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THIS WEEK:

The ACTU 'Change the Rules' campaign has been raising awareness around the country about the urgent need to change industrial relations legislation to ensure the protection of workers.

At the recent ACTU National Conference this campaign was endorsed and unions committed to working in the lead-up to the forthcoming Federal election to get the message out to the public.

The best arguments are always personal stories about the impact of unfair rules and restrictive conditions and, unfortunately, there are so many workers who can share their experiences.

This week, in Newcastle, the horrific case of a chef employed in a local restaurant under a 437 visa was exposed by the Trades and Labour Council. Justly deserving as the situation was more like slavery than employment.

Arthur Rorris, Hunter Workers, itemised systemic underpayment, extortionate demands for money and ridiculous hours of work. For this worker the rules have not been working, either industrially or through the immigration visa system.

The campaign to ensure that industrial relations will be a key issue in the next election - now seemingly certain to be next year – will continue. We will keep the information in our bulletin so talk with local unions and share the knowledge.

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked on the Longman by-election. Congratulations to Susan and her team – Saturday was truly super.

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WHAT'S BEING SAID ...



BY-ELECTION VICTORIES - SHORTEN – BURNIE TASMANIA

"I want to say to Tasmanians and indeed all Australians; we hear you loud and clear. We understand that you are over politicians just fighting each other, and what you want is, you want to see you prioritised over us. Well, we've got the message loud and clear. We are going to spend every day between now and the general election rolling out our positive policies which put people ahead of the big banks, which put everyday Australians ahead of the top end of town."

BY-ELECTION VICTORIES - SWAN-PODCAST -POLITICS WITH MICHELLE GRATTAN

"The median income in Longman and Braddon is \$43,000. Now for \$43,000, you wouldn't even qualify for the government's measly \$10 tax cut. So it's a combination of their policies that's on the nose, and that was exposed in Longman. Because it wasn't just a good result, it was a very good result. It was a very significant result in the history of Australian politics."

"People in Longman and right around the country very much understand that if the government is going to give big, unfunded tax cuts worth something like \$80 billion, then the price for that is paid, over time, in money which is not invested in vital health and education services." - Wayne Swan

BY-ELECTION VICTORIES - BURKE – SKY NEWS

"What Malcolm Turnbull has done, is adopt the weirdest strategy I have ever seen. He's taken a political opponent and decided that the way to deal with One Nation is to hug One Nation. That's why Labor voters didn't desert to One Nation, as we had made clear to Labor voters exactly what the consequences of voting for One Nation are, and what One Nation ultimately do in Canberra, which can be very different to what they say in Queensland. The Liberals never made a case."



BY-ELECTION VICTORIES - SWAN-PODCAST -POLITICS WITH MICHELLE GRATTAN

"If you work in the private sector in Australia, your real wage has grown just 1 per cent. One per cent in five years. People are really feeling the pressure. Australians are like the frog being boiled slowly in a pot of water. Well, they've now woken up and they're onto the Liberals, they're onto their trickledown agenda, and they're ready to give them a belting in the general election."

"The primary vote for Labor in Longman had a four in front of it. The primary vote for the Liberals in Longman had a two in front of it. People like Peter Dutton, and in neighbouring electorates such as Petrie, and electorates like Forde, they know what this means. This means big trouble, structurally, for the LNP in Queensland." - Wayne Swan

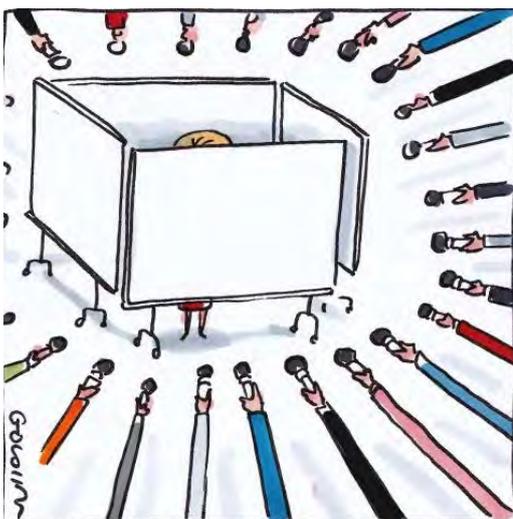
MYHEALTHRECORD - KING- MELBOURNE

"We don't believe that anything less than a suspension of the opt-out of the My Health Record, whilst the Government rebuilds community trust in the My Health Record, will be

sufficient."

EDUCATION CUTS -PLIBERSEK- SKY NEWS AM AGENDA

"About 86 per cent of the funding cuts have hit public schools so it is public schools that will benefit most when we restore \$17 billion. The other thing I'd say is that it is pretty unique to have a Government that has managed to unite public school advocates, Catholic school advocates and now we see the independent sector as well, unite all three sectors in opposition to their funding cuts and the funding formula debacle."



MICHAELIA CASH -DREYFUS- ABC RADIO MELBOURNE

"It's pretty extraordinary that the matter has been referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions. And of course, this only happens when police have enough evidence to suggest that a crime may in fact have been committed. That's why you get a referral from the police to the DPP. And I think Michaelia Cash cannot run from this anymore. She can't pretend it isn't happening."

MICHAELIA CASH -DREYFUS- ABC RADIO MELBOURNE

"She didn't turn up at estimates, she hid behind a whiteboard. This has been a farce from the beginning. She denied five times in a Senate estimates hearing that her office had leaked to the media about the raid, and then changed her story. So time's up, I think she's acted appallingly in this and should take responsibility for the actions of her staff, particularly personal advisers."

REEFGATE - BURKE – SKY NEWS

"The Foundation never applied for the money, there was no application, there was no tender. The whole thing was done in secret. This would be the most expensive front-page Malcolm Turnbull has ever had. This is a half billion dollar donation to a series of business mates that have no experience in managing those sorts of programs in the Reef."

REEFGATE -GRAHAM RICHARDSON - Interviewing TONY BUTRKE - SKY NEWS

"You don't put mining executives in charge of managing the reef. The conflict of interest is just too obvious. This is a major scandal. I hope that you don't let go of this. I hope you hang on because this is a shocker. I have seen very few examples in all the 50 odd years I have been involved in this, I have not seen anything like this ever."

LIBERAL PARTY - SWAN-PODCAST -POLITICS WITH MICHELLE GRATTAN

"The Liberal Party in this country has been taken over by Tea Party fanatics who are dedicated to actually trashing government as an institution. And that's part and parcel of what's going on. We've got a right-wing government seeking to run down the very institutions of government, also seeking to make society more unequal, and what that does produce is disillusionment with the whole system at the grassroots level."

CORPORATE TAX BREAKS - BURKE – SKY NEWS

"It's the only point he's got to his economic plan, it's a one-point plan that he's got for the economy."

CHILD CARE - RISHWORTH-SKY NEWS

"Our office has been receiving huge volumes of phone calls particularly from providers- small providers- not so much the large providers but the small providers who have had significant teething issues. These are issues about not being able to properly get the rebate from the department and therefor have to charge families full fees with no rebate. Other providers are not being able to issues invoices. There have been a number of issues that have been raised with my office and mainly they are coming to my office because they aren't having any success with the Department of Education."

QUOTES OF THE WEEK



"We are Adelaide Hills people and been in politics here for decades and through multiple elections never come across such abuse, Sharkie supporters have brought such horrible hate to our district. You must all be new arrivals". – Alexander Downer doing his finest 'Upstairs and Downstairs' performance following his daughter's substantial defeat in Mayo by-election

"There can be no doubt that Malcolm Turnbull feels – even if he won't readily admit it – that Bill Shorten has bettered him, in the last election and now in the Longman by- election." – John Hewson

Queenslanders are quick to point out; the federal election will be won or lost in their state, not in Tasmania. – Niki Savva (The Australian)

It doesn't get much more humiliating: a major back down slipped out at 8.16pm, in effect acknowledging that what your critics have been saying, and what you fought so hard against, is entirely correct. " – Bernard Keane Politics Editor (Crikey) on Minister Hunt's latest disaster with the 'MyHealthRecord' launch

"The government has in effect admitted that the high standard of judicial oversight is required for access to private health information of the kind that is available in health records. But if it is required for health records, why isn't it required for access to metadata of the kind the government insists Telcos retain about citizens as part of its mass surveillance scheme? – Bernhard Keane (Crikey)

"As for Greg Hunt, all he's managed to do is demonstrate what a pack of thin-skinned whingers the Turnbull government is. They react furiously against any perceived slight or objection, no matter how well-founded, and go hunting for those who perpetrated the outrage of criticising them. Why on earth anyone would trust any of their personal information to these bullies is a mystery for the ages." – Bernard Keane (Crikey)

GLIMPSES

DON'T DIE WONDERING

Are you travelling with a killer in your car? It's now as easy as clicking on a new website to find out.

[A new website](#) has been launched to provide a comprehensive list of the cars on Australian roads fitted with faulty Takata airbags, which have killed one person here, 24 globally and injured another 266.

In Australia, 3.05 million vehicles were fitted with the faulty airbags. There are still 1.6 million vehicles on Australian roads that have not had the faulty airbags replaced.

The most critical target of the recall and the campaign are 19,500 'Alpha' airbags still on Australian roads. These have up to a one-in-two chance of their inflators rupturing in an accident and spraying metal shards into the faces and upper bodies of passengers.

Alpha airbag inflators were installed in certain BMW, Honda, Lexus, Mazda, Nissan and Toyota models sold between 2001 and 2004. These vehicles should not be driven and owners should contact the manufacturer immediately.

