter – [follow the instructions here](#). Finally, ensure the firmware for your network devices is up to date. You will need to consult the manual for each individual device connected to your home internet network, such as the gateway, Wi-Fi router, network switch and so on. This also includes any Internet of Things (IoT) devices you may have, such as a smart switch or smart LED lights. These devices may have a dedicated smartphone app, which you can use to access firmware updates. It is also advised to disable remote network access to certain devices, such as NAS drives, unless the device supports encrypted connections (such as SSH or HTTPS). Lastly, change the default password on your Wi-Fi router.

## **YOUR – 'MY HEALTH RECORD'**

**David Margan**

Many years ago now I was involved in a constant analysis of the idea of digital health records.

In the broad it seemed like a good idea - the inevitable way of the future and it still probably is but at the time the organisation responsible for its development and introduction, the "National E-Health Transition Authority" or "NEHTA", now known as the Australian Digital Health Agency was often a dysfunctional, deceitful disaster.

In some ways this wasn't surprising given the enormity of the task.

Britain spent \$12 billion pounds between 2002 and 2011 trying to do it via what they called NPfIT and gave up. Authors Anthony King and Ivor Crewe describe NPfIT as 'the veritable RMS Titanic of IT disasters' and 'doomed from the beginning.'

They are by other means now trying to go paperless by 2020

Their politicians also made what the esteemed medical journal, *The Lancet* described as "wild promises—about achieving improvements in life expectancy or dramatic cost savings early on."

Health Minister Hunt has been the latest to make such claims but a key adviser to the body rolling out the controversial My Health Record project has contradicted his claims that it will save lives. Dr Nathan Pinski, chair of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners' committee for e-health and practice services, said yesterday the record was about managing the elderly who were taking multiple medications, and improving health services and outcomes. "It's a fallacy to say this is about saving lives,"

Our system cost currently stands at \$2 billion and for that reason alone we are committed to the digital record path but being aware of all the technical issues and the bombastic drivel that often emanated from its Australian establishment agency, NEHTA, I am left with a mountain of concern about its potential failings.

The process of its introduction now into our health system have only emphasised those concerns. The Federal Health Minister Hunt has flatly denied a welter of criticism about its efficacy and security but given the experience and expertise of many of the critics I suggest Minister Hunt is happily living in the political la-la land of positive denial.

Let's just take one issue opting out.

We are all told you have three months to opt out while Hunt claims you can opt out at any time.

Now most of us would assume opting out means none of your health records are part of the system but that's not true.

Anything lodged on the system before you opt out stays on the system.

And just try and opt out! You'd need the patience of Job.

Note this from the former head of the government's Digital Transformation Agency Paul Shetler;

"If you were launching a new product and you had 20,000 people willing to wait for an hour-and-a-half on the phone, be put on hold, and go through an obscure process and they signed up, you'd say that's a pretty amazing demand for that product. That's a pretty successful product. Now reverse that."

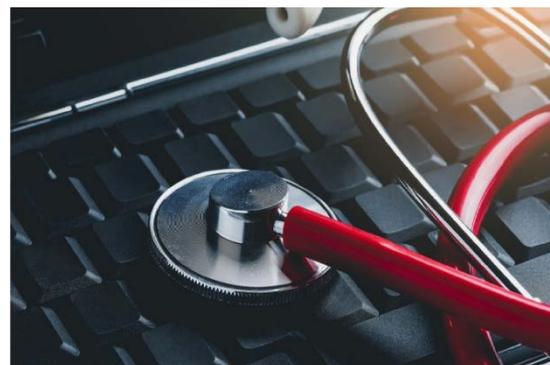
The man appointed by Malcolm Turnbull to transform the Commonwealth's digital public services went on to say if he was Australian he would probably opt out of the Government's controversial online health database.

NSW University privacy expert, Dr Katharine Kemp also said; "I will personally be opting out because I don't think the Government has demonstrated the security of the My Health Record system"

The fundamental issues and security and sister, privacy and already [privacy advocates have ramped up their attacks on the database](#) and are urging Australians to steer clear of it. Paul Shetler; again speaking on the ABC's Radio National;

"I think it's problematic. Those kind of security settings kind of make sense for an opt-in system ... but when it becomes an opt-out system, and you find out all your data is on there, 'oh, and by the way it's all being shared', well, no — I think that's one of the flaws,"

As the ABC opined this week; "Some [academics have warned the database presents a tempting target for hackers](#). They also say private health apps will be able to mine the database for information, despite legislation that says patients must give their consent."



Remembering it was the ABC who last week revealed that Australia's largest doctor appointment booking service, [HealthEngine](#), had funnelled private medical information to law firms searching for clients who might want to file personal injury claims.

Unbeknown to most of us the My Health Record has been in trial mode for six years which also means many our most intimate medical records may already be on the system, nearly six million of us, according to the government — already have a record.

Originally designed as an 'opt-in' system the take up was so low by the public and doctors that they changed it to an 'opt-out' model and as Bernard Keane in Crikey has noted; "The bureaucrat, Tim Kelsey, overseeing My Health Record presided over a disaster-plagued national health record system in the UK, and has written passionately about his belief that people have no right to opt out of health records, or to stay anonymous."

Obviously the boss of the My Health Record has no interest in or respect for your privacy and he has an interesting history. **Crikey** has reported the following;

Tim Kelsey is a former British journalist who moved into the electronic health record business in the 2000s. In 2012, he was appointed to run the UK government's national health record system, Care.data, which was brought to [a shuddering halt in 2014](#) after widespread criticism over [the sale of patients' private data](#) to drug and insurance companies, then scrapped altogether in 2016. By that stage, Kelsey [had moved to Telstra in Australia](#), before later taking a government role. There was considerable criticism about the lack of information around Care.data, and [over 700,000 UK people](#) opted out of the system.

At ADHA, Kelsey is doing little to fix his reputation for controversy. On Saturday, ADHA released an extraordinary [1000-word attack](#) on News Corp health journalist Sue Dunlevy [who correctly pointed out](#) the strong risk to privacy in the My Health Record system. The statement repeatedly criticised Dunlevy, accusing her of "dangerous fearmongering" and being "misleading and ignorant".

Dunlevy had rightly noted the lack of any effective information campaign about My Health record (exactly the criticism made of Care.data), prompting ADHA to boast of its \$114 million campaign at Australia Post shops, Department of Human Services "access points" and letters to health practitioners. It makes you wonder why even News Corp's Janet Albrechtsen said she'd [never heard of My Health Record](#) until last week.

As for our doctors in 2015, there were more than 88,000 of them yet according to the Digital Health Agency only 12,860 healthcare organisations have signed up to the record.

As for those who have a statutory duty to protect your privacy don't expect much joy from them either, not that it's their fault, for if there's one thing privacy experts agree on, it's that the watchdog tasked with enforcing Australia's Privacy Act is not adequately resourced or funded to police contraventions of the act in any meaningful way.

Malcolm Crompton, a former federal Australian privacy commissioner who is now managing director at privacy consulting outfit [Information Integrity Solutions](#). "What is happening is that the law is not being enforced," Crompton told Crikey, because the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner ([OAIC](#)), is inadequately funded.

