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**THIS WEEK:**

*The votes are still being counted. Malcolm Turnbull has obviously watched his Saturday night speech and realised that the grumpy, blaming approach is not statesmanlike and he has chosen a more conciliatory confident persona for the media.*

*Bill Shorten, on the other hand, has not stopped campaigning and has celebrated with candidates across the country. The media seem to have accepted that their constant championing of the LNP and secure knowledge of a coalition victory may have been a little overblown, and that they had little understanding of the electorate nor the potential intricacies created by Turnbull's double dissolution election.*

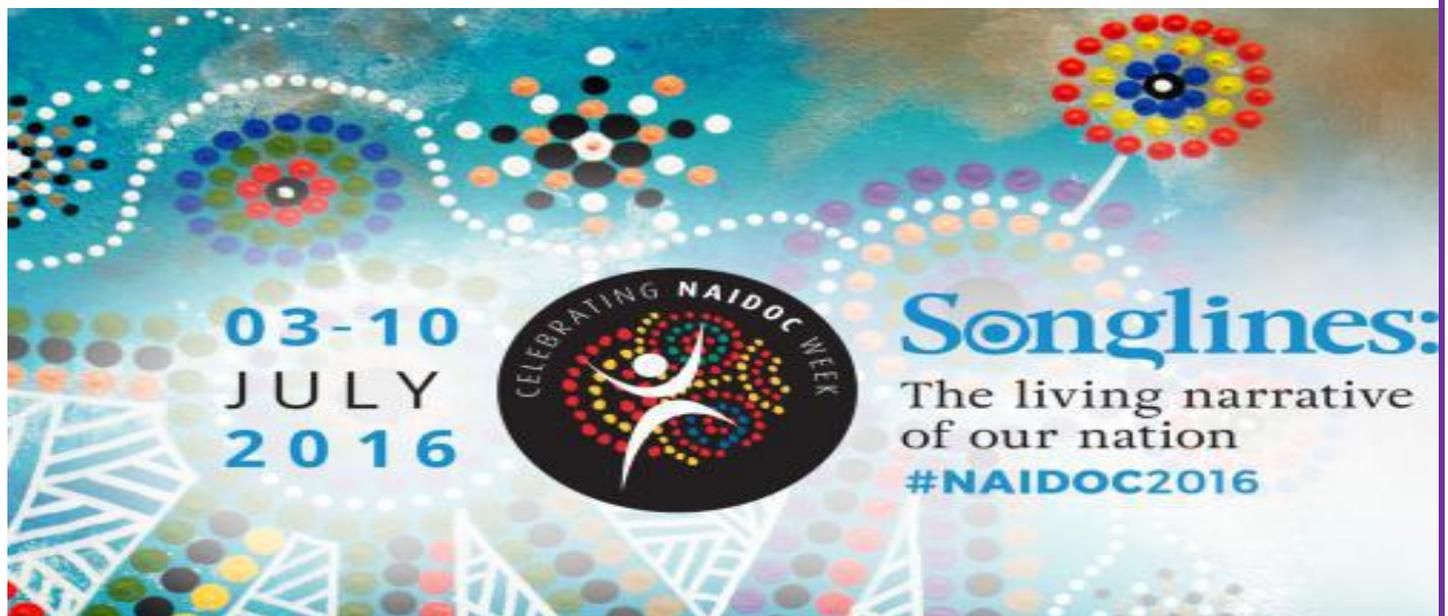
*It seems likely that there will be a narrow LNP victory and, in a few weeks' time, the declaration of a Senate which does not exactly match the Turnbull objective of a 'more reasonable chamber'.*

*While I am a woman who does try not to hold grudges, the decision by Malcolm Turnbull to have a completely unnecessary double dissolution has led to the re-emergence of ONE Nation and provided status and resourcing to Pauline Hansen and her policies. This, I must say, severely tests my forgiving nature.*

*Our campaign has engaged members and supporters across the country, and it has been a real honour to work with great candidates and teams.*

*We can rejoice with so many victories, but it is so important to acknowledge those exceptional people who have not been elected, regardless of the margins. Thank you ... every vote counts.*

**SENATOR CLAIRE MOORE, LABOR SENATOR FOR QUEENSLAND.**



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## THE ELECTION – ... and The Count goes on ...