NO DEATH

The Vatican has formally changed its position to denounce capital punishment in all circumstances, replacing former teachings, which had allowed the death penalty in extreme cases for centuries. The ABC reports that the Roman Catholic Church has released a new teachings policy that was formally approved in May and declares that, "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person". Groups such as Amnesty International have welcomed the church's determination to fight for the global abolishment of capital punishment, which is still in use in the US and several countries across Asia, Africa and the Middle East.



BILLBOARDS EXPLAINED

"As Federal Leader of the UAP, I will not be available to participate in the court process during this election period and as a self-represented litigant, I crave the Courts consideration for procedural fairness to allow my participation in both these legal proceedings and the political process. — Clive Palmer trying his best to avoid his death by a thousand legal cuts

MEANWHILE ...

A keen cyclist and former Palmer United Party candidate slapped a Gold Coast rugby dad because he called him a "wanker in Lycra", a court has heard. After a "torturous" year of court proceedings, Stephen Gardner, 53, pleaded guilty in Southport Magistrates Court yesterday to common assault.

BAD COPS – Brisbane Times

"A top Queensland family law specialist and academic has launched a scathing attack on Queensland Police and called on the Premier to launch an urgent inquiry into police's treatment of domestic violence victims, following Fairfax Media's [revelations](#) that a woman and her children were tracked down by her violent ex-husband with help from a police officer.

Jennifer Hetherington said the revelations were a "scandal" that evoked the "spectre of a secret culture" within the QPS and undermined state government measures to combat domestic violence.

"These revelations show police attitudes toward domestic violence complainants are nothing short of disgusting," Ms Hetherington said.

"Our police are supposed to be the frontline of protection for domestic violence victims, while the state government is spending more than \$320 million over six years on domestic violence measures.

"So revelations of a police officer accessing the database and texting a woman's address to her abusive ex-partner, and encouraging the man to intimidate her with this information, are beyond disgusting. It makes a mockery of the state government's domestic violence campaigns, and the Premier and Police Minister need to step up immediately and launch a formal inquiry into the police mindset in this state," she said."

BANKS: IT'S WORSE THAN YOU THOUGHT

According to [The Australian Financial Review](#) (\$), today's report finds that banks have sustained prices above competitive levels by up to \$87 a month, offered customers low-quality products, taken over much of the broker industry and, in turn, halted competition in some markets.

SCHOOL FUNDING PROTEST - From the Age

Groups representing 650 independent schools across three states have fired off a blistering letter to Mr Turnbull demanding an urgent meeting to ensure he does not strike a "special deal" with Catholic schools to give them an unfair advantage.

The move heightens the political pressure over school funding as Liberal and Nationals MPs call for assistance for the Catholic sector, setting up a clash over any outcome that creates a new class of losers.

While Kevin Donnelly, a senior research fellow at the Australian Catholic University, has had this to say;

"There's no doubt that as an education minister Simon Birmingham is at the bottom of the class. His handling of the school funding imbroglio over the past 12 months represents a prime example of ineptitude and an inability to master the art of political compromise. By enshrining in legislation what all now agree is a flawed funding system, Birmingham has put the Turnbull government's survival at risk by alienating Catholic school parents in marginal seats across Australia. Birmingham's refusal to accept research, undertaken by Stephen Elder at Catholic Education Melbourne, exposing the flaws of the socio-economic model, proves he has been captured by bureaucrats.

Cutting back funding, and thus ensuring fewer places for such students, reinforces the impression that the government is more worried about the top end of town than those doing it hard."

EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

International students injected \$31.9 billion into Australia's economy last financial year, directly boosting Australian jobs and wages – including in regional Australia. The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics figures – released today – confirm international education income grew by \$3.8 billion in the financial year to June 2018 to reach \$31.9 billion.

Universities Australia Deputy Chief Executive Anne-Marie Lansdown said a record 548,000 international students were now studying in Australia, with the majority enrolled at universities. "Our world-class universities attract students from all over the globe, bringing vast benefits to Australians and the nation," Ms Lansdown said.

"And the buck doesn't stop with us – that \$32 billion flows on into the entire Australian economy, generating jobs, supporting wages, and lifting the living standards of Australians. International education is a modern Australian success story – built from the ground up over six decades to become the nation's third-largest export and the envy of the world. Australians should be fiercely proud of this incredibly important industry. They should also be fiercely protective of it."

In recent weeks, a new report by the British-based Centre for Global Higher Education [tipped Australia will leapfrog the UK to become the world's second most popular destination for international students by 2019.](#)

THE HALF A BILLION GIVEAWAY

Under pressure from a Senate Committee the Great Barrier Reef Foundation, a charity controversially granted \$443 million by the Turnbull government to co-ordinate reef research, has finally revealed the names of its four founding members.

The disclosure confirms speculation that the late Sir Ian McFarlane, a Queensland shale oil developer, had been among the founders. Another founder John B. Reid has been described as the last of the family dynasty to run James Hardie, the notorious building supply company that



mined and made asbestos products for decades knowing they were lethal and who did their very best to minimise the financial cost to the company from just compensation.

“What we do know is that they are backed-in by the big banks, by the fossil fuel companies, by the mining companies. Their board and their ‘Chairman’s Panel’ is just chock-a-block with these companies. It’s a very small organization created by big business, and run by the big banks.”

“They have a ‘Philanthropy Committee’, which we found out in Estimates – in the inquiry – hasn’t met for several years, and was previously chaired by a fellow named Stephen Roberts, who is currently facing charges for alleged cartel conduct during his time at Citigroup. Senate Committee member, Kristina Keneally, said;

“For the man who once demanded Kevin Rudd and Wayne Swan resign because of fabricated claims about grants given to mates, Malcolm Turnbull’s role in the emerging scandal of the Great Barrier Reef Foundation is ironic indeed.” - Bernard Keane (Crikey)

DUTTON’S NANNY STATE

Uniformed Australian Border Force employees will be required to cover up tattoos while on duty under a government proposal that could see affected staff having to wear long-sleeved shirts while working in extreme heat or at sea. In a memo to staff, obtained by The Australian, the ABF says under the proposed change tattoos will have to be covered when uniformed officers are on duty



DUHI DUTTON



Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton has again been ordered by the Federal Court to bring a dangerously sick girl from Nauru to Australia, after immigration representatives failed to block the move over claims she was not seriously sick. [The Guardian reports](#) that Justice Alan Robertson ordered last Thursday that an adolescent girl be transferred for urgent medical care in Sydney, where she has since arrived with a family member, and found that “the applicant is at serious risk of permanent complications from her current medical situation”.

The decision reportedly follows [more than a dozen](#) similar, failed attempts from the government to block the transfer of [sick](#) and [suicidal children](#) throughout the year, as well as the [Queensland coroner’s report](#) released on Monday that asylum seeker Hamid Khazaei’s 2014 death from leg infection was “preventable”.

Labor and GetUp! will target Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton’s marginal Queensland seat at the next federal election as they prepare to ramp up a campaign against the government’s company tax cuts. In a bid to wedge the government over its enterprise tax plan, Labor would campaign “right around the country” against big business tax cuts — especially in the key state of Queensland

and Mr Dutton’s seat of Dickson, opposition Treasury spokesman Chris Bowen told The Australian.

Mr Dutton, who holds Dickson on a margin of 1.6 per cent, acknowledged Bill Shorten was able to “exploit” the government’s company tax cuts policy at the Longman by-election on the weekend.

LNP president Gary Spence said there was “zero chance” of Mr Dutton - who failed in a bid to move to a safer seat on the Gold Coast in 2009 - would attempt another switch of seats before the federal election, due early next year

IT’S NOT CRICKET ‘Rear Window’ – AFR - Myriam Robin

A female Tasmanian employee of Cricket Australia, Angela Williamson’s was fired after she criticised the Tasmanian government’s failure to provide adequate access to abortion serviced in the apple isle.

Cricket Australia told Angela that concerns she had insulted the Tasmanian government were central to her dismissal.

The sport’s governing body now faces an ugly legal fight that will include claims that a senior member of the Tasmanian government disclosed the woman’s own pregnancy termination to Cricket Tasmania.

The mother-of-three, who worked as a manager of public policy and government relations at Cricket Australia, was among the first forced to travel to Melbourne for a termination in February after the state’s only abortion provider closed.

“Cricket Australia respects an individual’s right to their opinion. However, it expects that employees will refrain from making offensive comments that contravene the organisation’s policies.”

What happened next shocked her. She was cyber-trolled by a government staffer who sent an email to Cricket Australia in Melbourne with a screenshot of the tweet that said “FYI”. The staffer subsequently resigned from the office after it was revealed she was using a fake account to target government critics in a scandal that was reported at the time by Tasmanian media.

All this comes as Cricket Australia tries to (re)build its reputation as a good place for women to work.

The organisation’s very last social media posts, before the Williamson story blew up, related to the body having become an endorsed employer for women by job classifieds service Work180, which means it met minimum standards set by the agency. But the agency has removed Cricket Australia’s page while it investigates the latest revelations.

No doubt sacking female employees as they exercise their political rights (as Williamson’s lawyer puts it) belies claims it’s a great place to work.

And it’s not the only reason to be sceptical.

It took last year’s pay dispute between the organisation and the Australian Cricketers’ Association to bring about a historic increase in pay for female cricketers, from \$7.5 million to \$55.2 million.



An infrastructure review conducted during that dispute found gaps in the provision of facilities for women's cricket (gaps, funnily enough, Williamson secured funding to help fix in Tasmania, where four in five cricket grounds lacked women's change rooms, lockers, toilets, showers or other facilities). And Cricket Australia has previously found itself answering questions from the Fair Work Ombudsman over contract clauses asking female players if they were pregnant

And then, there are the little things that speak volumes, like the fact that Cricket Australia executive Ben Amarfo has been known to have his female personal assistant cook and serve him a hot breakfast in his glass office.