Paul Shetler has also made this point that the way My Health Record had been set up meant millions of Australians would be given an online record without realising that they would have to manually change their security settings in order to ring-fence their medical history.



"I think the security model is quite strange, the fact that your data can be accessed for things that have nothing to do for your health. Again, that might have made sense ... when it was an opt-in system. But it's not opt-in, its opt-out, and it's kind of hard to opt-out. Then all of a sudden you find these weird loopholes."

"[The Australian Government] didn't learn from the history, you don't spring something on people and tell them 'we're going to be doing this', with no preparation, with no clear understanding of what the benefits are, without having designed it around user needs and then with this weird security model."

The primary security risk to My Health Records comes from the thousands of points of access to open records via the health system. Dr Katharine Kemp said; "There have been major data breaches globally in respect to health data

While it's hard to make many comparison between the Australian model and the experience in the United States note this from Wikipedia;

In the United States in 2011 there were 380 major data breaches involving 500 or more patients' records listed on the website kept by the [United States Department of Health and Human Services](#) (HHS) Office for Civil Rights.

So far, from the first wall postings in September 2009 through the latest on 8 December 2012, there have been 18,059,831 "individuals affected," and even that massive number is

an undercount of the breach problem. The civil rights office has not released the records of tens of thousands of breaches it has received under a federal reporting mandate on breaches affecting fewer than 500 patients per incident.

Three mental health bodies – Consumers of Mental Health WA, the Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council and the NSW peak organisation Being – said the risk of privacy breaches was too high.

"We've joined together to tell people with mental illness: 'if you're in doubt, opt out'," CoMHWa chief executive Shauna Gaebler said on Wednesday. "My Health Record increases the risk of discrimination and health inequalities for people with mental illness. Until we know there are reliable protections, and answers to our concerns, we can't ethically encourage people to stay in this system."

Given this week's outcry Minister Hunt's launch is in disarray, take these for example as reported by Sue Dunlevy in News Ltd:

"Named only as Taryn said neither she nor her husband could opt their one-year-old out of the My Health Record as the website said they have "no eligible children". Their son suffers from a medical condition they fear could affect his employment prospects and want his privacy protected. Taryn said she had a 90-minute wait on the My Health Record hotline yesterday before call centre staff could remove her son's details. Vanessa Teague, an IT expert from Melbourne, said her records detailed visits to a Queensland doctor she had never met."

So what do you do?

It would be a good idea that if you fell into the hands of an unknown doctor or hospital in an emergency where you couldn't communicate or let's face it remember all your medical details that they could find out your medical history, your allergies etc.

Set against this is the importance you give to your privacy.

Given this government's disastrous record with digital transformation, remember Robo-Debt to name just one, you would probably have rocks in your head to trust security of the My Health record system or what uses your private health information could be put to.

I'm going to opt –out with patience and a strong drink while I try and do it!

Bear in mind, though, that even though your record is cancelled, the data already uploaded to your record will be kept for 30 years after your death. Access to that data will be extremely limited — it can be handed over if required by law, but otherwise health practitioners can't access it, and if you want to see it, you have to apply to get a copy. The primary security risk to My Health Records comes from the thousands of points of access to open records via the health system; this will not apply to records of cancelled accounts.

[The My Health record site is quite easy to navigate even if it collapses under the weight of the crowds trying to escape. If you want to do the same go [here](#), it explains why you might have a health record [here](#), and it explains how to cancel your record [here](#). You can do it online. You can reverse your decision later, or you can opt in again later if you decide to opt out.]

## HEALTH

### GOVERNMENT OFF TO SHOCKING START ON E-HEALTH- King

Greg Hunt must immediately explain what he's doing to address the problems plaguing his e-health rollout, which are preventing people from opting out of the My Health Record.

The first 24 hours of the opt-out period have been a disaster – confirming Labor's fears that Malcolm Turnbull and Greg Hunt are simply incapable of getting a rollout of this size and ambition right.

Labor supports e-health.

Implemented by a competent Government, the My Health Record could deliver major health care improvements and save the health system up to \$7 billion a year through fewer diagnosis, treatment and prescriptions errors.

But this Government is far from competent. They have a woeful record on IT security, privacy and basic digital functionality.

They gave us census fail, the robodebt debacle, and then allowed Australians' Medicare data to be sold on the dark web. And now they have stuffed up the launch of the My Health Record opt-out period.

The Government has had years to prepare for this launch but somehow managed to dramatically underestimate demand for the opt-out process.

People experienced long delays and repeated technical faults as they tried to opt out on Monday. More troubling, some people who wanted to opt out logged in to find a My Health Record had already been created for them without their knowledge or consent.

Many Australians will now be asking themselves: Can I really trust this Government with my most sensitive health information?

Greg Hunt must explain how he's going to fix this mess – and how he's going to restore trust in this important reform.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

### LABOR BACKS PARKING FOR MANGO HILL STATION –Albanese/ Corinne Mulholland (PETRIE CANDIDATE)

A Shorten Labor Government will invest \$4 million towards the expansion of the Mango Hill Station parking facility, meaning locals will have access to more parking spaces years sooner than previously expected.

This critical local project is part of Labor's \$300 million *National Park and Ride Fund* for new or expanded car parks at public transport hubs, such as train stations. Currently the Mango Hill Station parking facility is at 120% capacity, leaving commuters scouring local streets for a parking spot before they even make it on the train to work.

Labor's *National Park and Ride Fund* builds on our support for public transport to deal with urban congestion in our cities. That's why we are backing the Cross River Rail project, which will significantly increase capacity on the South-East Queensland rail network.

Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development Anthony Albanese said the funding showed Labor's genuine commitment to public transport that delivers for local communities.

"Labor knows that public transport isn't just about the train line or bus route itself. It's also about the surrounding infrastructure that makes it



work for local residents. That is why we are committed to upgrading parking facilities here at Mango Hill Station and at transport hubs across the country,” Mr Albanese said.

“For public transport to really work we need to ensure locals can actually make it to the train. When commuters are consistently missing their train while they try and park, the system isn’t working properly. Locals in Mango Hill, North Lakes and surrounds know that parking at Mango Hill Station is at breaking point. The community needs more parking infrastructure and they need it now.”

Labor’s Candidate for Petrie Corinne Mulholland said: “Locals have told me that the parking available at Mango Hill Station simply isn’t enough. Commuters are turning up and driving in circles around the station trying to find a parking spot. Labor is committed to fixing this ridiculous situation. Corinne and dedicated State Member for Murrumba, Steven Miles, have been lobbying hard for this funding. Labor is listening to locals and will deliver the infrastructure commuters need”, said Mr Albanese.

Labor’s *Park and Ride Fund* delivers grant funding to local communities – via state and local governments – to construct new car parks and expanded existing facilities in high-growth areas with demonstrated commuter need. A Federal Labor Government will partner with local communities to fund the projects on a co-investment basis.