### THE VOTE - Shorten – Doorstop - Penrith

*“At the end of the day all politicians only serve at the privilege and respect of the voters. I'm here because for me coming out to Western Sydney wasn't to get their vote on Saturday. For me, representing Australians is a 365-day-a-year task and that's what we are doing every day. We are here not because we want people's votes but we're here because we're saying thank you for their support. And we also say to people who voted for the minor parties, crossbenchers, Independents and indeed the Liberal Party: The Labor Party, we want to stand up for all people, that's why we're out here amongst the people. We are not out of touch. The worst thing I think that people think about politics is once the election is over, they don't see the people who are chasing their votes on Saturday, they can't be bothered leaving their own business-as-usual environment. I'm different. I understand that politics isn't just based in Canberra, it's based in every suburb and postcode in Australia. In terms of the banking Royal Commission, Labor will not be deterred by Business Council advertising campaigns. We will not be deterred by Malcolm Turnbull's trenchant defence of the banks. Nothing less than a Royal Commission into Australia's banking and financial services industry will suffice. And it doesn't matter even if we don't fall across the line and form a Government, but instead we are the Opposition. We would be prosecuting the case for a banking Royal Commission. Mr Turnbull should stop fighting so hard to defend the banks, he should stop talking about giving them a massive tax cut, he should join with us and the voice of the people and have a banking Royal Commission.”*



### MINORITY GOVERNMENT – Albanese - RN Breakfast

*“One of the things that the Coalition did very badly between 2010 and 2013 was to have ongoing discussions with the crossbenchers. That's why the scoreboard was 595 to nil at full time at the end of the 43rd Parliament. And we won't take that arrogant approach that the Coalition had.*

*If you compare their rhetoric about that Parliament between 2010 and 2013 that they said wasn't legitimate; they said it didn't have any authority and they behaved as complete oppositionists and were very destructive with now, they are talking about reaching out across the Parliament and their rhetoric is very different.*

*Labor will take a constructive approach. We'll be prepared to work with the cross benchers and it is important that those discussions begin immediately and whether there is a majority or minority government remains to be seen.*

*What's clear is that the government will be very vulnerable. I know what it's like to run a tight Parliament. We had 70 votes at the end of the Parliament out of 150 but we were still able to get our legislation through and I look forward to making a contribution to the strategic questions of how the Parliament runs in the next term.”*

### MINORITY GOVERNMENT & THE CHILCOT REPORT – Plibersek - ABC RN DRIVE

*PLIBERSEK: “Well I think Julia Gillard did an extraordinary job during that Parliament to keep our Parliament on track - passing close to 500 pieces of legislation during that minority government. I would put my money on Julia Gillard's negotiating skills over Malcolm Turnbull's any day of the week. I'd be very surprised if he's able to bring the same sense of progress to this hung Parliament that we see in prospect that we were able to bring to the minority government that we ran. We got through really big reforms, like the National Disability Insurance Scheme, like the Gonski school education funding reforms, and we did it in a way that, I think, we are still proud of, the fact that we achieved those great reforms.*

*We've had a fantastic result, I don't think anybody expected us to do as well as we've done, with this number of seats, and really, the only person here who is worried about his leadership is Malcolm Turnbull. I mean, you already see Cory Bernardi threatening to start a party of his own, you've got Andrew Hastie in the west and the Tasmanian MPs who were defeated complaining about the character of the national campaign, the fact that the big business tax cut didn't resonate with Australians.*

*KARVELAS: What sort of opposition will you be?*

*PLIBERSEK: “We'll always put the interests of Australia first, we'll always be a responsible opposition. We are an alternate government, we'll behave like one. We've got more than 100 positive policies out there, they're fully costed; anybody can see what we stand for. During the last Parliament there were a number of times when we supported the government on things that we believed were in the national interest, and there were other times when we opposed. We did that based on our values, the principles that we always hold dear. We are a party that is about a strong economy and a fair society and when the Government proposes things that strengthen our economy, make our society fairer, we're prepared to work with them on that, and have been over the last three years. If they do things that are contrary to those aims and to the values that we hold, then we'll oppose them. “*

*KARVELAS: Let's get to the Chilcot Report just before I let you go, on the UK's involvement in the Iraq War. John Howard held a media conference he said that there was no lie in intelligence, just mistaken intelligence. What do you make of his response?*