Presumably this was all fodder for that independent Ethics Centre review into Cricket Australia's culture, being conducted by Peter Collins (who has, incidentally, been a paid consultant to Cricket Australia for years). Wonder how that's going? T

here's one further irony about this whole situation. The official line is that Williamson lost her job after calling the Tasmanian Parliament's rejection of a motion to re-establish abortion services "gutless and reckless" on Twitter. Cricket Australia's statement on the matter makes pointed reference to its social media policy. Williamson's government relations job involved, well, keeping up relations with Tasmania's Liberal government but Cricket Australia's incoming executive general manager of public affairs is no stranger to social media controversy either. Karina Keisler, who'll join Cricket Australia in late August from NBN Co, has infuriated the federal Labor opposition by tweeting links to articles colourfully dismissive of their NBN model in favour of the Coalition's.

One, raised by Labor at Senate estimates, described fibre-to-the premises NBN as "one of the two worst decisions ever made by an Australian government". Which, sure, might help ISBN's relations with the federal government right now, but how will Cricket Australia feel about her heading up corporate affairs if Bill Shorten comes to power? Keisler has history in this column, having first come to our attention when copying lines she'd first spun at Telstra into a press release for her next employer Vodafone."

HUNT BLIND TO THIS - SARAH-JANE TASKER (the Australian)

"Australia's health services sector accounts for the highest number of data breaches, according to a new report, which is tipped to fuel security concerns about My Health Record. The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner has released its Notifiable Data Breaches Quarterly Statistics report for April 1 to June 30, which shows that the largest source of reported data breaches was health service providers. The second-largest source was the finance sector. The health services industry reported 49 data breaches, which included 29 from human error and 20 that were the result of a malicious or criminal attack. The quarterly report showed that human error included sending personal information to the wrong recipient by email, mail or other means.

Malicious and criminal attacks were the second-largest source of data breaches from the health sector (41 per cent). Theft of paperwork or storage devices was the most common type of attack, followed closely by cyber incidents. Of the cyber-incident data breaches notified by the health sector, 62.5 per cent related to lost or stolen credentials. Hacking by other means accounted for 25 per cent of cyber breaches. Most notifications from the health sector involved the personal information involving 100 individuals or fewer (69 per cent of breaches)."

(From The Age)

"Former AMA president Kerryn Phelps has called for a full parliamentary review of the My Health Record system, rejecting the "minor concessions" announced by Health Minister Greg Hunt this week as "woefully inadequate". Dr Phelps said a complete redraft of the legislation was needed to properly enshrine patient privacy and data security, with concerns remaining about the way the My Health Record Act was drafted in 2012 – and the fact that nine data breaches had been recorded by the system in two years. "If this truly is about the wellbeing of patients, then there is absolutely no need for third party access to be in the legislation," she said, repeating her earlier warning that doctors who are tasked with uploading patient information to My Health Record may boycott the digital system.

Dr Phelps is particularly concerned by section 98 of the act, which gives the "system operator" – currently the Australian Digital Health Agency – the power to delegate "any function" to "any other person" with consent of the minister. "This could include the disclosure of your health information," Dr Phelps said. And she said the fact that nine data breaches had been recorded showed the system could not be trusted to keep people's data safe. Mr Hunt has denied reports in the Daily Telegraph – based on publicly available annual reports from the Office of the Information Commissioner – that the My Health Record system has had nine data breaches in two years".

POVERTY GROWS - ACTU

Australia hasn't had a pay rise since 2009, according to the Household Income and Labour Dynamics Australia (HILDA) survey, released today. In 2009 the median disposable income for an entire household adjusted for inflation was \$79,160 in 2016 dollars. In 2016 – the latest year of HILDA data available – the median household income was \$79,244.

In some areas, like regional centres in WA and Hobart, real median household income has gone backwards more than 10% over the same period. Meanwhile key living costs like housing, gas, electricity, transport, childcare and private health insurance have blown out and are forcing many working people to go without – almost 30,000 full time workers are now homeless.

Nearly three in ten children born between 2000 and 2007 experienced more than a year of poverty in their first ten years of life

The same report shows that many Australians – particularly young people, can't get enough work to get by. About 42 percent of people 15-19 and more than 47 percent of people between 20 and 24 say they would work more hours if they could.



HOMELESS

A picture paints a thousand words, and for a group of people living on the street, photographs have given others perspective of what everyday life is like for them.

Blind Eye, a drop-in centre in South Brisbane, invited homeless people to take disposable cameras for a week and shoot photos of where they sleep, what they see and how they feel.

The centre provides meals, washing and shower facilities as well as giving people on the street a place to relax and talk to people if they have any issues.

MORE... CORPORATE MALFEASANCE?

Health experts have accused the alcohol industry of making “problematic” and “dangerous” claims in a bid to thwart the development of meaningful alcohol policy measures, and say key lobby groups are peddling outright lies.

The Foundation of Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) has analysed 17 alcohol industry submissions to the federal government’s National Alcohol Strategy 2018-2026 consultation and found it had made four “problematic” claims, including that “Australia was already making good progress [and] no change was needed” and “moderate consumption had population health benefits”. “It is clear the industry believes that simply committing a statement to the public record, no matter how outrageous or false, is enough to further an agenda that places profit ahead of public health and safety,” FARE’s chief executive Michael Thorn said. “But these dangerous claims cannot be allowed to stand.”



Australian guidelines state that consuming no more than two standard drinks a day can reduce the lifetime risk of alcohol related disease or injury, but a growing body of evidence shows there is no “safe” level and even drinking small amounts can increase the risk of cancer. At a strategy-development roundtable last Tuesday, Health Minister Greg Hunt reportedly said “[our] goal should be for zero alcohol harm”. Mr Thorn described it as a “laughable objective” since that would require banning alcohol. A spokesman for the minister yesterday confirmed the line, saying: “Yes it is difficult but to suggest that there

is an acceptable rate of death from alcohol abuse is to embed acceptance of tragic, avoidable and unacceptable losses”. Australia has been without a National Alcohol Strategy since 2011. The FARE report said submissions from groups such as DrinkWise and peak body Alcohol Beverages Australia (ABA) showed they were “engaging in the same tactics as the tobacco industry”, including casting doubt on legitimate science, to undermine the effectiveness of the strategy. It said the submissions claimed Australia was on a positive trajectory of increasingly moderate consumption, with DrinkWise suggesting “Australia is now a society more defined by moderation than excess”.

COCKROACHES - Extracts –Mark Ludlow - AFR

“He speaks my language, but it’s not their language,” says one LNP insider. “Howard’s battlers [who helped former Liberal Prime Minister win four elections] aren’t with us because we’re not talking the language they want to hear.” The image of Turnbull - dubbed “Mr Harbourside Mansion” by Tony Abbott’s former chief of staff Peta Credlin - eating a meat pie with a knife and fork while campaigning in Tasmania wouldn’t have helped the perceptions of the PM in down to earth Queensland.

The LNP holds 21 out of 30 federal seats in Queensland, compared to eight for the ALP and one for Katter’s Australian Party. If the swing of just under 4 per cent is replicated in the next federal election, up to eight seats - including the prized scalp of Home Affairs and Immigration Minister Peter Dutton

whose north Brisbane seat of Dickson is held on a tight 2 per cent margin –could be at risk. LNP executives are frustrated about the post-Longman ruminations about the LNP’s foothold in Queensland, given its dominant majority. But the Longman result has rattled the LNP which is planning to significantly revise its electoral strategy in Queensland to counter Labor’s highly-effective grassroots campaigning and key messages on health and opposing corporate tax cuts. Turnbull’s performance in Queensland and his lack of presence compared to Shorten - who has basically made Queensland his second home since the 2016 election-will make it harder for the LNP to keep their electoral stranglehold on the Sunshine State. “The guy with a harbourside mansion is never really going to have an affinity with Queenslanders. This result really hurts him [Turnbull] and it allows Bill to further define his Queensland credentials,” a Labor insider said this week. “They didn’t like [former LNP premier] Campbell Newman and they don’t like Malcolm Turnbull.”

Bill Shorten has made 50 trips to Queensland since the 2016 election for a total of 69 days - more than double the time Turnbull has been there - according to figures provided by his office. Almost half of Shorten’s trips have been to regional Queensland where he has held 12 town hall meetings

BYE, BYE COAL

Global electricity generated from coal and gas has fallen for a fifth consecutive year, while power generated from solar skyrocketed by around 22%, according to new data from the International Energy Agency (IEA). Climate Councillor and energy expert Professor Andrew Stock said the findings from the International Energy Agency ‘Electricity Information 2018: Overview’ report confirms that the world’s move away from polluting and inefficient coal and gas continues to accelerate. Electricity created from fossil fuels dropped in 2017, while clean, affordable and reliable renewable energy such as solar and wind technology continued to boom, accounting for two-thirds of new power generation spending around the world,” he said.

The IEA report shows electricity generation from fossil fuels fell for a fifth consecutive year with electricity production from coal, gas and biofuels dropping to 67%. While electricity generation from solar increased by 22% (in the OECD), along with wind rising by 15%.

Professor Stock said the IEA’s report ‘World Energy Investment’ found that the rest of the world is walking away from fossil fuels, with China’s investment in coal power stations falling by 55% last year. “India invested more in renewable energy than coal and gas combined in 2017,” he said. “It’s time to pull the plug on the fossil fuel life-support in Australia. In just over a decade, 55% of coal power stations across the nation will reach over 40 years of age. While in the last seven months alone (Dec 2017 – June 2018), we’ve already seen coal and gas power stations recording almost 100 breakdowns and failures. In order to tackle climate change and provide affordable electricity, 24/7, there’s no room for new coal power stations, nor government subsidies for these polluting power sources. We know the estimated cost of building a coal power station with carbon capture and storage in Australia is over six times the equivalent cost of Australia’s largest wind farm – it’s a no brainer.”