## **TURNBULL GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO IGNORE DEBT WARNINGS - Bowen**

**It doesn’t matter if it’s the Reserve Bank of Australia or international economic agencies warning about the economic risks of Australia’s household and public debt – Scott Morrison and the Turnbull Government is intent on ignoring them or making matters worse.**

Yesterday’s warning from the RBA was clear that high levels of household debt could “affect economic outcomes” and households with higher debt levels **“are more vulnerable to economic shocks and therefore more likely to reduce consumption in the face of uncertainty about their future income”**.

In noting the comparative trend of household debt rising in relation to household income over recent decades, the RBA Board noted:

*“A distinguishing feature of the Australian housing market is that the bulk of dwellings are owned by the household sector. This has contributed to greater borrowing for housing by households in Australia compared with other countries, where the corporate sector owns a larger proportion of rental properties.”*

The latest warning from the Reserve Bank on household debt came a day after the International Monetary Fund noted that with **“downside risks mounting, many countries need to rebuild fiscal buffers to create policy space for the next downturn”**.

All the Turnbull Government and Scott Morrison are interested in doing is baking in long term, massive drags on the Budget with no idea what the global economic environment will be in the next 4-6 years when much of the \$140 billion in income tax cuts and \$80 billion in company tax cuts come on line.

Labor has made the right and prudent call to oppose most of these long-term tax cuts, much of which commences and peaks well outside the Budget forward estimates.

We know the Australian Budget is enjoying the fruits of the strongest global upswing in almost a decade, but there are plenty of downside risks, especially global debt which is 48 percentage points higher than it was just before the global financial crisis.

Labor’s plan for bigger surpluses and paying down more debt is all about helping ensure we not only have a fair and sustainable tax system, but that Australia is rebuilding its fiscal buffers as economic circumstances allow.

## **SLOMO’S BUILD-TO-RENT DEBACLE MUST END NOW - Bowen**

**It’s now ten months and the tumbleweeds continue to roll in relation to Scott Morrison’s unilateral ban on the ‘build-to-rent’ sector with multi-billion dollar ramifications for the Australian property market.**

The benefits of the build to rent are obvious, it will increase housing supply and increase the stock of rental accommodation – all housing affordability experts agree that’s a good thing.

Treasury has since confirmed this silence and inaction, with an [answer](#) to a question on notice from Senate Estimates stating that the ban, as announced, took effect from 4:30pm on 14 September 2017, and that legislation enacting the unilateral change has not entered the parliament but its introduction is a “matter for the Government”.

It will be eleven months since this policy by press release was enacted before Parliament resumes in mid-August. Legislation seeking to enact these changes should be introduced upon Parliament’s return so we can properly debate and deliberate upon the future of build to rent and give the property sector the certainty to get on with the job to invest and build.

The NSW Coalition and Victorian Labor Government support the build-to-rent sector, so this is no partisan issue. Scott Morrison needs to explain why he is so determined to destroy the growth and jobs and housing supply opportunities that build-to-rent offers.

Scott Morrison is treating the property sector with utter contempt and a disregard, and it’s bad for certainty and investment.

Mr Morrison likes to think he knows the Australian property sector well and so he should acknowledge he got this call horribly wrong – if there’s a backflip coming, he should just hurry up and get on with it. Labor, for one, would welcome it.

## MORRISON PUTS LIBERAL PARTY INTERESTS BEFORE TREASURY REPUTATION - Bowen

Scott Morrison and the Liberal Party have no qualms putting partisan politics over Treasury's rightful position as Australia's premier central policy agency giving frank and fearless advice to improve the wellbeing of Australians.

Mr Morrison sneaking out highly political appointments to the Productivity Commission and Treasury late last Friday afternoon was nothing short of a disgrace.



Last week saw Scott Morrison's former Chief-of-Staff and Mathias Cormann's former Chief-of-Staff parachuted into Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Treasury roles.

There are serious questions to be answered around the so-called 'panel' process that led to Mr Michael Brennan's appointment to the Chair of the Productivity Commission given two of the three panel members have resigned their positions, with Mr John Lloyd resigning his position as Public Service Commissioner in disgrace. The panel clearly should have been re-constituted given the terms of Mr Lloyd's departure and his inability to remain impartial.

There are also questions around what recruitment process was used for the appointment of the Deputy Secretary position filled by Mr Simon Atkinson. Was it advertised internally and/or externally? If not, why not?

Treasury's role has been under siege since this Liberal government came to power, firstly under Tony Abbot, the government breaking with long-standing traditions around appointment processes and now under Malcolm Turnbull with further politicisation and political appointments.

I feel for the good and hardworking rank and file Treasury officials who are day-by-day seeing the integrity of their important department being eroded. Make no mistake, Treasury under my stewardship as Treasurer and under a future Shorten led Labor Government will resume its rightful place back as the premier central policy agency and the politicisation will end.

## TREASURY APPOINTMENT PROCESS AS DODGY AS SLOMO TRANSCRIPT - Bowen

Scott Morrison is clearly uncomfortable talking about and defending the appointment of his former chief of staff and the Finance Minister's former chief of staff to the positions of Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Treasury, respectively.

Mr Morrison is so uncomfortable talking about the appointment process that a media question asking him about the matter yesterday did not appear in the transcript issued by his office. At Mr Morrison's doorstep yesterday in Tasmania, a journalist is clearly heard asking him the following:

**JOURNALIST:** Treasurer, do you think it's appropriate that your former, you and Senator Cormann's former chiefs of staff are now Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Treasury?

**ANSWER:** And all the Treasurer responded with was 'Yes'.

This is what made it into the Treasurer's [transcript](#):

**QUESTION:** [inaudible]

**TREASURER:** Yes. Thank you.

Scott Morrison is obviously embarrassed by the appointment processes that saw his and Mathias Cormann's former Chiefs of Staff land the most prestigious roles in Treasury.

Two of the three Treasury portfolio announcements – that of the new Productivity Commission Chair and Treasury Deputy Secretary – were snuck out last Friday afternoon.

Scott Morrison may not want to defend his overt politicisation of the Treasury, but Labor will continue to pursue this matter and questions surrounding these Treasury portfolio appointments.

Treasury under my stewardship as Treasurer and under a future Shorten led Labor Government will resume its rightful place back as the premier central policy agency and the politicisation will end.



## SAME JOB, SAME PAY: TIME TO TACKLE UNFAIR LABOUR HIRE – Shorten/O'Connor/Chesters



**A Shorten Labor Government will protect workers and ensure they get a fair deal by tackling unfair labour hire, cracking down on dodgy labour hire companies that rip off and exploit workers.**

Labor will legislate to ensure that workers employed through a labour hire company will receive the same pay and conditions as people employed directly. **Our policy is based on a simple principle: if you are doing the same job, you should get the same pay.**

At the moment, there are too many workers in Australia subject to unfair labour hire practices, often treated like second class citizens with lower wages, worse conditions and no job security.

For some workers labour hire and casual work is a pathway into a permanent job, but for too many workers it has become a way of life. For

these workers it's tough to pay the rent and the bills, let alone make longer-term decisions like taking out a car loan or buying their own home.

