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THE MACKELLAR MATTERS

This Budget marks a **turning point for fairness** in Australia, taking long overdue steps to **reform housing tax concessions** that have locked too many young people and essential workers out of home ownership. It is a significant win for intergenerational equity because every Australian deserves a fair shot at owning a home.

I've long called for stronger support for small business, so I welcome key measures including making the **instant asset write-off permanent**, **cutting red tape** and the introduction of **loss 'carry back' tax measures** for companies with turnover less than \$1 billion annually to encourage **investment and innovation in business**.

However, there are concerns about the impact of the Capital Gains Tax (CGT) changes on start-ups and small businesses. The Government has committed to consulting and addressing this issue, and I will be listening to businesses in Mackellar to ensure innovation and entrepreneurship continues to be supported in Australia.

As expected, there were no **new measures to properly tax our gas exports**. Yet again, big multinational corporations have been put ahead of everyday Aussies. At the same time, it is deeply disappointing that \$46 billion in fossil fuel subsidies remain while there is so little meaningful investment in nature protection or climate adaptation and mitigation.

In Arts and Culture, there are modest measures for Creative Australia, the Australian National Maritime Museum, the National Film and Sound Archive and funding for ongoing initiatives. However, there is no substantial funding for new initiatives and Screen Australia will receive a slight decrease from last year's Budget.

Lastly, while the Budget spend on health continues to balloon (reaching over \$220 billion on hospitals alone this Budget), once again there is **very little investment in preventive health**.

The Big Picture

Hits

- Housing taxation reform to make access to housing fairer by replacing the 50% CGT discount with inflation-adjusted indexation and limiting negative gearing to new builds only from July 2027
- Greater support for business with the instant asset write-off made permanent, cutting red tape and addressing the skills shortage through migration settings
- 5000 more aged care beds to help reduce bed block
- \$6.6 million to strengthen e-bike safety standards

Misses

- Very little investment in the protection of nature
- \$46 billion in fossil fuel subsidies over the next 4 years
- Little investment in preventive health despite ballooning hospital and healthcare costs
- No investment to reduce plastic pollution

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Housing

Reform of CGT and negative gearing will make access to home ownership fairer, leveling the playing field for young people and families. This is an important step toward greater intergenerational equity and a fairer future. It is more than just a tax measure - it is about

the type of society and future we want to create. The pre-Budget housing tax concessions will be retained for new builds to drive supply.

Hits	Misses
Reform of housing taxation to make access to housing fairer for first home buyers by: • Replacing the 50% CGT discount with inflation-adjusted indexation • Negative gearing to be limited to new builds from July 2027 • \$2 billion for infrastructure to boost new housing supply	• No dedicated Homelessness Prevention Fund and very little investment to prevent youth homelessness (only \$59.4 million over four years)

Business and the Economy

I welcome the suite of measures to better support small business to grow and innovate, in particular, making the instant asset write-off permanent. This has long been called for by the sector and will give small business the certainty they need to plan ahead and invest with confidence. However, the current \$20,000 threshold for this measure is too low in today's economy; costs have risen significantly and increasing the cap would better reflect real-world prices.

Hits	Misses
• \$20,000 instant asset write off to be made permanent from 1 July 2026 • Measures to cut red tape for business • Tax measures to encourage investment and innovation with business losses able to be refunded for start-ups in their first two years, and a two-year loss carry back available for companies with less than \$1 billion annual turnover - from 1 July 2028 • \$85.2 million to address the workforce skills shortages by better recognition of migrant skills	• No \$20,000 tax-free threshold for small businesses • No exemption for small business and start-ups from the CGT reform

No Tax for Our Gas Exports

We've been dudded once again when it comes to the sale of our gas overseas. Australians around the country are rightly angry that multinational gas companies will continue to make extraordinary profits from our resources while families struggle with cost-of-living pressures. Yet again, big multinational corporations have been put ahead of everyday Aussies. I will continue to call for a fair gas export tax.

Cost of Living

Whilst cost-of-living measures were modest for working Australians, the steps to simplify tax returns will be welcome relief for families and small businesses.

Hits

- \$250 tax offset for working Australians, ongoing from July 2027
- \$1,000 receipt-free instant tax deduction for work related expenses

Climate Change and the Environment

The words 'nature' and 'climate' were entirely absent from the Treasurer's Budget speech, with minimal funding directed toward environmental protection or climate resilience and adaptation. At a time when Australia faces a deepening biodiversity and extinction crisis, and as climate change approaches a critical tipping point, this is profoundly disappointing and short-sighted.

There are a number of funding initiatives for carbon offset markets, but more detail is needed to ensure they address long-standing integrity issues in this space.

Hits

- \$7.4 billion for the continuation of investment in cheaper home batteries program
- \$250 million for the creation of the National Environmental Protection Agency

Misses

- \$47 billion in fossil fuel subsidies over the next four years, through the fuel tax credit scheme
- \$2.2 billion removed from climate programs including the Battery Breakthrough and Solar Sunshot initiatives
- No funding to make producers responsible for reducing plastic waste
- Saving our native species and marine park protections underfunded

Energy, Technology and Transport

Whilst it makes sense for the Fringe Benefit Tax exemption to be removed from luxury electric vehicles, it is disappointing that these savings are not being reinvested back into the electrification of transport by rolling out more public chargers and making it easier for renters and those who live in apartments to charge at home.

Hits

- \$6.6m to strengthen Australia’s e-bikes safety standards, including an immediate focus on introducing nationally consistent requirements
- 20% of gas exports to be reserved for domestic use
- Fuel security measures including, an increase to Australia’s minimum stockholding obligation to 50 days for diesel
- \$40 million to electrify Australia Post vehicles
- \$387 million for the CSIRO over four years

Misses

- No new tax on the export of our gas
- Under-investment in electric vehicle infrastructure, despite winding back the Fringe Benefit Exemption
- Minimal investment in the Active Transport Fund, with just \$50 million a year for 10 years

Health, Ageing and the NDIS

There has been record funding for hospitals (over \$220 billion). Investment in the Medical Research Future Fund to increase annual disbursements to \$1 billion per year will help boost medical research and innovation. However, the Budget spend on health

continues to balloon every year, and once again, there is very little investment in preventive health.

Whilst the Government has allocated \$1.7 billion over five years for NDIS reform, I know many participants are very concerned about what the impending changes will mean for them. It is critical that the Government ensures participants have adequate support.

- \$2 billion to deliver Thriving Kids program
- \$200 million to establish an Inclusive Communities Fund for social and community participation activities and individual capacity building

Hits

Misses

- \$3 billion for more aged care beds to reduce bed block and make Support at Home personal care services free
 - \$1.8 billion to fund Medicare Urgent Care Clinics on an ongoing basis
 - \$590 million to improve access to medicines on the PBS
 - \$20.3 million to combat illicit tobacco market
 - \$508 million to increase disbursements from the MRFF to \$1billion/year from 2030
- Little investment in health prevention
 - No increase to Medicare rebates to make longer GP consultations more affordable
 - No expansion of Commonwealth Prac Payments for allied health or medical students

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