To view the International Energy Agency’s latest reports, please click [here](#).

Read the Climate Council’s latest report ‘[End of the Line: Coal in Australia](#).’

[The Climate Council is Australia’s leading climate change communications organisation. We provide authoritative, expert and evidence-based advice on climate change to journalists, policymakers, and the wider Australian community.]





The death of Iranian asylum seeker Hamid Khazaei was preventable and the result of "compounding errors" in health care provided under Australia's offshore immigration detention system, the Queensland coroner has found.

Coroner Terry Ryan found 24-year-old Mr Khazaei, who died in a Brisbane hospital in September 2014 after he contracted a leg infection in Manus Island detention centre, would have survived had his rapid deterioration been recognised.

Key points:

- *Asylum seeker Hamid Khazaei contracted a leg infection in Manus Island detention centre and was declared brain dead within a fortnight*
- *He died after series of clinical errors and delays, including a lack of antibiotics and a doctor's request for an urgent transfer denied by immigration official*
- *Coroner found the Government had not met its responsibility to provide*

comparable health care to Australian standards, with the Manus Island clinic below benchmark

Mr Khazaei [suffered severe sepsis from a leg infection](#) and was first moved to Port Moresby before being flown to Brisbane where nothing could be done to save his life.

Mr Ryan found his death followed a series of clinical errors and delays, including a lack of antibiotics on Manus Island to treat tropical infections and a failure by Australian immigration officials to urgently grant a doctor's request for Mr Khazaei's transfer to Australia.

He found the Australian Government had not met its responsibility to detainees such as Mr Khazaei to provide health care that was "broadly comparable" to that available in Australia.

The coroner recommended a systemic overhaul of healthcare responses in offshore detention, including a new policy to allow doctors on the ground, rather than Canberra officials, to approve medical transfers.

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) president Bastian Seidel blasted the policy which allowed immigration officials to ignore a doctor's call. "Bureaucrats should never ever be allowed to override a clinical decision made by a medical doctor," he said.

ECONOMY

PC REPORT INTO COMPETITION IN AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL SYSTEM- Bowen/O'Neill

Labor welcomes the Productivity Commission's report into competition in the Australian financial system – it contains damning findings and it's a sad indictment on the statement of competition in the banking sector and how customer loyalty has been exploited to the benefit of the big banks.

Problems like those identified in this report are the very reason that Labor fought so hard for a Royal Commission to be established into banking. The Liberals record is clear and it's not pretty reading for the Australian taxpayer and customer. They attempted to dismantle the *Future of Financial Advice* reforms and stronger consumer protections, spent 600 days running a protection racket on behalf of the big banks denying the need for a Royal Commission, and now they want to give the banks a \$17 billion tax cut.

Many financial institutions have been able to get away with ripping off their customers and this Government has done nothing to stop them.

The Liberal Party's views on a Royal Commission were that:

"It is nothing more than a populist whinge from Bill Shorten." - ***Scott Morrison, Interview with Peter Van Onselen & Paul Kelly, Sky News Australian Agenda (7 August 2016)***

"We have got to stop the banks and our financial services sector being used as political football...this is essentially a regrettable but necessary action." - ***Malcolm Turnbull and Scott Morrison announcing the Royal Commission, Doorstop (30 November 2017)***

The Government could have set up a Royal Commission two and a half years ago when Labor first called for it. If they had, we'd already be implementing its recommendations today.

In another humiliation for Mr Morrison, the Productivity Commission's report confirms the current negative gearing settings have been used in a way that the taxpayer has underwritten the pass through of the cost of APRA's macro prudential measures to the banks – at a cost of about \$500 million a year.

Labor reiterates its support for the four pillars policy, any move to allow the big banks to merge does nothing to help the consumer.

We note with interest the set of strong recommendations on mortgage brokers, trailing commissions and transparency – a similar model to Labor's FOFA reforms that applied to financial planners.

Mr Morrison sat on this report for the last month before releasing it today without a formal response. Federal Labor will now take the time to consider its recommendations carefully.

SLOMO STILL IN WITNESS PROTECTION ON COMPANY TAX CUTS - Bowen

No wonder Scott Morrison has been silent ever since the Super Saturday by-elections when Coalition MPs and Cabinet ministers have been piling on and attacking the Prime Minister and his \$80 billion company tax cut package.

On Sky News Day, it took Scott Morrison several unconvincing goes before he finally confirmed the Government would take the company tax cut package to the next election.

LAURA JAYES: *You said on the 22nd of June: 'we will continue to prosecute our case on corporate taxes and that's beyond next Friday and to the next election' – has anything changed from that statement you made last month?*

SCOTT MORRISON: *No.*

Normally you'd expect the Treasurer to be in the vanguard defending Government tax policy, but that was instead left yesterday to the Finance Minister Mathias Cormann to argue for the entire tax package.

Over the last few days we have seen a growing number of Coalition MPs from former Prime Minister Tony Abbott down, start to criticise the Government's company tax cut plan. This is a clear show of no faith in Malcolm Turnbull and Scott Morrison.

How can the Liberal Party expect the Senate to support the full company tax cut package when it no longer does? If Malcolm Turnbull and Scott Morrison drop all or part of the remaining company tax cuts, the biggest question for the Australian people will be, what does the Turnbull Government stand for?

This is no minor matter; Mr Turnbull and Mr Morrison have been arguing for the entire package since the 2016 Budget, this has been the Liberal Party's one point economic plan. The Liberal Party has spent two years telling the Australian people we needed to put all of the eggs in the 'big business tax cut' basket, so to pull up stumps now on this plan would be the end of any pretence Mr Turnbull has to policy credibility.

For Malcolm Turnbull we've seen this all before: on climate change, the republic, on the NDIS and Medicare Levy increase, we're told he has convictions and policy, only to drop it all when it becomes politically difficult.

ATTACHMENT – SLOMO CONFIRMS LIBERAL PARTY WOULD TAKE COMPANY TAX CUTS TO THE NEXT ELECTION ON 22 JUNE 2018

MACDONALD: Let's talk about the Government's other big tax policy. We're talking about corporate tax cuts. If you don't manage to get that over the line in this next sitting week of Parliament, you certain you'll take that to the next election as a policy?

TREASURER: Everyone always makes projections about what's going to happen in the Senate, don't they, Hamish? Plenty of people were making projections about what was going to happen in the Senate on personal taxes so we'll just continue to work with the Senate, that's where our focus is and that's what we'll continue to do.

MACDONALD: That wasn't the question though, you said you'd take it to the next election as a policy if you don't get it through.

TREASURER: We've made it very clear that **we will continue to prosecute our case on corporate taxes and that's beyond next Friday and to the next election.** We will always stand for competitive taxes for Australian businesses. - [INTERVIEW WITH HAMISH MACDONALD, RN BREAKFAST, 22 JUNE 2018](#)

TURNBULL MUST CRACK DOWN ON BANKING MISCONDUCT – O'Neill

We welcome the news that the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) has signed off on a new Banking Code of Practice. But for too many Australians, this step is too little too late.

The rorts, rip-offs and scandals exposed in the Banking Royal Commission have shocked all Australians. People have had their homes taken, their businesses wound up and their lives destroyed by misconduct in the banking sector. This type of conduct cannot be allowed to continue.

While Labor welcomes the efforts by banks to lift standards, clearly more needs to be done. Labor is committed to cracking down on misconduct in the banking sector. We will be looking carefully at the Royal Commission's recommendations for what further reform is required to protect Australians from this kind of behaviour.

Malcolm Turnbull has no real desire to crack down on banking misconduct. For 600 days, the Malcolm Turnbull and the Liberals resisted a Banking Royal Commission.

This year, ASIC – the corporate watchdog – had its staffing cut and its resourcing reduced by millions of dollars. And now Malcolm Turnbull wants to reward the big banks with a \$17 billion tax cut.

It's clear that Malcolm Turnbull and the Liberals want to protect the big banks.

Labor wants to protect Australian customers and small businesses. We will invest in schools and hospitals, and we will fight for fair rules for a financial sector on which almost all Australian people and businesses rely.

SLOMO GENIUS: HOUSE PRICE FALLS UNDER LIBS GOOD, LABOR BAD - Bowen

Scott Morrison really needs to stop treating the Australian people as mugs. This week Mr Morrison has argued that house prices falls in Sydney of 5 per cent have been “necessary” while any price falls under Labor’s negative gearing reforms would be a “sledgehammer” and “dangerous”.



This is the neatest and most condensed example of hypocrisy going around. Shorter Scott Morrison: if prices fall under the Liberals it is because he is a genius. If they fall under Labor it is a disaster. And it was only a few years ago that Mr Morrison was publicly arguing that there were “excesses” in negative gearing.

Scott Morrison’s pathetic and baseless scare campaign has been called out by none other than the Australian Treasury. Mr Morrison’s own Treasury department officials said in an [analysis of Labor’s policies](#) that “*the price changes are likely to be small*”.

The Turnbull Government asked for and received this advice from Treasury at the time Labor announced its policies in 2016, and because it didn’t support his outrageous

‘sledgehammer’ slogan, he sat on it and the advice only eked out under *Freedom of Information* earlier this year.

It’s the latest in a long line of desperate politicisation of the Treasury from Scott Morrison. When he’s not appointing his Chief-of-Staff as Treasury Secretary or asking Treasury to cost Labor’s tax policies he’s sitting on Treasury advice which doesn’t support his outlandish claims.

Independent think tanks such as the Grattan Institute think that the house price impacts of reforming negative gearing would be fairly modest, and at most could see house prices 2 per cent lower than would otherwise be the case.