While there are workers who like the flexibility that labour hire provides, too often it's used purely as a mechanism to pay workers less, or to deprive them of conditions and security.

That's why Labor is acting – to build a fair labour hire industry that helps businesses meet their needs, while protecting workers.

We will consult with labour hire companies, host employers, unions and other stakeholders on the legislative scheme and transitional arrangements. This policy will not affect small businesses using labour hire companies to source workers on a temporary basis or to deliver specialist skills.

This announcement builds on Labor's strong plans to improve the pay and conditions of working Australians, including examining the definition of "casual" work setting an objective test for deciding when a worker is "casual".

While the ability to use casual work is an important component of the labour market, it has been increasingly exploited. Workers should not be "casual" just because their employer tells them they are.

Labor will also introduce a national labour hire licensing scheme to protect workers from exploitation, providing an important floor of standards. We will require all labour hire companies to be licensed. Companies that are based overseas and supply labour to Australian firms, either directly or through other companies, will also have to be licensed to do business here.

These reforms are about protecting workers and giving them and their families a fair go, making sure that labour hire workers aren't caught in a cycle of precarious work and unfair conditions which they can't escape from.

Malcolm Turnbull is so out of touch that he keeps telling us that casualisation isn't a problem and he has rejected the need for regulation of the labour hire industry, while voting against laws that would help workers recover unpaid wages where a labour hire company does a runner.

A fairer labour hire industry is good for workers and good for business. Labor will continue to lead on policies for decent jobs and we will continue to fight for Australians to get a fair go.

### **COALITION SPLIT AS NATS FOLLOW LABOR ON LABOUR HIRE – O'Connor**

**Reports** show that NSW and Victorian Nationals have split with the Coalition and are following Labor's lead, belatedly showing their support for a national labour hire licensing scheme.

As Labor leads on policies for decent jobs, higher wages and secure work, Malcolm Turnbull is dealing with his divided and dysfunctional government as the National break away from him to support Labor's policy.

Labor doesn't want to wait until Malcolm Turnbull calls an election to ensure workers are treated fairly. We want it to happen now, so we call on the federal Nationals and the Liberals to follow Labor's lead and join with the NSW and Victorian Nationals and support Labor's labour hire policy.

### **UNDEREMPLOYMENT HIGH, WAGES GROWTH LOW – O'Connor**

**The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) labour force figures, released today, show that structural issues of underemployment remain in the labour market, which when combined with stagnant wages, are hurting Australian families.**

While Labor welcomes the unemployment rate remaining at 5.4 per cent, we note that there are still 714,000 unemployed Australians, with nearly 20,000 more people lining the unemployment queue than when the Abbott-Turnbull Government was elected.

The number of underemployed Australians – that is people wanting more work but not being able to find it - is at 1.123 million. When coupled with the number of unemployed, it means there are more than 1.8 million Australians who are under-utilised in the labour force.

While Malcolm Turnbull may try to boast about jobs figures, the truth is the facts are more complicated. Since June 2017, the growth in part time work has outstripped the growth in full time work, and this is at a time when millions of Australians are wanting more work but being unable to find it.

When it comes to secure, decent jobs, the Turnbull Government remains silent.

Labor this week announced our 'same job, same pay' policy to ensure that labour hire workers are paid and treated fairly, and that they aren't used to undermine the pay and conditions of direct employees.

This is in addition to Labor's pledge to restore and protect penalty rates, which under the Turnbull Government will be cut again next July and the July after that.

The Turnbull Government rejects Labor's labour hire and penalty rates policies because, it is clear, they want wages to stay as low as possible. Under Malcolm Turnbull and his Liberals, Australians are suffering with insecure work, stagnant wages and skyrocketing cost of living pressures. Turnbull and his Liberals are too arrogant and out of touch to acknowledge these challenges, let alone come up with any policy initiatives to deal with them

Instead, they support cuts to wages through slashing penalty rates, and advocate for a \$17 billion tax handout to the banks.



**GOVERNMENT ALL TALK AND NO ACTION ON ILLEGAL PHOENIXING – O'Connor/Leigh**

**The Turnbull Government have today finally released [2015 costings](#) of how much dodgy phoenixing activity costs the economy – yet they are failing to take action to stop it.**

In 2012, phoenix activity was estimated by PWC to cost as much as \$3 billion. PWC's 2015 report – belatedly released by the Turnbull Government today – puts that figure at \$5 billion. Yet the Turnbull Government has done nothing to stop this – they had to be dragged kicking and screaming to even release the updated costings.

[We have been calling](#) on the Turnbull Government to release this 2015 report through freedom of information requests. The Government's excuse earlier this year for keeping it secret was that the report 'is not yet finalised and won't be ready to be published in the near future'. Three years after it was written, Minister O'Dwyer has finally released it today.



Labor has been calling for the introduction of director identification numbers [since May 2017](#), with support from:

- Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman
- Productivity Commission
- Tax Justice Network
- Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Master Builders Australia
- Australian Council of Trade Unions
- Australian Restructuring Insolvency and Turnaround Association
- Phoenix Project, comprising experts from Melbourne University Law School and Monash University Business School
- Australian Institute of Credit Management

In addition to requiring a director identification number, a Shorten Labor Government will also crack down on phoenix activity by:

- Increasing penalties associated with phoenix activity
- Introducing an objective test for transactions depriving employees of their entitlements
- Clarifying the availability of compensation orders against accessories
- Consulting on targeted integrity measures based on the recommendations of the Melbourne Law School / Monash Business School [Phoenix Research Team recommendations](#).

A 'phoenix hotline' as "announced" today was also "announced" [last year by the Turnbull Government](#), despite the ATO [already having such a hotline](#), making it as fresh as last year's leftovers.

For the sake of Australia's taxpayers, workers and honest businesses, the Turnbull Government must urgently introduce legislation to implement a director identification number. They should also adopt the rest of Labor's plans to crack down on dodgy directors, including increasing penalties and introducing an objective test for transactions depriving employees of their entitlements.

Australians need action—not announcements—on dodgy phoenix activity.

### **GOVERNMENT FAILS TO TAKE ACTION ON PAY EQUITY- McAllister**

**Documents tabled out of session in the Senate yesterday reveal that five years after coming to office, this Government still has no real plan to close the gender pay gap.**

Last year, the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee handed down its report into gender segregation in the workplace and its impact on women's economic equality. The lengthy report was written after an inquiry process that received submissions and evidence from over 40 stakeholders and experts.

It found that Australian men and women lead very different working lives. Australia has a highly gender segregated workforce. Most people work in industries or occupations which are dominated by one gender or another. This is a major contributor to the gender pay gap. Changing this dynamic requires leadership and an active role for government to deliver tangible action on pay equity. The government's response was tabled yesterday. It took 13 months to produce an eight page response that merely "notes" 5 of the 9 recommendations. The government's response does little to set out a plan to close the gender pay gap. It fails to provide any meaningful action on pay equity.

This important issue didn't even warrant a response from a relevant Cabinet Minister. Neither Ministers Cash nor O'Dwyer had any response to one of the most significant economic and employment issues facing Australian women, instead flicking it down to junior Minister Laundry to provide a response.