*PLIBERSEK: “I think it was clearly the wrong thing to do. It was clearly the wrong thing to do, and this report, the Chilcot Report, lays out in a great amount of detail the flaws with the intelligence - the claims about weapons of mass destruction - but it also lays out something else that Labor said at the time, which is that weapons inspectors should have been given proper time to complete their work; that the Security Council should have authorised any activity. I mean, there were several complaints that Labor made at the time in 2003, reasons that we opposed the war at the time, we believed that the intelligence was flawed. That information was available at the time - there were contested accounts then, and it is not right of former Prime Minister Howard to pretend that there was not alternative information available at the time - there was. And secondly, the weapons inspectors hadn't been given adequate time, sanctions had not been given any opportunity to work, there were alternatives to invasion that were not explored that should have been explored. Thirdly, the reasons for the invasion changed over time: at first it was an imminent threat of chemical weapons, or biological weapons. When that reason was found to be flawed, it became about Sadaam Hussein the Dictator. That was a change about midway through the operation that was never justified or explained at the time, and lastly, this Chilcot Report points to something that we also said at the time, which was that the day after scenario - the planning for after the invasion - was profoundly inadequate. We - Australia, UK, US - won a very swift military victory that led to 10 years of instability, of internecine fighting, of a power vacuum that gave rise to organisations like Al Qaeda in Iraq, that of course has morphed into Daesh, or IS. It was the wrong thing to do, for the wrong reasons.”*

## **MINORITY GOVERNMENT - Plibersek - ABC CAPITOL HILL**

*"I think we're very clear that we have worked cooperatively with the Government on a number of important issues during this last term of government. Obviously the things that we co-operate on don't get as much coverage as the things that we disagree on. That's a feature on the way our media environment operates. But for example we had a lot of good co-operation on some of the national security and intelligence laws and resourcing of our agencies. That's just one example where the, our changes to legislation proposed by the Government were agreed by the Government in recognition that our changes were only improving what they had proposed in the first instance. We believe that there is, of course, a desire amongst the Australian people to see real progress and co-operation and I think Labor's the best placed party to offer that. The Liberals are tearing themselves apart. We're already hearing yesterday and today, the right wing of the Liberal Party coming after Malcolm Turnbull and coming after Julie Bishop. The internal recriminations have been absolutely exploding."*

## **HEALTHCARE - Shorten – Doorstop, Tasmania**

*"Mr Turnbull made an appearance yesterday and he said that Australians don't trust him with Medicare. He's right. What he also doesn't understand is that Australians know that actions speak louder than words. So yesterday when Mr Turnbull was talking all about health care, he refused to rescind or reverse any of his harsh and harmful cuts to Medicare and to hospitals. Malcolm Turnbull is still out of touch. Malcolm Turnbull still doesn't get it. Today his Treasurer Scott Morrison popped up and he said that the voters, he was blaming the voters, they got it wrong. The voters today I met in the mall here and through the conversation I had with our Tasmanian Labor representatives, the voters do want to see Medicare protected. They don't want the harsh cuts. If Mr Turnbull wants to be trusted on Medicare he needs to understand that Australians believe that actions speak louder than words and yet yesterday he didn't commit to reverse a single one of his cuts. Labor will keep fighting to protect Medicare against the harsh cuts of Mr Turnbull and his Liberal team"*



JOURNALIST: Do you concede that you've fallen short based on the current polling at the moment and Labor won't be able to form Government?

SHORTEN: *"Well if Mr Turnbull does scrape home, his problems have only just begun. In the House of Representatives, he'll be hostage to Mr Abbott and the right wing of the Liberal Party. And in the Senate he'll be hostage to Senator Hanson elect and other right wing senators in the Senate. We see talk about splits in the Liberal Party ranks. Every day we see backgrounding against Mr Turnbull, expressions of a lack of confidence in his leadership. Labor will persist, win lose or draw with our positive agenda. Our positive agenda to protect Medicare against the savage cuts to the Government, and to stand up for Gonski education principles, of needs-based funding and of course to take real action on climate change and prioritise Australian jobs.*

*What we say to Australians who put their trust in large numbers to Labor since the last election, is we will stick to our positive policies and our positive platform. We're determined to make the 45th Parliament work. We're very committed of course to our platform of saving and defending Medicare against harsh and unreasonable cuts, to prioritising the funding for our hospitals, to making sure our schools and TAFE and universities are properly funded, to standing up for Australian jobs and cracking down on rorts and the visa system. Labor has a positive platform and we've been given a mandate by an increased amount of Australian support to stand up for our positive policies."*

JOURNALIST: When do you believe Mr Turnbull will call the snap election that you warned of yesterday?