Labor’s reforms to negative gearing are moderate, sensible and will help boost housing supply. All current residential investments are fully ‘grandfathered’ meaning those investors will be still be able to access the current negative gearing arrangements. Future property investors will continue to be able to access negative gearing for new residential stock, ensuring that the focus is on investments that generate construction jobs and add to the housing stock.

WORKERS

WAGES STALL, LIVING COSTS RISE – O’Connor

The latest ABS Living Cost Index data released today shows living costs for employee households are outstripping wages growth.

The ABS data shows that in the June 2018 quarter, the annual living costs of employee households rose by 2.3 per cent. This can be compared to the most recent data for private sector wages growth, of just 1.9 per cent.

Under Malcolm Turnbull and his Liberals many working Australians haven’t had a pay-rise for years, are confronted with insecure work and are struggling to keep up with living costs.

The ABS data comes as the junior Minister Craig Laundy claims that insecure work and inequality is a “myth” and that by commenting on it, Labor is somehow engaging in a “scare campaign”. Just goes to show how out of touch he and the rest of the Liberals are.

The truth is, the Turnbull Government is bereft of a plan to deal with the inequality we are seeing in today’s labour market – the flat wage growth, the proliferation of insecure work, the falling share of GDP accruing to employees, and the relative impoverishment of low skilled workers.

This is a Government that supports the cuts to penalty rates of low and middle income Australians, while trying to give \$17 billion to the big banks.

Now that is scary. This Government is completely out of touch.

Under the Turnbull Government we are headed to a low-wage, easy-to-hire, easy-to-fire society, which is distorting job security and income distribution.

TURNBULL PRESIDES OVER STAGNANT WAGES GROWTH AND INEQUALITY – O’Connor

Two reports released this week highlight that Australians are struggling with stagnant wages and inequality, and Labor is seriously concerned that the Turnbull Government is incapable of addressing this. That, or they know about the issues and simply don’t want to do anything about it.

The Melbourne Institute’s Household Income and Labour Dynamics (HILDA) [report](#) points to the issue of stagnant wages growth and structural issues in the labour market such as underemployment.

According to the report, underemployment – that is people wanting to work more hours, but unable to find work – has largely increased over the past 40 years from a low 2.6 per cent in 1978 to a high 8.7 per cent in February 2017.

Another [report](#), ‘*Inequality in Australia 2018*’, released today by ACOSS points to the gap between the rich and the poor.

The report shows that someone in the highest 1 per cent of the income scale earns more in a fortnight than someone in the lowest 5 per cent earns in a year. That is an average weekly income that is 26 times the income of someone in the lowest 5 per cent.

Under Malcolm Turnbull and his Liberals many working Australians haven’t had a pay-rise for years, are confronted with insecure work and are struggling to keep up with living costs. The Turnbull Government is bereft of a plan to deal with the inequality we are seeing in today’s labour market – the flat wage growth, the proliferation of insecure work, the falling share of GDP accruing to employees, and the relative impoverishment of low skilled workers.

Quite the opposite - this is a Government that wants to cut the penalty rates of low and middle income Australians, while giving \$17 billion to the big banks. This Government is completely out of touch.

Under the Turnbull Government we are headed to a low-wage, easy-to-hire, easy-to-fire society, which is distorting job security and income distribution.

PAID DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE LEAVE SHOULD BE A RIGHT – O'Connor/Burney

The inclusion, by the Fair Work Commission, of five days unpaid domestic and family violence leave in Modern Awards is welcome, but it does not go far enough.



Labor has been committed to making paid domestic and family violence leave a universal workplace right, legislated in the National Employment Standards (NES), for many years. Last December, Labor announced that a Shorten Labor Government will legislate for ten days paid domestic and family violence leave in the NES.

Labor understands that for victims of domestic violence, the combined stress of seeking legal advice and accessing counselling services and medical treatment should not be compounded by the fear of losing their job or the financial disadvantage of going without pay.

Unfortunately, a workplace response to domestic and family violence is not a priority for Malcolm Turnbull and his Liberals. They have taken no action to enshrine unpaid domestic and family leave in the NES, let alone to support Labor's commitment to paid leave.

Unfortunately, the Liberals see domestic violence leave as nothing more than a cost to business and, in a terrifying display of how out of touch they are, have even argued that it will make women less attractive to employers.

Demonstrating how out of touch they are, in 2016 the Turnbull government prevented approximately 30 public service departments (including the Prime Minister's), from providing for paid family violence leave in their enterprise agreements.

State governments and many private sector employers already provide paid family violence leave, including Carlton & United Breweries, Telstra, NAB, Virgin Australia, IKEA and Qantas. These employers have paved the way and helped reduce the stigma that often accompanies domestic violence. So too have Australia's unions, campaigning for paid domestic and family violence leave over many years, which has led to subsequent coverage in Australian workplaces.

The complexity of family violence requires a strategic approach by all levels of government, business, and the community. Labor calls on Malcolm Turnbull and his Liberals to do better and support Labor's commitment to 10 days paid domestic and family violence leave, as a pivotal measure to support people to remain in work and get the help they need.

***** If you or someone you know is impacted by sexual assault or family violence, call [1800RESPECT](tel:1800RESPECT) on [1800 737 732](tel:1800737732) or visit www.1800RESPECT.org.au. In an emergency, call 000 *****

WE WILL GIVE INDUSTRY TOUGH ANTI-DUMPING PROTECTIONS Carr/Clare/Bird/Jones

A Shorten Labor Government will protect Australian jobs by making it easier for local manufacturing firms to take effective action against the dumping of below cost foreign goods into Australia.

Dumping is cheating and is a particular problem for Australia's steel industry.

The announcement by the United States of a 25 per cent tariff on imported steel from a number of other countries increases the threat of more steel being dumped in Australia, putting further pressure on an industry already feeling the impact of a glut of foreign steel production.

Labor will support local businesses by:

Introducing a mechanism that will allow businesses in anti-dumping investigations to nominate the form of duty that should be applied, this will form part of the recommendation to the Minister by the Anti-Dumping Commissioner;

- Restrict the time available for cited dumpers to request a review of ADC decisions to prevent them gaming the system to their own advantage;
- Amend the Census and Statistics Act to improve access to trade and import data held by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Monday's announcement comes on top of commitments that Labor made earlier this year to support local manufacturers by:

Tripling penalties for circumventing trade remedies;

- Better resourcing the Anti-Dumping Commission by increasing funding by \$3.5 million a year, which will increase staff numbers at the Commission by around 30; and
- Transferring responsibilities for safeguard measures from the Productivity Commission to the Anti-Dumping Commission.

Australian manufacturing jobs depend upon strong anti-dumping laws.

The US decision to increase tariffs raises a real risk that other countries could potentially use Australia as a dumping ground for steel. If this happens, it puts Australian jobs at risk.

Labor will not let Australia become a dumping ground for below cost foreign goods which would put Australian manufacturing jobs at risk.

Unlike the Conservatives who are sitting on their hands when it comes to anti-dumping laws, Labor will take action to make sure Australian businesses and workers get a fair go.

More information about Labor's tougher anti-dumping plan can be found [here](#).



TIME FOR CASH TO COME CLEAN – O'Connor

Minister Cash must stop avoiding scrutiny and finally tell the truth following [reports](#) today that the Australian Federal Police is referring to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions its investigation into the unlawful leak to the media of the Registered Organisation Commission raid on the AWU.

There are numerous questions Senator Cash needs to answer including, what role did she play in the leak? Is she a witness or is she under investigation?

Unanswered questions also remain as to how far this scandal extends regarding the involvement of other Ministerial offices.

It is now nine months since the Turnbull Government's politicisation of regulatory agencies was sensationally exposed. It is nine months since Minister Cash misled the Senate five times by falsely denying that her office was the source of the leak. It is nine months since the AFP launched a criminal investigation into the leak

Yet, Minister Cash is still hiding from scrutiny.

Senator Cash's conduct is treating the Parliament and the Australian people with contempt.

NATIONAL INTEGRITY COMMISSION – SIX MONTHS AND NO PROGRESS - Dreyfus

Monday marked the six-month anniversary of Bill Shorten's announcement that Labor will legislate for a National Integrity Commission within 12 months of government.

At the National Press Club, Bill laid out detailed principles which would guide the design of the Commission, and made a compelling argument for why we can no longer ignore the calls for a federal anti-corruption body. And the response from the government? [Crickets.](#)

The last official communication, from Attorney-General Christian Porter in a letter to me, was that the government "*sees no persuasive evidence*" in favour of establishing a National Integrity Commission.

The government's casual dismissal of this very important idea is deeply disturbing.

Mr Porter and Mr Turnbull are not just ignoring Labor. They are also ignoring former judges, former Premiers, eminent lawyers, and civil society groups who are calling for this change to happen.

The evidence is building, and more alleged corruption is being uncovered at a state level. Meanwhile, at a federal level, the government twiddles its fingers and refuses to do the work.

Labor has responded to increasingly louder calls for this change to happen, and taken a bold policy step. We are not afraid of more accountability and transparency in government. In fact, we see both as necessary to a healthy democracy.

Turnbull is such an arrogant, out of touch and struggling leader, that he no longer has the capacity to make important policy decisions.

You have to ask yourself – just what has the government got to hide?

ENVIRONMENT

THE REEFGATE SAGA SO FAR - Burke

On April 29 the Turnbull Government announced the largest donation of taxpayers money to a private foundation in history. Half a billion dollars was given to the Great Barrier Reef Foundation instead of going to government agencies including the CSIRO, the Environment Department and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

During public hearings this week the following facts have emerged.

There was no tender process for the donation and the foundation never applied for the money.

The Prime Minister was present at the meeting with the foundation and he personally told the chair, Dr John Schubert about the donation. It appears no public servants were present.

Before receiving the donation the budget for the foundation was only \$10 million and it only employed six full time staff. Dr Schubert is a member of the Business Council of Australia and previously a mining executive.