Minister for Women Kelly O'Dwyer has previously announced that she intends to deliver a women's economic security statement in September. Time will tell if this statement continues the Government's wilful blindness to the problems faced by Australian women.

This government likes to talk about aspiration and ambition. It's a shame it can't recognise them in Australian women.

**Fair pay for working women will be a first order economic priority for a new Labor Government.**

## ENERGY POLICY

### AEMO INTEGRATED SYSTEM PLAN BACKS LABOR'S ENERGY VISION – Mark Butler

The release of the Australian Energy Market Operator's (AEMO) Integrated System Plan (ISP) vindicates Labor's renewable vision for Australia's energy future.

The AEMO report confirms that the future of energy in this country is renewables. It confirms that coal will stay in the mix - as we have always said it would - until it is phased out and replaced by cheaper renewable energy, and it confirms that there should be no new investment in coal.

In contrast to claims being made by members of the Turnbull Government, AEMO do not advocate for the extension of coal power plants past their technical or design life, and in particular, they do not call for the extension of the Liddell or any other coal power station.

Nor does AEMO suggest new coal power is part of Australia's energy future. AEMO go out of their way to make it perfectly clear new coal power is more expensive than firmed renewables, saying *"the delivered cost of energy from wind and solar in combination with storage from pumped hydro and batteries is anticipated to be lower than generation based on new coal or natural gas when the existing coal generators retire"*.

Just like Labor, the energy industry, experts and the Australian public, AEMO understand that the energy future of Australia lies with renewables. This is placed beyond any doubt by AEMO modelling, which shows renewables making up **46 per cent** of NEM generation by 2030 in their Neutral scenario, and **61 per cent** of generation by 2030 in their Fast Change scenario. This modelling confirms Labor's 50 per cent renewable energy target is both achievable and responsible.

Far from endorsing a far right coal power fantasy, or undermining the case for renewable energy, AEMO make it clear that strong investment in renewable energy needs to continue over the 2020s to replace retiring coal fired power at least cost. Yet the Turnbull Government's NEG is seeking to strangle large scale renewable investment over the 2020s and beyond.

Only the Turnbull Government can't accept Australia's energy future lies with renewables. As long as their war on the future continues, Australia's energy crisis will go on.

### GOVERNMENT WAR ON RENEWABLES DRIVING ELECTRICITY PRICES – Mark Butler

A report released by respected electricity sector experts Reputex, confirms:

- Australia's renewable energy future is inevitable, with 42 percent of electricity projected to come from renewables by 2030 even without any pro-renewables national electricity policy,
- The Government's 26 percent emissions target under the NEG will have a "negligible impact in driving any new renewables investment",
- A 45 percent emission reduction target would drive renewable investment to 50 percent of generation by 2030,
- A 45 percent NEG target would result in wholesale electricity prices by 2030 that are **25 percent lower** than the 26 percent NEG due to substantially greater renewable energy supply.

This report is a significant blow to the Turnbull Government and their baseless anti-renewables fear campaign. Not only does it confirm that Labor's 50 percent 2030 renewable energy target is achievable and responsible, but it also confirms it will deliver cleaner and cheaper power, with more jobs and investment.

There is little doubt that even when confronted with this evidence, the Turnbull Government will maintain their desperate ideological attack on renewable energy by insisting on locking in weak ambition into their NEG until 2030. In doing so, the Government will be ignoring the concerns of stakeholders from the electricity industry, to the Australian Industry Group, the National Farmers' Federation, the Investor Group on Climate Change, as well as climate and Labour groups, who all call for this approach to be abandoned.

If the Government wants to deliver a NEG that will lower prices and provide investment certainty, they need to drop their utterly ineffectual locked in 26 percent pollution reduction targets and like Labor, adopt a policy that will drive new investment in renewable energy through the 2020s.

Every day Prime Minister Turnbull sticks to his weak anti-renewables NEG is another day former Prime Minister Abbott and his ilk dictate this Government's energy policy. Australians desperately need and deserve better.

## ENVIRONMENT

### SUPER TRAWLERS TO BE PERMANENTLY BANNED IN SMALL PELAGIC FISHERY - Burke

As part of Labor's support for fishers and healthy oceans, Tony Burke and Justine Keay have today announced a Shorten Labor Government will permanently ban super trawlers - or factory freezer vessels - from Australia's Small Pelagic Fishery.

Current legislation in Australia allows factory freezer vessels under 130 metres in length to operate in the Small Pelagic Fishery.

Labor is the party that first stopped the super trawler and has tried a number of times to improve the current law.



Each time it has been blocked by the Liberal-National Government.

As recently as November 2016 Coalition Senators, including two Tasmanian Liberal members, used a Senate Inquiry to reaffirm their support for super trawlers.

Labor's commitment will guarantee Australia's waters are adequately protected from risks associated with the use of large-capacity factory freezer trawlers in this fishery, including the impact of localised depletion and bycatch.

However it will have no impact upon existing commercial operators that are sustainably fishing our waters. This is about getting the balance right.

"When Labor was in government we stopped super trawlers, but shamefully there has been no greater champion of super trawlers than the Tasmanian Liberals and my opponent did nothing to stop them," Ms Keay said.

"Recreational fishers and the broader community on the North West and West Coasts have told me they are concerned super trawlers deplete fish stocks, negatively impact recreational opportunities, cause general environmental degradation and we know their operation is not supported the by science."

"That's why a Shorten Labor Government will permanently ban super trawlers because we are prepared to act in the best interests of the community," Ms Keay said.

Tony Burke said that boats with factory freezing capabilities as small as 45 metres are now considered super trawlers in the Northern Hemisphere.

"It is only a matter of time before these sorts of factory freezer vessels want to come to Australia," Mr Burke said.

"Labor recognises the importance of Australian waters to recreational fishers, the commercial fishing industry and the tourism industry. We are committed to protecting Australian waters from the risks of overfishing and from the use of large-capacity factory freezer trawlers," Mr Burke said.

Labor's ban will give industry certainty and it will also mean that recreational fishers no longer need to worry about baitfish being targeted for days or even weeks by super trawlers that can stay out at sea for long periods.

In addition to a permanent ban on super trawlers, any unused fishing quota in the Small Pelagic Fishery will be entrusted to the Australian community and set aside in a recreational fishing trust. This will mean that more baitfish stay in the water to feed larger species such as Tuna.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### HAPPY 21 MILLION METRES MALCOLM! - Rowland

**There has never been a better time to be a supplier of copper at the expense of the Australian taxpayer.**



A Senate Committee has learned NBNCo [has now purchased 21,078 km of new copper](#), after adding a further 4,478 km to its existing stockpile.

With 21 million metres of copper at their disposal, the Liberals have enough to [wrap around Australia](#) one and a half times.

Unfortunately while Mr Turnbull enjoys [top speeds](#) of 100 Mbps at his Point Piper residence, 3 in 4 Australians on Fibre to the Node [cannot achieve those speeds](#).

Worse still, [leaked documents](#) from 2015 revealed the cost of NBN copper remediation had blown out by \$600 million. This was a tenfold increase on what was claimed in the December 2013 NBN Strategic Review.