SHORTEN: *"Mr Turnbull will say and do anything to keep in power. If he scrapes home with a one-seat majority, let's see how he goes governing. The problem is he has a mandate for absolutely nothing. Australians don't support his Budget and his cuts to health care. Australians don't support his corporate tax cuts and indeed it would appear that quite a lot of the Liberal Party don't even support their leader. .... It's really up to the stability of the Liberal Party. I've watched Malcolm Turnbull very closely since he became Prime Minister. I think I and Australians, and indeed many of his Liberal colleagues realise that Malcolm Turnbull only worries about Malcolm Turnbull - that's how come they've lost so many of their Liberal colleagues. I know that there is white hot anger in the Liberal ranks against Mr Turnbull and the campaign he's conducted. If he scrapes home, his problems have only just begun.*

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## **AAA CREDIT RATING - Bowen – Press Conference – Sydney**

*"Now of course, during the recent election campaign, on behalf of the Labor Party, I warned the AAA credit rating was under real pressure. I said that no matter who was receiving the incoming Treasurer's briefing, it would contain the same information, and that action was needed to deal with the AAA credit rating. Of course, during the election campaign we also pointed out that the Government's Budget projections were based on fantasy, that the iron ore price was highly heroic, that the assumptions on wages and nominal growth were highly optimistic and of course Standard & Poor's have made the same observations today in their report. They say, and I quote, "We are more pessimistic about the central Government's revenue outlook than the Government was in the latest Budget projections." That is exactly what the Labor Party was pointing out consistently during the recent election campaign.*

*And of course what we see today is Standard & Poor's calling out the Liberal National Government for three years of fiscal failure and passing a vote of no confidence in this Government's ability to deal with the Budget situation. Of course, the Liberal and National Parties said there was a budget emergency and that they would be the party to fix it and of course what*

we've seen is three years of policy missteps, false starts and missed opportunities, particularly since Malcolm Turnbull and Scott Morrison took the reins we've seen a lack of strategy and a lack of coherence in their economic approach. The Labor Party, with whether in Government or Opposition, has always acted in the national interest. We've always, where we can, stood up for our values and opposed what we needed to oppose but work with the Government of the day on what we can work with and that will continue and we'll continue to work with other parties across the parliament regardless of the election result. But we'll also continue to lead the policy debate. We'll also continue to do what the Government and the Treasurer refuses to do and point out the difficult decisions are necessary on things like negative gearing and capital gains tax."

### **THE ELECTION & LEADERSHIP - LEIGH – SKY AGENDA**

GILBERT: Did it frustrate you though that there was talk of Labor leadership on the Sunday? Clearly Mr Albanese was asked yesterday do you intend to challenge and he said no. So it has been shut down now, but the fact that that emerged on Sunday must have been frustrating given how Bill Shorten has proved so many people wrong in his performance in this election?

LEIGH: "Kieran I think the only problem that Bill Shorten is going to have when he walks into the next room of Labor supporters is getting the applause to die down so he can speak. He has performed an extraordinary feat. It's like landing Juno on Jupiter what he has managed to pull off over the last three years. Getting us to work as a united team, putting the positive policies up and showing that what Australians really want is a political party with a plan rather than with a three word slogan.

GILBERT: But he's still Opposition Leader isn't he and most likely to be? The most likely scenario is now that Malcolm Turnbull is still Prime Minister come next week and Bill Shorten for all the good performance is still the Opposition Leader, that's the bottom line?

LEIGH: "That's the most likely scenario, you're quite right Kieran. We are trying to pull off something that hasn't been done in 85 years in Australia, not since 1931 has a first term Federal Government been knocked off. We're still a chance of doing that and that comes down in large measure to Bill Shorten's leadership.

I think we've got some big challenges, Kieran. GDP has grown but that's partly because GDP isn't divided by population. We have a fast growing population. Living standards per person have been falling for the last few years. Inequality is at a 75 year high, wage growth at a 35 year low, home ownership at a 60 year low. There's a range of economic indicators in Australia that do trouble me. And I think require bipartisan efforts in order to address them."