The Government and the Foundation have yet to finalise all the terms of the contract which now govern the half a billion dollars of taxpayers' money. The negotiations for the contract only began after the money had been announced and committed by the government.

The government has already transferred all \$444 million to the foundation and the public funds are now sitting in term deposits in banks associated with the foundation.

The Chair of the Great Barrier Reef Foundation, Dr John Schubert, has previously declined four dates offered to him to appear before the Senate Inquiry

The members who run the private foundation include executives from the major banks and mining companies. This means the CSIRO and the GBRMPA will need permission from the banks and miners if they seek extra funding.

The foundation has acknowledged the biggest threats to the reef include climate change and land clearing. The foundation has made clear none of its work goes to act against climate change or land clearing.

All the probity checks and balances which ordinarily apply to expenditure by government agencies will not apply to spending decisions made by the foundation.

Effectively half a billion dollars of taxpayers' money has been given away without process, probity or policy justification.

The future of the reef should not be determined behind closed doors by Mr Turnbull's mates.

Labor will continue to pursue this through the Senate Inquiry process and all other avenues available to the opposition.



GBR FOUNDATION WON'T TACKLE THE BIGGEST THREAT TO REEF - Burke/Butler

Almost \$500,000,000 has been trusted to an organisation to protect the Great Barrier Reef even though that organisation apparently has no policy view on the critical threats to the Great Barrier Reef.

Under questioning, Great Barrier Reef Foundation managing director Anna Marsden said that the charity would "do what the reef needs us to do" yet made clear that this excludes action in combating climate change.

Climate change, coral bleaching, run off from land-clearing and ocean acidification are all in the frontline of threats facing the Great Barrier Reef.

Australia is custodian of the largest living organism in the world and we have an obligation to protect it, not simply protect it during media conferences. This money was announced with great fanfare but the evidence is now clear that the money provided is not only beyond the historic capacity of this organisation, the organisation itself doesn't even have a policy position on the greatest threats to the Great Barrier Reef.

We already had reason to be alarmed about the lack of probity surrounding this process. Today makes clear that this entire transaction lacks probity, process and policy.

It beggars belief that the Prime Minister Turnbull was present when this was negotiated and never thought to mention the words climate change, or land-clearing when giving away half a billion dollars to protect a Reef that is threatened by climate change and land-clearing.

You can't be serious about protecting the Reef without having a serious climate change policy.

GOVERNMENT MUST DO MORE ON WHALING – Burke/Dreyfus

The Turnbull Government must show it is serious about stopping Japan's proposal to lift the global moratorium on commercial whaling by sending a senior Minister to the International Whaling Commission (IWC) to tackle the issue head on.



Labor is deeply concerned by the proposal Japan is taking to the IWC meeting in September to restart commercial whaling.

The moratorium on commercial whaling was one of the great environmental reforms of the last century. Any steps to promote commercial whaling, whether this is through revised voting regimes or the establishment of catch-limits, must be resisted.

This proposal is in addition to Japan's ongoing so-called "scientific whaling" with over 660 whales slaughtered in the Southern Ocean over the past two years.

Labor took Japan to the International Court of Justice to stop so-called scientific whaling and won. The fact this decision is being ignored is deeply disappointing. Labor welcomes this week's affirmation from the Government of Australia's strong support for the 30-year global moratorium on commercial whaling, and the Foreign Minister's pledge

to vehemently oppose any attempts to undermine the processes that support it.

But words are not enough.

The Government now needs to take real action. Josh Frydenberg needs to step up, give Australia ministerial representation at the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and make clear that Australia is serious about stopping whaling in the Southern Ocean.



RED TAPE OBSTRUCTING FARMERS ACCESSING DROUGHT SUPPORT – Fitzgibbon/Burney

The Government is making it so difficult for farmers to access income support that almost two thirds have given up.

Some 15,000 drought-stricken farmers are missing out on Federal Government assistance through the Farm household Allowance.

[Reports](#) say that the complexity of the application process is acting as a barrier to farmers trying to take up the benefit.

Australians should be able to access income support as and when they need it.

We welcome the Government's review of the low take up of the Farm Household Allowance.

However, we know that this Government has a track record of making it more difficult for Australians to access income support.

We have heard stories of long wait times on the phone to Centrelink; people waiting months for their pensions or allowances; false or inflated debt notices.

TURNBULL GOVERNMENT PART OF THE DROUGHT PROBLEM - Fitzgibbon

Having failed drought affected farming families the Turnbull Government is now ramping up its propaganda machine in an attempt to fool people into believing it is acting.

Sunday's media stories that Minister Littleproud will make changes to the asset tests and review the Farm Household Allowance (FHA) will do little to help farmers or progress drought policy reform. The biggest challenge for farmers applying for FHA is securing the payment. Nothing has changed.

The fact is the Turnbull Government has already [reviewed](#) the current drought measures and is yet to publish its final response to the review. Further questions need to be asked as to what the Turnbull Government is doing to ensure that the mutual obligations attached to the FHA payment such as the Financial Improvement Agreement are properly assessed.

For five years the Coalition Government has allowed progress on drought reform to stall. Rather than working with the States to find real, long-term solutions, the Turnbull Government has relied on difficult to access loans which are rarely a solution in any case.

At one stage the Turnbull Government was spruiking the [Regional Investment Corporation](#) (RIC) aka Barnaby's Bank as a solution for farmers but his pork barrelling exercises never gets a mention any more. Another Barnaby Joyce boondoggle, the RIC has become an embarrassment for the Government and a waste of taxpayer dollars.

The path to real and meaningful drought policy starts with full and proper cooperation and collaboration with the States and the key focus must be resilience and adaptation building. Sadly the Coalition Government abolished the Primary Industries COAG committee and has allowed the Intergovernmental Agreement on Drought Reform to expire.

It's an insult to drought affected farming families for the Turnbull Government to give false hope to farmers which is of no merit in any case.

PUTTING DROUGHT POLICY REFORM BACK ON TRACK - Fitzgibbon

A Shorten Labor Government will restore the CoAG process for drought reform and dispatch Australia's agriculture-based Research and Development Corporations (RDCs) to help farmers build defences against the impacts of an increasingly variable climate such as protracted drought, severe storms, frost, pests and diseases.

Labor will ask the Council of RDCs to lead the development of an Agricultural Climate Response Plan (ACRP) to dramatically increase the uptake of drought mitigation, best practice and sustainable farming methods.

The Grains Research & Development Corporation, Meat & Livestock Australia and each of the relevant RDCs will be asked to pursue agreed benchmarks and milestones over the period of a new five year InterGovernmental Agreement (IGA) on Drought Reform (IGADR).

The Agricultural Climate Response Plan will not only build farm resilience, it will drive productivity and help maintain yields in drier periods, and reduce input costs including energy and fertiliser costs.

Collectively our agriculture-based RDCs are the recipients of around \$600 million our taxpayers' money annually. There could be no better use of taxpayers' money than to have it invested in the ability of our farmers to remain productive in times of severe drought.

In 2013 the Commonwealth and the States signed an historic agreement to scrap all the old and unsuccessful drought relief programs and to develop a new approach based on five key objectives.

That Agreement expired last month. Over the last five years the Coalition Government failed to act on it and has allowed it to lapse.

Indeed the CoAG body responsible for the IGA – the Standing Committee on Primary Industry (SCoPI) – was abolished by the now Turnbull Government not long after the 2013 election. Barnaby Joyce said we didn't need it.

Labor will restore the CoAG process, strike a new IGA, and ensure farm resilience building is a key focus and objective.

Labor is disappointed that we have lost five years of drought policy reform under the Coalition; but stands ready to support any new, meaningful and immediate Government drought responses.

LABOR WILL REVIEW THE FORESTRY WATER RULE RESTRICTIONS - Fitzgibbon

A future Labor Government will review the water rule restrictions with the aim to remove the existing rules in both the plantations and farm forestry Carbon Farming Initiative methodologies, to ensure the forestry sector can compete on a level playing field and to play a bigger role in a lower carbon future.

Labor has been working closely with the forestry sector to understand the barriers preventing it reaching its full potential. We agree with the statement from the Australian Forestry Products Association Chair, Mr Greg McCormack that "With the right policy settings our Forest Industries can have an even brighter future."

A key ask from the forestry sector is a review of both the Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) Regulation the removal of the 600mm rainfall restriction for new plantations. Another is a review the existing ERF farm forestry method to encourage aggregation, reduce audit and transaction costs, and remove the rainfall restriction, which limits farm forestry to 100ha where rainfall is of 400mm or more.

Labor acknowledges that the Turnbull Government is to deliver a forestry plan on 12 September 2018.

Disappointingly, the Abbott/Turnbull Governments have been slow to provide a comprehensive future forestry plan after five years of Government.

Nevertheless, Labor will seek to provide a bi-partisan approach to forestry policy and will consider the plan in detail once it released, but we expect to see the Turnbull Government commit to reviewing the water rule restrictions as a starting point.



GOVERNMENT'S MY HEALTH BACKDOWN DOESN'T GO FAR ENOUGH - King

The Turnbull Government's response to the My Health Record fiasco is completely inadequate and will do little to allay community fears about privacy and security.

Greg Hunt has completely bungled the My Health Record rollout and he must do a great deal more to fully restore public trust in this important reform. His humiliating back down over police access to health records is only a first step.

The legislation underpinning the My Health Record was designed for an opt-in system. The Government made the decision to shift to opt-out but was too incompetent to realise it needed to strengthen privacy and security provisions as a result.

For two weeks, Mr Hunt has been insisting there was no issue and that the Australian Digital Health Agency's policies were enough to safeguard



patient privacy.

We now know that was false.

This misinformation has further damaged the Government's credibility and seriously undermined trust in e-Health.