***On every measure, Turnbull's \$49 billion multi-technology mix has not been faster or cheaper – it costs more and does less.***

Labor [again calls on the Government](#) to abandon its second-rate copper rollout wherever feasible, and at a minimum take fibre to the kerb. Whether it's copper or coal – the Turnbull Government continues to leave consumers and taxpayers worse off.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### SERIOUS FLAWS IN GOVT'S CASHLESS DEBIT CARD TRIALS CONFIRMED - Burney

The Auditor General has [confirmed](#) Labor's long-standing concerns about the roll-out of the Government's Cashless Debit Card trials.

This latest independent assessment has exposed the high cost of the trials, budget overruns, a lack of effective evaluation and flawed procurement processes, **The report states:**

***"...monitoring and evaluation was inadequate. As a consequence, it is difficult to conclude whether there had been a reduction in social harm and whether the card was a lower cost welfare quarantining approach."*** [p.8]

The purpose of the trials is to determine whether the card works, and the Government has failed this fundamental policy test. The Government has spent \$18 million on just two trial sites, but haven't ensured this expenditure was properly evaluated.

The Government should follow the advice of the Auditor-General and stop relying on last year's discredited Orima report to justify further trials. Significantly more work on evaluating the current trials is needed before anyone can claim then trials have been effective.

Late last year, Labor visited Ceduna and the East Kimberley and it is clear these communities are desperate for something to be done about chronic alcohol abuse and family violence. In this context, Labor has supported an extension of trials in Ceduna and East Kimberley to 30 June 2019.

The Government currently wants to extend the roll-out to the Bundaberg and Hervey Bay region in Queensland, and the Goldfields in Western Australia.

Labor does not support the extension of the Cashless Debit Card beyond the two initial trial sites, or a national roll-out. Labor takes an evidence-based, community driven approach to tackling alcohol abuse and family violence, and reducing social harm.

### **AGE PENSIONER AND STUDENT WAIT MONTHS FOR PAYMENTS - Burney**

**Another media [report](#) shows an age pensioner has been waiting five months for her Centrelink payment to be processed.**

Five months is almost 100 days longer than the average age pension processing time of 49 days. The median processing times for age pension payments increased from **36 days** to **49 days** this financial year.

But stories like this show that the reality is age pensioners are waiting many more months than the median processing times.

Median times don't even take into account instances when Centrelink requests further information, which can further delay the approval process.

A student, who lodged her claim for Youth Allowance in March, is still waiting for her claim to be processed four months later. Four months is almost 100 days longer than the median processing times for Youth Allowance, which the Department says is 18 days.

Last month, we heard the [story](#) of 26 year old student Alex who had been waiting three months for his student payment.

Australians are living on the edge of their bank accounts as they wait months and months for their payments.

Income support is complex. That's why it's important that Centrelink has permanent full time staff who are familiar and qualified to manage these payments.

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, the Turnbull Government cut a further 1,280 jobs from Centrelink.

Meanwhile, the Turnbull Government 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.

Since these job cuts, it has been more difficult to access Centrelink, pushing people into poverty.



### **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION REPORT SHOWS ROYAL COMMISSION NEEDED**

**Burney/Snowdon/McCarthy/Gosling/Brown/**

**Labor welcomes the [new report](#) today from Disability Discrimination Commissioner Alastair McEwin.**

The report reminds us that the level of violence and abuse against people with disabilities remains unacceptably high:

***"18% of people with disability report being victims of physical or threatened violence compared to 10% of people without disability".***

The actual rate of people with disability experiencing violence is likely to be even higher than the rate which is reported.

This is a shocking situation and more needs to be done to prevent abuse and violence in the future.

Today's report also highlights the importance of governments working together to ensure the newly established NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission is effectively implemented.

Labor will consider the details of today's report carefully. Labor continues to call for a Royal Commission into violence and abuse against people with disability.

Only a Royal Commission can bring justice to victims and the friends and families of victims. Only a Royal Commission can take the action needed to see justice brought to bear.

### **REMOTE-CONTROL NDIS NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE NT - Brown**

**The decision to shift senior NDIS management out of the Territory raises serious concerns about the Government's ability to deliver the locally-adapted services Territorians with disability need.**

In the latest quarter, over half of all NDIS participants were using less than 50 per cent of their plan. This means people are missing out on the support they need.

In many cases across the Territory, this is because a genuinely local approach to making sure the right services are available is not in place.

Local issues need local solutions. A cookie-cutter approach simply will not work in the Territory.

Local advocates are clear about the need to have local knowledge and on-the-ground expertise as the scheme rolls out in the NT.

The NDIS exists to improve the lives of people with disabilities. Local staff must have the authority to make decisions and fix issues.

The Territory is unique and home to some of Australia's most remote and disadvantaged communities – this means a flexible, local, culturally appropriate approach to the NDIS is essential.

More needs to be done to ensure the right services are in place in all parts of Australia. We can't rely on new providers magically turning up in

remote communities without any support.

The Turnbull Government also needs to lift the staffing cap for the NDIA – to address the lengthy delays, poor quality plans and frustrations people with disability are currently facing.

## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

### GOVERNMENT ALLOWS LOAN SHARKS TO ROAM FREE – Madeleine King/Dick

It is now 1073 days since the Turnbull Government pledged to review the Small Amount Credit Contract (SACC) laws, and nothing has been done.

The Government's 1000-day disregard for pay-day loan sharks is contemptible. In the meantime, households are forced into payday loans and face fees and interest rates as high as 884 per cent.

Unemployed people make up to 40 per cent of those who enter into loans and one quarter receive more than 50 per cent of their income from Centrelink.

Shadow Minister for Consumer Affairs Madeleine King MP and Federal Member for Oxley Milton Dick MP said that the Liberals had a disgraceful record in failing to help vulnerable consumers of loan sharks.

Despite the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Revenue and Finance both pledging support for the 24 recommendations from the SACC review we have yet to see any government action.

A payday loan is a small amount lent at a high interest rate with an agreement it will be repaid in a short time. About 650,000 stressed homes hold a payday loan.

In March, the Turnbull Government again demonstrated its contempt of vulnerable consumers when not a single Liberal or National MP bothered to turn up to debate the SACC Reform Bill.

The National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Small Amount Credit Contract and Consumer Lease Reforms) Bill 2018 was debated in the Federation Chamber on 26 March. The Bill was a word-for-word copy of the Government's own exposure draft of legislation to reform payday loans and rent-to-buy schemes, which they released last year.

Labor introduced the Government's own bill as a private member's bill in February after it became clear the Government wanted to sweep it under the rug.

## THE FARM

### TURNBULL GOVERNMENT LEAVES SHEEP FARMERS HIGH AND DRY – Fitzgibbon

The Turnbull Government's attempts to be all things to all people have left sheep farmers high and dry and the live sheep sector in crisis.

On one hand the Government feigned shock and horror when the Awassi Express [failings](#) were exposed, but on the other hand is now missing in action and refuses to make the tough decisions to provide certainty for the sector. The withdrawal of another live sheep exporter represents a vote of no confidence in the Turnbull Government's management of the sector and the Awassi Express affair.