### **S&P GLOBAL RATING PLACING AUSTRALIA'S TRIPLE-A CREDIT RATING ON NEGATIVE WATCH - BOWEN**



The latest credit rating update from S&P Global Rating is sombre reading for the nation. S&P\* calls out the Government on three years of fiscal failure, based on unrealistic Budget revenue forecasts and savings measures that will never pass the Parliament. S&P makes it clear that it doesn't have much faith in the Government's Budget revenue forecasts – a point Labor has consistently made since the Budget in May.

**"We are more pessimistic about the central government's revenue outlook than the government was in its latest budget projections. S&P Global Ratings projects iron ore prices to be close to US\$20 per metric ton, lower than the level assumed in the government's budget in the remainder of calendar 2016 and in 2017" [page 3]**

S&P also notes that the Government continues to prop up its deficits forecasts with 'zombie measures' (some that stretch back to 2014) – a point Labor has consistently made for a long time now.

**"In addition, there remain government savings decisions, equivalent to 0.1%-0.2% of GDP each year, to which the parliament so far has not assented, and may continue to block post-election" [page 3]**

The political situation the country finds itself in, as alluded to by S&P, is the responsibility of Malcolm Turnbull alone. Australia's credit rating is now on negative watch because Malcolm Turnbull put his self-interest ahead of the national interest. We've seen that at every stage through:

- the Prime Minister and Treasurer misfire time and time again over tax reform over the last year;
- the Treasurer ignoring the warning from Moody's on 14 April this year about the need for revenue measures;
- the Government repeatedly ignore warnings from market economists and even the Secretaries of the Departments of Treasury and Finance about the need for revenue measures.

It was Mr Turnbull who decided to urgently recall Parliament, to push Senate voting reforms through, and to call a double dissolution election that has seen the result we face now, including an expanded crossbench in the Senate. The S&P rating update reaffirms that now is not the time for a \$50 billion ram raid on the Budget courtesy of the Government's ten year company tax cuts. S&P also notes the slippage in the Government's own Budget deficit forecasts:

**"...at the central government level, budget deficits have been little changed over the three years to fiscal year 2016." [Page 3]**

**"The negative outlook on Australia reflects our view that prospects for improvements in budgetary performance have weakened following the recent election outcome" [page 5]**

**"Given the outcome of the July 2, 2016, double-dissolution election, in which neither of the traditional governing parties may command a majority in either house, we believe fiscal consolidation may be further postponed" [page 2-3]**

This is a government that has failed to make any dent into the deficit over three years and has simply failed to put forward a fair plan that is palatable to the Parliament. The Government has simply stood by and watched, choosing to keep on the books, \$30 billion in zombie measures that will never pass the Parliament (as S&P states today), while attacking Labor who has been the only major party to acknowledge the revenue problems we face in this country.

Labor is calling on the Government, consistent with the advice of rating agencies, CEDA, the Grattan Institute, etc., to implement reforms to negative gearing and the capital gains tax discount. These are revenue measures that Labor put on the table, in good faith, at the beginning of the year.

*[\*S&P – Standard & Poor's, one of the 'Big Three', along with Moody's [Investors Service] (80%) and Fitch Ratings (15%) who control 95% of the ratings business]*

## **ASIC helps Indigenous consumers to 'take a minute with their money'**

To mark NAIDOC Week (3-10 July 2016), ASIC has released a new series of videos designed to help Indigenous consumers with key money decisions. They encourage people to take time to think things over and walk away from high pressure sales situations.

The new videos focus on three key financial topics reflecting issues identified by ASIC that impact many Indigenous consumers. The topics are:

**Motor vehicle finance, how to get the best deal on a car and your loan; Consumer leases, renting items for your home and; Book up, how to manage your store account or tab.**

Using the theme of '*Take a minute with your money*', the videos deliver financial tips in an engaging manner through the characters of Aunty B and Uncle Bob, who represent Indigenous elders. They guide consumers through the key financial decisions and point out the pitfalls to help people avoid being pressured into purchasing unnecessary items or signing up to expensive contracts.

ASIC engaged an Indigenous creative agency to produce the new resources, including testing them with Indigenous consumers in remote and regional Australia, to ensure their relevance and effectiveness.

**'ASIC is committed to supporting Indigenous Australians make informed financial choices and avoid being ripped off by providing impartial and tailored financial literacy resources',** ASIC Commissioner Cathie Armour said.