Mr Hunt has agreed to a number of other changes demanded by Labor and leading doctors' groups, including an extension of the opt-out period and a new public information campaign.

However we fear the one-month extension will not give the Government enough time to run a comprehensive public information campaign to enable all Australians to make an informed choice about whether to be a part of the My Health Record system.

We also call on the Government to release further details about the public

information campaign so we can judge whether their plans are adequate.

Mr Hunt's response also does nothing to address [new concerns the My Health Record may risk the safety of women](#) fleeing abusive partners. The Government must immediately explain what it's doing on this front.

Labor remains of the view the Government should suspend the My Health Record rollout until this mess can be cleaned up. That should include a comprehensive review of the underpinning legislation and a stocktake of all privacy and security measures.

The Government has botched the NDIS, the NBN, the census, robodebt and now the My Health Record. This is a Government that is there for the announcement but goes missing when it's time to implement.

LABOR RENEWS CALL FOR IMPROVED ABORTION ACCESS IN TASMANIA - King/Collins

It is simply not good enough that Tasmanian women are still being forced to travel interstate to access surgical abortions.

Recent media reporting has highlighted the unacceptable emotional and financial burden that Tasmanian women face when travelling interstate to access surgical abortions.



The Hodgman Government's fix for surgical abortion access - which doesn't even start until October - is not good enough.

Federal Labor stands by our commitment of \$1 million to build a Reproductive Health Hub in Tasmania. The Hub would provide surgical terminations as part of the public hospital system, and federal Labor would contribute to its ongoing costs under the usual Commonwealth-state arrangements.

The Hodgman Government's ongoing failure to provide terminations in public hospitals proves the Tasmanian Liberals are only driven by conservative ideology, not the health care needs of women.

The Turnbull Government's hands-off approach to this issue illustrates how little it cares about the concerns of Tasmanian women.

All Australian women should be able to access safe and affordable abortion services if they choose to do so. The Hodgman and Turnbull Governments' failure to properly fix this issue is not good enough.

SOCIAL SERVICES

CUTTING THE PENSION WILL ONLY MAKE INEQUALITY WORSE - Burney

This week's [UNSW/ACOSS Report into Inequality](#) shows that the Turnbull Government's planned cuts to the pension will hurt some of the most vulnerable in our community.

The report finds, that of those households worst impacted by inequality:

"Most (60%) of the lowest 20% are in households that rely mainly on social security for their income, of which the largest group (51%) receives Age Pensions."

These are the very pensioners that will be hit by the Turnbull Government's planned cut. The Liberals currently have legislation in the Parliament to cut the energy supplement for anyone who started to receive a pension or allowance after 20 September 2016.

This will mean a cut of **\$14.10 per fortnight to single pensioners or around \$365 a year, and a cut of \$21.20 a fortnight or around \$550 a year to couple pensioners.**

Over the next decade the Turnbull Government's cut will hit 1.5 million age pensioners.

Australia already has higher income inequality than the OECD average, and the Turnbull Government's planned cut to the pension will only make it worse. It shows just how out of touch the Turnbull Government is – cutting the age pension for 1.5 million Australians to give \$17 billion to the big banks.

A Shorten Labor Government will reverse this cruel cut.

EDUCATION

MALCOLM TURNBULL PRESIDES OVER SCHOOL FUNDING CRISIS -Plibersek

This week , [Malcolm Turnbull has been forced into a humiliating admission](#) that his school funding policy is in crisis.

For over 12 months Labor has been calling on the Liberals to fix their school funding debacle. If Mr Turnbull was serious about sorting this out he would reverse his \$17 billion of cuts to schools.

Mr Turnbull can't seem find \$17 billion to properly fund schools, but he can find \$17 billion to give the big banks a tax handout. His priorities are all wrong.

Malcolm Turnbull's new funding regime includes cuts that hit public schools hardest. They cop 86% of the cuts over the next two years alone.

Catholic schools are also hit hard. They cop 12% of the Liberals' cuts. As a result some low-fee Catholic schools have raised their fees, and some schools could be forced to close altogether.

Under the Liberals, the students and schools that need the most support cop the biggest cuts – this isn't fair and shows Mr Turnbull is completely out of touch.

Labor supports choice for parents – that's why we'll protect public schools and low-fee Catholic schools from Malcolm Turnbull's cuts.

We will restore every dollar of the \$17 billion Mr Turnbull has cut from Australian schools. Labor will always put schools before banks. Unlike the Liberals, Labor believes providing our kids with a quality education prepares them to lead successful lives.

Labor's extra school funding will mean more teachers, more individual attention for our kids, and more help with the basics such as reading, writing, and maths.

INNOVATION

LABOR TO INVEST IN NATIONAL CENTRE OF AI EXCELLENCE – Husic/Carr

A Shorten Labor Government will invest \$3m to help establish a National Centre of AI Excellence. Artificial Intelligence will have a profound impact on societies and their economies.

Other countries have wasted little time recognising this and are actively planning to seize on AI's potential.

For example, in our own neighbourhood China is muscling up to become an AI leader by 2030 - and it sees a \$1 trillion industry emerging as a result of these plans.

We cannot stumble our way to success - we need to plan and act together.

What Labor has successfully done in the past, we seek to do again in a new time.

Through the National Centre of AI Excellence, we will draw on the talents of those from different backgrounds - business, unions, education, the civic -bringing them together with common purpose, thinking and acting on common ground.

We want to not only apply AI to build stronger Australian businesses, we want to think about the impact of technology on jobs and prepare for the changes ahead.

This is the first announcement of its kind in Australia, in a space where the Turnbull government has failed to address this fast approaching and complex issue.

Within a nation that reportedly has as many AI researchers as France; we have the Australian brains that can make AI work for us.

In Government, Labor would engage with stakeholders to agree how this funding can best be used to support research, advice and industry acceleration. We look forward to engaging in that process.

Labor seeks to maximise the benefit of technology for the benefit of all Australians and is not afraid to lead the way.

IMMIGRATION

QUEENSLAND CORONER'S FINDINGS INTO 2014 DEATH ON MANUS ISLAND - Neumann

The Queensland Coroner has found the 2014 death of an asylum seeker on Manus Island was preventable and the result of "compounding effects of multiple errors" in the healthcare provided including "ineffective processes" relating to medical transfers.

These are serious findings that cannot go unanswered or ignored by the Turnbull Government.

It is incumbent on the Turnbull Government to respond to all recommendations by the Queensland Coroner in a timely manner to urgently improve how it looks after asylum seekers and refugees in Australian-funded offshore regional processing centres.

Peter Dutton continues to bury his head in the sand and ignore his portfolio responsibilities – including ignoring two recommendations about medical treatment and transfer processes from the Labor-initiated Senate Inquiry into **serious allegations of abuse, self-harm and neglect of asylum seekers on Nauru and like-minded allegations on Manus** On 21 April 2017, the Senate Inquiry made recommendations including:

Recommendation 1: The committee recommends that the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, as a matter of urgency, commission an external review of its medical transfer procedures in offshore processing centres.

Recommendation 2: The committee recommends that the Australian Government undertake to seek advice in relation to whether improvements are required to the medical treatment options available to asylum seekers and refugees in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea, particularly mental health services.

Peter Dutton is a tick-and-flick Minister incapable of managing his own Department and has failed to justify why he won't act on these reasonable recommendations from the Senate Inquiry to address concerns held by the wider Australian community. Labor wrote to Peter Dutton in August 2017 seeking an assurance that medical transfers for people living in Australian-funded offshore regional processing centres would be available when required and recommended by medical experts. Labor strongly believes that medical transfers for refugees in Australian-funded offshore regional processing centres should be made available when a particular treatment is not available on island and where the treatment is recommended by appropriate medical practitioners – not departmental bureaucrats. Labor's policy on asylum seekers is clear – we will never let the people smugglers back in business. Labor believes in strong borders, offshore processing, regional resettlement, and turn backs when safe to do so because we know it saves lives at sea. Ensuring Australia's strong borders does not absolve the Australian Government of its obligation to provide appropriate health, security, and welfare services to people living in Australian-funded offshore processing centres while they wait for Peter Dutton to negotiate third country resettlement agreements for eligible refugees. Malcolm Turnbull must immediately guarantee access to appropriate medical treatment for asylum seekers and that refugees and asylum seekers will not suffer as a result of Peter Dutton's continued failure to manage his portfolio.

FIRST PEOPLE

COMMITTEE PUTS BLACK VOICE BACK ON THE AGENDA – Dodson/Burney/Snowdon/McCarthy

The Labor-initiated Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition has today released its interim [report](#), putting calls for a Voice for First Nations people back on the national agenda.

More than a year after the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the Final Report of the Referendum Council, the overwhelming evidence to this Committee is that First Nations people want a Voice, and a more meaningful say in the issues that impact their lives. Nine months ago the Prime Minister rejected the Uluru Statement and the proposal for a Voice to Parliament through the Referendum Council, labelling it 'undesirable' and 'unwinnable' – characterising the Voice as a 'third chamber of Parliament'. Despite this, Labor fought to establish the Committee to keep the issue of constitutional recognition on the agenda of the Parliament. Labor has worked hard through the committee to get cross party support for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament. Labor is pleased the interim report puts all options back on the table, including constitutional change and the establishment of regional Voices. The Committee is an opportunity for the Parliament to work together to give First Nations people a Voice to Parliament and push forward a Makarrata commission to oversee truth-telling and agreement-making. Labor remains committed to working with First Nations people, the broader community and the Parliament on this task. Labor has always supported the Uluru Statement and remains committed to working with First Nations people to ensure their voices are heard – including through a voice to Parliament. It is time for the Prime Minister to reverse his position and back these calls. Over the next few months the committee will be undertaking further consultations, traveling to other parts of Australia to speak with both First Nations and the broader community before delivering a final report in November. In the absence of cross party support necessary to achieve constitutional change Labor has promised in government to legislate for a voice to honour the aspirations held in the Uluru statement, whilst not losing sight of the need for constitutional guarantee. We will work to build support for a referendum. For the honour of our Nation, for the respect of all Australians, for the sake of equality and fair treatment - constitutional recognition of First Nations people must happen. It will happen.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

CAMBODIAN ELECTIONS - Dreyfus

Labor is deeply concerned about the suppression of democracy in Cambodia and in particular Prime Minister Hun Sen's threats to unleash civil war if his bid to extend his 33 year rule is rejected in last weekend's election.