While consistently proclaiming its [support for the live sheep sector](#) and expressing its [importance to the economy](#) the Turnbull Government has subjected sheep farmers and exporters to a slow and painful death.

With Emanuel, LSS and Phoenix Exports [now all out of play](#), sheep farmers have few export options. Yet the

Turnbull Government has not lifted a finger to support them or held discussions about transition options with them.

Dysfunction and division remains the order of the day within the Turnbull Government. In an attempt to appease both the right and left of his Party Room, Malcolm Turnbull has pleased no one, least not sheep meat producers.

Its past time Malcolm Turnbull and David Littleproud stood up and clearly articulated what they will do to help WA sheep farmers transition away from the live sheep export trade.

### NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK 2018 – Fitzgibbon/Chesters

This week is National Farm Safety Week and never has it been more important to raise awareness of farm safety issues across Australia.

Agriculture is one of the most dangerous industries to work in and has one of the highest fatality rate of any Australian industry.

Worker fatality rates are high with 14.6 fatalities per 100,000 workers and apart from some year-on-year volatility there has been no dramatic improvement over the last 10 years.

Tragically, so far this year 21 workers have died whilst working in the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry.

One workplace death is one too many. One seriously injured worker is one too many. Workplace deaths and serious injuries are unacceptable and avoidable. Farm safety must be a top priority for farmers, their workforce and governments alike.

The 2018 National Farm Safety Week theme continues to highlight the importance of business and industry working together to increase the



wellbeing of Australian farmers (and their workforce) through innovation and improved attention to health and safety outcomes. Labor supports the right of every worker to have a safe workplace. Every worker deserves to return home safely at the end of each day. Farm Safety Week is about making sure that everyone involved in the farm gets home safe and sound at the end of every single working day. A Shorten Labor Government will continue to advance its workplace safety agenda (including Farm Safety) through Safe Work Australia in partnership with industry, workers, unions and the States and Territories.

## **Confronting the Challenge of Growth in South East Queensland**

### **Anthony Albanese – Speech to the M1 Forum (Loganholme)**

*I'd like to acknowledge Labor's terrific candidate for Forde, Des Hardman, for organising today's forum and for his tireless advocacy for action on infrastructure for this region.*

*Good government is about planning and building for the future.*

*Indeed, central to keeping South East Queensland moving must be a commitment to delivering modern, well planned infrastructure.*

*In that respect there is no more important piece of road infrastructure than the Pacific Motorway.*

*The Pacific Motorway – the M1 – connects Queensland's capital, Brisbane, to the State's second-biggest and one of its fastest-growing cities, the Gold Coast, and onward to northern NSW.*



*Each day 155,000 vehicles use the M1.*

*That makes it the busiest road in Queensland and one of the busiest in the country.*

*The M1 is also a vital section of Australia's east coast freight and logistics network.*

*It is used by heavy vehicles needing to access the Acacia Ridge Intermodal, Port of Brisbane, Brisbane's CBD and Brisbane Airport.*

*The road is set to become an even more important freight route, with heavy vehicle traffic expected to increase annually by between 3 and 4 per cent, compared to growth of between 1 and 2 per cent in overall traffic volumes.*

*And it is a key gateway to the Gold Coast for international and domestic tourists.*

### **FEDERAL LABOR'S RECORD**

*Because of all of these reasons, the former Federal Labor Government had a clear vision: an M1 which supported, rather than hindered, Queensland's economic development.*

*We backed that vision with real money for real projects that have made a real difference.*

*All up, we invested \$455 million on the road, matched dollar-for-dollar by the then Bligh Labor Government.*

*As part of this unprecedented capital works program, we:*

- *Widened from four to six lanes the section between Worongary and Mudgeeraba, as well as the section between Nerang South and Worongary;*
- *Rebuilt the Coomera, Nerang South, Mudgeeraba, Robina and Varsity Lake interchanges; and*
- *Upgraded the Springwood South to Daisy Hill section.*

*Collectively, these upgrades to the M1 eliminated choke-points, eased congestion, improved safety, and ultimately, helped to keep people and freight moving.*

*This investment was part of the \$6.3 billion the former Federal Labor Government committed to major infrastructure projects across the South East corner.*

*That was more than what the Howard Government spent across the entire state of Queensland over a similar period of time.*

*Labor's other transformative projects included:*

- *A \$2.5 billion investment in the Ipswich Motorway between Dinmore and Darra, an upgrade that remains South East Queensland's largest-ever Federally-funded road project;*
- *A \$195 million investment in the Bruce Highway between Caboolture and Caloundra;*
- *Construction of the Redcliffe Peninsula Link, a rail line first mooted more than a century ago in 1895;*
- *Gold Coast Rapid Transit: A 13km light rail network connecting Griffith University to Broadbeach. Delivery of the \$365 million investment was the most significant Commonwealth investment ever in light rail;*
- *Construction of a new interchange at the intersection between Mains and Kessels Roads in Macgregor; and*
- *The \$1.5 billion Legacy Way: A 4.6 km tunnel connecting the Western Freeway at Toowong with the Inner City Bypass at Kelvin Grove.*

*All up, we more than doubled annual Federal investment from \$143 to \$314 per Queenslander.*

### **COALITION RECORD**

*Despite all their talk, it took the Liberals in Canberra more than an entire term in government to commit anything meaningful to the M1.*

*We've had five wasted years, during which the pressure on this vital section of the National Land Transport Network has been growing and congestion has been worsening.*

*Despite all the hype that surrounded this year's Federal Budget, the Budget Papers' fine print revealed that only 10 per cent of the funding allocated to new Queensland projects will be available before 2022-23.*

*Simply put, Queenslanders hoping 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. It's investment on the Never-Never.*

*The situation with respect to the proposed M1 upgrades is not very positive either.*

*Of the \$1 billion committed to widening the Motorway between Varsity Lakes and Tugun and between Eight Miles Plains and Daisy Hills, just 1 per cent will be available in the current financial year to advance those projects.*

*Eighty-five percent of the funding won't be available until after the four-year Forward Estimates.*

*Again, if you are a motorist or a truck driver, you will have to wait for years before the Turnbull Government delivers the faster, safer, less frustrating driving conditions you require and deserve now.*

#### **A LABOR GOVERNMENT**

*Over the next few decades the population of South East Queensland is projected to increase by 2.2 million people.*

*Indeed, by the early 2030s, 5.5 million people – or almost one in six Australians – will be calling this part of our country home.*

*Managing that growth will not be easy. But the business-as-usual approach of the Government is not an option.*

*Infrastructure Australia is forecasting that without action now, the cost of this traffic congestion within the region will increase to \$9.2 billion a year by 2031.*

*A significant proportion of that blowout will be the result of the increasing capacity constraints along key sections of the M1.*

*While it is of course the responsibility of the State Government to take the lead when it comes to identifying Queensland's long-term infrastructure needs, it's also the case that modernising the State's infrastructure – including the M1 – is ultimately a task too big for it alone to achieve.*