**'These new resources also support and complement ASIC's ongoing surveillance and enforcement work to identify and stop financial misconduct affecting Indigenous consumers, including cracking down on responsible lending and credit laws.'**

ASIC will share the resources with Indigenous networks and financial counsellors working with Indigenous people, to assist and support the education work they conduct in remote and regional communities addressing financial misconduct. Aaron Davis, CEO of the Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network welcomed the new resources.

**'Video and social media are a great way to get key financial product messages out to Indigenous consumers. ICAN will incorporate these videos into our own financial literacy programs and social media strategies over the coming year',** Mr Davis said.

Lynda Edwards, Convenor, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Steering Group for Financial Counselling Australia said the video animations would be an important new tool to improve the accessibility and distribution of the financial information shared by counsellors with their clients.

**'Aunty B is a great character who really brings these financial issues to life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consumers. She's warm and engaging and I think many clients will really relate to the animations. I think the videos will be a great resource for both financial capability workers and financial counsellors working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consumers – they'll really help our mob understand how to avoid being ripped off',** Ms Edwards said.

To view the videos and see ASIC's financial tips for Indigenous consumers visit ASIC's [MoneySmart](#) website.

### **BACKGROUND**

ASIC is the Australian Government agency responsible for financial literacy, consistent with its strategic priority to promote confidence and trust in the financial system. Financial literacy is about having the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours to make good financial decisions. ASIC leads and coordinates the National Financial Literacy Strategy, which sets out a national framework for financial literacy work in Australia. Indigenous Australians are identified as one of a number of priority audiences in the National Strategy.

ASIC's Indigenous Outreach Program (IOP) supports Indigenous consumers to be confident when making financial decisions and dealing with financial services providers by supporting the work of financial capability workers and financial counsellors. ASIC offers a range of impartial and tailored consumer education resources for Indigenous Australians available on ASIC's MoneySmart website.

In 2015, ASIC's IOP commissioned a project<sup>[1]</sup> to understand the financial needs of Indigenous consumers, including those in remote and regional communities, and identify the gaps in the available financial literacy resources to support good financial practices. The project identified the three financial topics chosen for the animations.

ASIC's IOP works to address issues of financial misconduct by gathering intelligence about financial services providers engaging in misconduct. ASIC investigates reports of financial misconduct against financial services providers and takes regulatory action when appropriate. ASIC's crackdown on responsible lending and credit laws has seen action taken against firms that failed to observe their obligations, including:

Amazing Rentals (refer: 15-141MR) - Make It Mine Pty Ltd (refer: 15-093MR) - Nobby's General Mintabie Store (refer: 14-119MR) - Mr Rental Port Augusta (refer: 13-288MR) - Mobile Rentals (refer: 13-245MR) - ZaaM Rentals (refer: 13-235MR) - Channic and Cash Brokers (refer: 13-228MR) - Ray Rentals (refer: 13-207MR).

ASIC offers a dedicated help line to assist Indigenous consumers with financial issues: (Phone 1300 365 957).

## INDIGENOUS SCIENCE SUMMER SCHOOL



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**Applications are now open for the ASSETS (Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Science and Technology) program.**

ASSETS is part of a joint project by CSIRO and [BHP Billiton Foundation](#) which **gives 105 Indigenous Year 10 students the opportunity to participate in an all-expenses paid nine-day summer school held in Townsville, and an ongoing leadership and support program as they complete Years 11 and 12.**

ASSETS coordinator Amanda Baker said the summer schools give students the opportunity to connect with world leading scientists and STEM professionals from across the country, while completing their own Inquiry-based science project.

During the 2015/16 summer schools students worked with scientists from CSIRO, the University of Newcastle, James Cook University and the University of Adelaide," she said. "The summer schools also have strong cultural and personal development components, with students developing networks and finding out about study and career pathways. The academic focus varies in each location and during the upcoming summer schools students will be involved in everything from building sensors to monitoring wildlife habitats, to investigating what causes spikes in blood pressure and learning about traditional astronomy.

We're excited to be heading back to Townsville, Newcastle and Adelaide this summer, and look forward to engaging with and learning alongside this year's participants.

**APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN NOW AND CLOSE JULY 31 2016.**

2016/17 SUMMER SCHOOL DATES - TOWNSVILLE - 12-20 DECEMBER 2016

For more information, visit [www.csiro.au/indigenous-ASSETS](http://www.csiro.au/indigenous-ASSETS)

### **PEST ALERT - VARROA MITES FOUND IN TOWNSVILLE PORT - AUSVEG**

**An Asian honey bee hive has been found at the port in Townsville, Queensland, with scientific analysis of the bees confirming that two varroa mites (*Varroa jacobsoni*) were present on two of the bees.** The national Consultative Committee on Emergency Plant Pests, which provides technical and scientific advice in response to exotic plant pest and disease outbreaks, has been convened to discuss required response activities for *Varroa jacobsoni* due to the potential economic impact of an outbreak.

A check of the surrounding area has found no further Asian honey bees or their hives and traps, and sentinel hives that are already in place around the port as part of the National Bee Pest Surveillance Program have not collected any exotic bees or mite pests over the past two years.

"Australia has well-established arrangements in place for responding to exotic pests such as varroa. This is a nationally significant pest that will see all efforts put in place to prevent it from establishing in Australia," said AUSVEG National Manager – Scientific Affairs Dr Jessica Lye.

"Professional and amateur bee keepers need to be vigilant in inspecting their hives for signs of varroa mite and other exotic pests. It is vital that any suspected sightings of these pests are reported to state or territory's department of agriculture or biosecurity early so that all measures can be taken to ensure they are dealt with in a timely and effective manner."

The Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is leading the response and is implementing a quarantine and surveillance program within a 10km radius of the Townsville port.

"The local community and bee keepers also have a critical role in containing and reporting bee hives and feral bee populations within a 10km area of the Townsville port," said Australian Honey Bee Industry Council Executive Director Trevor Weatherhead.

"It is also important that people working at seaports and around imported goods be vigilant to pests and animals that are unusual, and may have come in with imported cargo."

"The Australian honey bee industry has been proactive and taken significant preparedness steps to safeguard Australia from the risk of varroa mite, including raising their EPPR levy, expanding the Sentinel Hive scheme and employing honey bee biosecurity officers more recently," said Dr Lye.



"It is currently believed that these forms of varroa mites do not readily transfer between host species – that is, if the mite is found on Asian honey bees, it does not readily move to European honey bees," said Mr Weatherhead.

"While there are no expected domestic or international trade issues at this time, it is important that all industry stakeholders work together to ensure rigorous surveillance of varroa is maintained."

## **PETITION: HELP A FELLOW WORKER GET JUSTICE!**



The CFMEU (NSW Branch) has been contacted by Ms Melinda Larriera, she is the daughter of a long standing, proud member of the CFMEU. Her father has been a proud member of the union for more than 30 years. She has contacted the union out of desperation for the plight of her husband, Manuel, who was seriously injured in a motor vehicle accident through no fault of his own after a car ploughed into him that was going 100km/hour.

He miraculously survived, but it has left him with life-long serious injuries. He was 29 years of age at the time and his life has been shattered.

*You would think that as there was insurance he would be looked after, but since the accident Manuel and Melinda have been involved in a CTP Insurance Claim and legal proceedings with Allianz Insurance that despite having multiple rulings in their favour, by both the State Insurance Regulatory Authority AND the Supreme Court, the claim is yet to be finalised thanks to Allianz's multiple appeals and tireless delay tactics. The insurance company's unjustified appeals continue.*

The family are desperate to have their claim resolved. The CFMEU and their members know what it's like to deal with insurance companies that don't look after injured workers. Manuel's plight is a disgrace that benefits only the lawyers and the insurance company and causes misery to ordinary people like Melinda and Manuel.

*They have started a petition to Allianz to end the delay on settlement of the claim, and are seeking all the help they can get in terms of exposure of their story, and as many signatures as possible.*

It's already been signed by 8000 people, which is an incredible effort, they still have a long way to go. Click onto the link to the petition and please sign it [www.change.org/allianz](http://www.change.org/allianz)

The story was aired on A Current Affair on 29th June 2016 <http://aca.nine.com.au/article/9135794/compensation-fight>

**THE CFMEU URGES YOU TO SIGN THIS PETITION ALL TOO OFTEN MAY PEOPLE FIND THEMSELVES WITHOUT A VOICE AND VICTIMS TO CORPORATE TREACHERY LETS DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP MANUEL AND MELINDA GET THE COMPENSATION THEY ARE ENTITLED TO**

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