Labor welcomes the Government's decision to not send Australian election monitors which would have let legitimacy to the sham election. The dissolution of the main Opposition party ahead of the election, and curtailing of the free press is a serious assault on freedom and democracy in Cambodia

Labor has repeatedly called for Cambodia to restore a viable opposition and a free press in the lead up to national elections, and for the immediate release of Kem Sokha, imprisoned opposition leader of the now-disbanded Cambodian National Rescue Party (CNRP).

While the election of Cambodia's leaders is a matter for the Cambodian people, Australia has an interest in supporting the principles of free and fair elections, a robust political system with a viable opposition, and the right of the Cambodian people to elect a government of their choosing, in which they have a legitimate voice.

We echo the words of former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who asked the Cambodian Government to "ensure full respect for human rights, including the freedoms of expression, association, and assembly".

We urge the Cambodian Government to allow its citizens to exercise their democratic rights.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

STILL NEARLY TWO MILLION DEADLY TAKATA AIRBAGS IN CARS - King

The ACCC have today released comprehensive data detailing recall rates for the dangerous airbags around the country. Now there are 1.8 million deadly Takata airbags that still need replacing as part of the compulsory recall that will run until 2020.

While Labor put pressure on the Turnbull Government to act immediately in response to the more than 20 deaths, with 1 in Australia, at the hands of Takata airbags, the Government dithered and delayed for more than 6 months before announcing a compulsory recall.

The "alpha" Takata airbags were found to have a failure rate of 1 in 2, and can turn a minor accident into a major accident.

These alpha airbags are ticking time-bombs.

Labor notes the progress made by various vehicle manufacturers in removing the faulty airbags from Australian cars, as well as the ACCC for their oversight.

But the fact remains this government took too long to address this safety issue.



SPORT

SPORTS GAME PLAN A START BUT PROOF IS IN PERFORMANCE - Farrell

The Government's plan for the future of Australian sport has been a long time coming.

A more active Australia, sporting excellence, improved safeguards for sports integrity and growth in the sport industry are worthy goals and crucial planks to building a successful sporting future for our nation.

But, more than 14 months after it was launched by former Minister for Sport Greg Hunt, the Government's game plan for Australian sport looks thin on detail.

A new name and logo for the Australian Sports Commission, now Sport Australia, along with a new hashtag and advertising campaign will not be enough get Australia active and secure our future sporting success.

Minister McKenzie says she wants the Australian Institute of Sport to return to the cutting edge of high performance support, but in the past five years under this government more than 70 sports science and medicine experts have been cut from the AIS, including 35 just this year.

The Plan highlights participation and sporting excellence as priorities, yet Sport Australia has 60 fewer high performance staff and 34 fewer participation staff than the ASC did just months ago, while at the same time corporate and marketing staff numbers have increased.

Australia does need a plan for its sporting future, but Minister McKenzie needs to explain how the AIS and Sport Australia are going to do more with less. Australians value fairness and rightly expect a level playing field for sport, free from match fixing, cheating and doping.

Labor welcomes the overdue release of the Review of Australia's Sports Integrity Arrangements and urges the government to consult with national sporting organisations and other key stakeholders as priority.



Ebony Bowden @ebonybowden · 2h
Primed Minister. I know I'm excited. bit.ly/1H9liop #auspol

TURNBULL OUT OF TOUCH WITH WHAT MATTERS TO QUEENSLANDERS

Wayne Swan

It's no secret how critical Queensland will be in determining the outcome of the next Federal Election.

Labor is vying to win eight seats off the LNP that have a margin of 4 per cent or under. Some commentators have taken the 4 per cent swing received by Labor in Longman over the weekend and applied it to these seats, suggesting a romping landslide is on the cards for us.

As someone with over four decades of Queensland elections under my belt, I don't necessarily share this view. It is clear though that Malcolm Turnbull and the LNP have major issues here in Queensland for a number of reasons.

Firstly, looking at last year's state election and the Longman by-election, it is now not uncommon for the LNP primary vote to be languishing in the 20s.

Secondly, the recent alliance struck between Turnbull and Pauline Hanson in Longman saw the majority of the LNP's primary decline transfer to One Nation.

Thirdly, the LNP's biggest problem here in Queensland is, of course, Malcolm Turnbull.

I know this is a big call, but I do think Turnbull is fast becoming Queensland's next Campbell Newman.

Think about it. Like Newman, he's taken the scalpel to Queensland's hospital funding by \$160 million. Like Newman, he arrogantly lectures and points the finger at everyone else other than himself.

He screeches that his cuts to Queensland hospitals are not real when their \$160 million cuts are there in black and white for all to see.

The fact that Turnbull is so out of touch with Queensland shouldn't be a surprise when you remember that he is a Sydney mega-millionaire investment banker who lives in a pink mansion on the harbour. Fundamentally, Turnbull is not someone who gets Queensland. You barely see him up here. He never visits regional Queensland.

There are more sightings of Migaloo the whale in Queensland than there are of the Prime Minister.

In contrast, it feels like Bill Shorten is up here nearly every other week. In the first half of this year alone, Bill Shorten has held large public town hall meetings in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rocky, Gladstone and in Brisbane.

These meetings have allowed Shorten to talk to thousands of everyday Queenslanders and hear first-hand about the issues affecting them.

Issues like insecure work, unfair labour hire practices, cuts to penalty rates, the high cost of regional airfares, affordable and quality healthcare and more.

Shorten is fair dinkum and if the Longman by-election proved one thing, it's that he's got the policies that cater to the bread and butter issues affecting working- and middle-class Australians.



Olfat Mahmoud
in Brisbane
WED 8 AUGUST
QCU Presentation and Q&A
THU 9 AUGUST
Book Launch with Senator Claire Moore

Dr Olfat Mahmoud will be in Brisbane next week!

You are invited to hear firsthand from Dr Olfat Mahmoud about the situation of Palestinian and Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Dr Mahmoud will be speaking at various events for Union Aid Abroad - APHEDA and launching her memoir – 'Tears for Tarshiha'.

In her book to be launched in her tour of Australia, Dr Mahmoud tells the story of her career as a registered nurse, peace activist and director of PHWO.

'Tears for Tarshiha' highlights Dr Mahmoud's life mission – to fulfil the dream of her parents and grandparents to return to their hometown, Tarshiha in Palestine.

Don't miss out - book today!

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 - THU 9 AUGUST: 6-8 – Avid Reader – West End
 - Book Launch with Senator Claire Moore

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Dr Olfat Mahmoud Event Information and Booking Details

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See the full schedule below or visit our Facebook page for more information on speakers, stalls and all day activities! Tickets are limited; secure yours now to avoid missing out on the best day of Feminism in

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Ticket Price- \$40.00 including Eventbrite Fee, Lunch not included

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End Illegal Asbestos Imports



NOT HERE. NOT ANYWHERE.

bit.ly/EndAsbestosImports

There has been lots of news on the *Asbestos. Not Here. Not Anywhere* campaign over the last couple of weeks. Here are a few things you should know right now:

[Petition to stop illegal asbestos imports](#)

Every week illegal asbestos imports are stopped at our border. New asbestos products are making their way into our communities and workplaces in the form of building materials, car parts, children's crayons and even home decorations. Once they inside Australia, it's hard to detect them and then hard to get them removed without strong government regulation and enforcement.

[Sign the petition to stop illegal asbestos imports](#)

In November 2017 the Senate Inquiry into *Non-Conforming Building Products delivered an interim report into illegal asbestos imports*. The recommendations include the Australian Government supporting asbestos bans internationally and increased prosecutions and penalties for illegal imports. In the end, the only way to make sure illegally imported asbestos doesn't end up in Australia each year is to make sure it's banned everywhere. The Liberal and Nationals members of the Inquiry called the recommendations 'overreach'. Though a response has been due since May, the Government is yet to respond.

We're calling on the Government to support the recommendations of the inquiry, will you join us?

You can also share the petition on Facebook or
Twitter: bit.ly/EndAsbestosImports

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with us!

CHRIS WHITING
MARK RYAN and CLAIRE MOORE

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What's petanque?

Petanque is the French version of bowls, hence the emphasis on eating drinking and sociability.

You don't have to be fit to compete, and it suits people of all ages and abilities. It's played on a gravel surface. The rules are very similar to our version of bowls, but you pitch the boule instead of rolling it. Find out more at www.petanque.org





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“The Light On The Hill”

“I try to think of the Labor movement, not as putting an extra sixpence into somebody’s pocket, or making somebody Prime Minister or Premier, but as a movement bringing something better to the people, better standards of living, greater happiness to the mass of the people. We have a great objective – *the light on the hill* – which we aim to reach by working for the betterment of mankind not only here but anywhere we may give a helping hand. If it were not for that, the Labor movement would not be worth fighting for.” – Prime Minister Ben Chifley, 1949

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Current Senate Inquiries

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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

Community Affairs References Committee

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

Economics Legislation Committee

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

Economics References Committee

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

Education and Employment References Committee

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

Environment and Communications References Committee

- **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](#)

Select Committee on the Future of Work and Workers

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