*It will require a partnership between the State and the private sector.*

*And it will require a national government that's prepared to play its part in the national interest.*

*That's precisely what Federal Labor is offering.*

*We will work with the Queensland Government to fast track, as much as possible, the proposed M1 upgrades – Varsity Lakes to Tugun; Eight Miles Plains to Daisy Hills – and begin the necessary planning work on future upgrades.*



*As well as helping to tackle congestion, there is also an important safety dimension to these upgrades.*

*Each year there are 12,000 road accidents reported on the Motorway.*

*But as well as upgrading the M1, Federal Labor also understands that if we are to build productive, sustainable and liveable cities where communities can grow and prosper, governments need to invest in both their road and rail infrastructure.*

*That's why the next Federal Labor Government will back Cross River Rail.*

*We will invest \$2.24 billion of Federal funding to deliver the project in partnership with the Queensland Government.*

*This transformative project will unlock South East Queensland's urban rail network and deliver more trains, more often for commuters, including to and from the Gold Coast.*

*This in turn will take pressure off the region's major arterial roads, including the M1.*

#### **CONCLUSION**

*Let me finish by paying tribute to the Deputy Premier.*

*In her first Budget as Treasurer Jackie proved once again that when it comes to infrastructure, you can always rely on Labor to deliver.*

*We are the party of nation building. The others talk, we build.*

*Only Labor – both Federal and State – has a plan to keep South East Queensland moving.*

*It's a plan that recognises that the difficult task of renewing and expanding this region's transport infrastructure requires a genuine partnership between governments.*

*The long-term national interest demands nothing less.*

## **RIP**

*Vale Evan Whitton. Legendary journalist Evan Whitton has died, aged 90. He's been remembered among other journalists as trailblazing, for his investigative reporting and essay-writing. He was entered into the Australian Media Hall of Fame in 2011. [The Australian's obituary](#) remembers some of his key pieces of work: His prodigious output and extraordinary network of contacts in the political and criminal underworld made him a must-read. He covered the Petrov affair, the HMAS Voyager disaster and the Fitzgerald inquiry into police corruption in Queensland. He also reported on the Street royal commission in NSW, also known as the Wran Royal Commission, which won him the 1983 Melbourne Press Club's Graham Perkin Award*





## NEW GUIDELINES FOR UNIVERSITY RESPONSES TO SEXUAL ASSAULT & HARASSMENT

A new set of guidelines will help Australian universities to strengthen their support for students who report sexual assault and sexual harassment.

Released this week, [Guidelines for university responses to reports of sexual assault and sexual harassment](#), assist universities to respond to both disclosures and formal reports in a way that puts student safety and wellbeing at the centre of a university's response.

Universities Australia developed the guidelines in close consultation with violence prevention and response experts, students and advocates.

They form part of the UA 10-point Action Plan and the Respect. Now. Always. initiative, which included a university-funded national student survey.

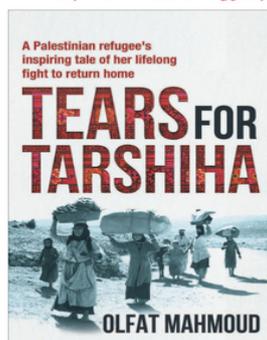
Australia's Chief Executive Catriona Jackson said university leaders, students and staff are united in their resolve to prevent sexual assault and sexual harassment and to support those who have experienced these behaviours. "We want every student to be supported through their trauma and recovery — and know that their safety and wellbeing will be at the centre of their university's response," she said.

***"These guidelines complement other major initiatives developed by the university sector as a whole and the hundreds of initiatives by individual universities over the past year alone. Every student should feel — and be — safe, both on campus and in the wider community."***

Putting the needs of the person who has experienced sexual assault or sexual harassment at the centre means that universities should:

- consider creating a standalone policy to address sexual assault and sexual harassment;
- ensure the majority of staff with student-facing roles have the skills to respond to disclosures and reports of sexual assault and sexual harassment with compassion and care;
- consider providing a specialist-trained single point of contact for students making reports to ensure
- consider a data collection mechanism that captures de-identified disclosures and formal reports;
- consult with stakeholders, including students, in the development of any relevant policy;
- offer multiple ways to make a formal report, including through online reporting tools and safety apps;
- clearly communicate the university's formal reporting process and misconduct procedures, including timeframes;
- communicate to students the option to report the incident to police, and respect their decision;
- offer an interpreter for students who prefer to provide information in their native language; and
- engage with colleges and residential halls — including those that are managed independently of the university — to ensure consistency in responses, reporting and investigation approaches.

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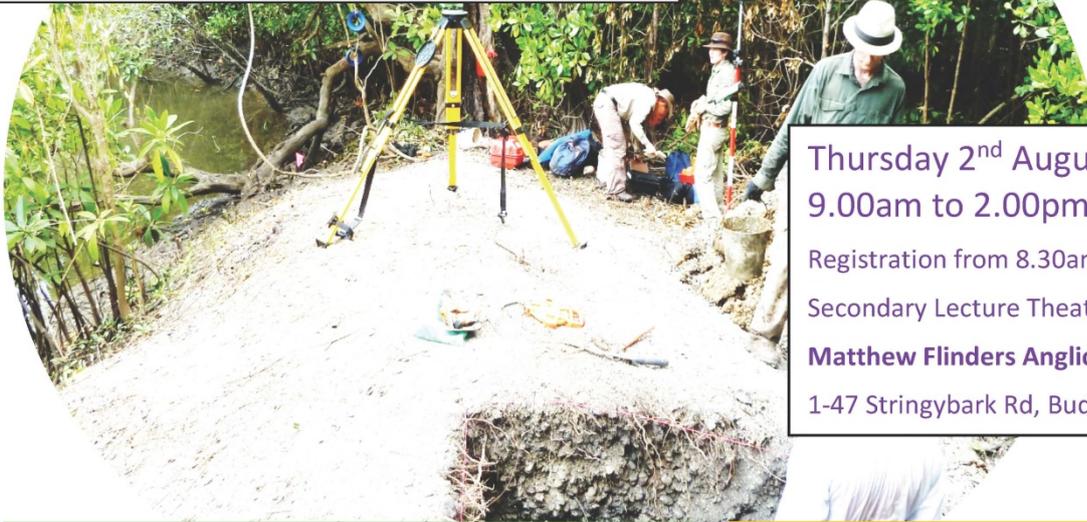
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- [Social Services Legislation Amendment \(Maintaining Income Thresholds\) Bill 2018](#)
- [Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 and related bills](#)
- [Social Services Legislation Amendment \(Encouraging Self-sufficiency for Newly Arrived Migrants\) 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

- **New** [Gaming micro-transactions for chance-based items](#)
- **New** [Australia's faunal extinction crisis](#)
- [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](#)

### Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

- [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](#)

### Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee

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

**Procedure Committee**

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

**Red Tape Committee**

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

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

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

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee**

- [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](#)

**Select Committee on Electric Vehicles**

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

**Select Committee on Stillbirth Research and Education**

- [Stillbirth Research and Education](#)

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