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Continuing the work in times of global uncertainty

The war in Iran and its global impacts are top of mind for most in our community and across the world.

The combination of surging fuel prices, valid fears about the shock to global supply chains and an interest rate rise is making life tough for many households in Curtin.

Even if the war finishes soon, we will all be affected in the months to come by the impacts of increased fuel prices, reduced fertiliser supply to the agricultural sector and increased freight costs across industries.

Last month, I met with the Prime Minster and the Energy Minister about the Middle East conflict and Australia's **fuel security.** I will continue to scrutinise the Government's actions to address this crisis and call for transparency and oversight to ensure public money is used responsibly in a time of inflationary pressures.

This year, I've kept up the pressure on the Government to deliver a budget that tackles **tax reform** and **generational inequality** because young people are finding it tough to buy and rent in the ongoing **housing crisis**.

I've pushed for **gambling reform** because every day of inaction, Australians lose another $87 million to predatory gambling companies which has serious financial, emotional and social impacts.

I've put foward a legislated framework for automated decision-making to ensure fairness in **NDIS** and **aged care assessments** and prevent a repeat of **Robodebt**.

I'm working with our community to **decarbonise and future-proof our economy**, push for a community-first approach to **AI safety**, and improve **government accountability and transparency**.

As your Independent MP, I am determined, optimistic and ambitious about what we can achieve together.

Stay safe. Be kind.

Kate

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STAYING CONNECTED

COMMUNITY FORUM

Wednesday 22 April 2026

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Albion Hotel
535 Stirling Highway, Cottesloe

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To be regularly updated on how I'm working for you in Curtin and Canberra, and to learn about upcoming events, please sign up to my digital newsletter! It's emailed to your inbox in the final week of each month.

I also have a Grants Newsletter about upcoming funding opportunities, get in touch to be added to the mailing list.

MY DOOR IS OPEN

My team and I are always here to help you and your family with any Federal issues, like NDIS, aged care, or visa issues. Feel free to phone, email or drop past my office.
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TAX REFORM

Keeping tax on the agenda ahead of the budget

I've been speaking in Parliament and with you about tax reform since I was elected in 2022.

As we approach the May budget, I'm pleased to see reforms to **Capital Gains Tax** and **Negative Gearing** being taking seriously. Reforming these tax incentives would make our housing market fairer for first home buyers.

The federal budget is also an opportunity to fix the way we tax gas. This could be through a **windfall profits tax** because of the inflated prices due to the Iran war or reforming the **PRRT** to ensure we get better returns from companies that sell our gas.

Building safety into automated decision-making

AI and automated-decision making (ADM) present opportunities for government efficiency and productivity but we need guardrails.

Robodebt is a tragic reminder of what happens when a culture of compliance replaces a culture of integrity. Currently, there is nothing preventing the use of ADM from causing a repeat of Robodebt.

Based on expert advice and a survey of 830 Curtin residents, I have released a policy paper, **Fairer and Faster Government Decisions: Safeguards for ADM in government.** It sets out a framework and safeguards for ADM in government. You can download a copy of this paper here:

SAFER TECHNOLOGY

GAMBLING REFORM

Gambling: 1000 days of Government inaction

More than 1000 days since the Murphy report was delivered, the Government has not implemented any of the report's 31 recommendations.

Last month, I introduced a **private member's bill to Stop the Gambling Ads**, which seeks to phase in a complete ban on online gambling ads over a three-year period. Children and young people should not be groomed to gamble as they watch their favourite sports.

I also hosted an event for parliamentarians last week to hear from Deakin University and Headspace about the ways gambling companies are now targeting women and young people.

I've been fighting for gambling reform for almost three years, and I will continue to hold the Government's feet to the fire.

Calling out Government waste, inaction and delay

Since 2022, the Government has failed to respond on time to more than 50 completed parliamentary inquiries, on issues such as gambling reform, energy security and migration.

The Government is ignoring Parliament's best work. Parliamentary inquiries bring politicians from across the political spectrum to consider complex issues and develop recommendations grounded in expert advice. Right now, inquiries are being used by the Government to park difficult issues.

This important work must not end up in the "too hard basket" - it must lead to meaningful action. Since drawing attention to this issue, 10 responses have been tabled (and counting!). I'll be pushing until all responses are provided.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

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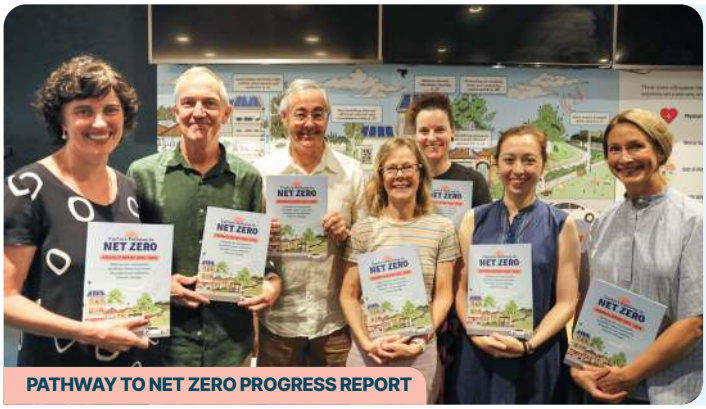

PATHWAY TO NET ZERO PROGRESS REPORT

Progress update on Curtin's Pathway to Net Zero

In February 2024, I published Curtin's Pathway to Net Zero to provide a clear vision to reduce our carbon emissions in our community.

Two years on, joined by 80 community members, I launched a Progress Report assessing federal, state and local government actions – or inaction – over this time. This is a scorecard across five key areas: electricity, buildings, transport, urban greening and waste.

To find out more, pick up a copy of the Report from my office or scan the QR code to download it online.

Information integrity in an era of misinformation and deepfakes

More than 120 people joined Dr Catherine Williams, Executive Director of the Centre of Public Integrity, and me, to discuss: who do you trust and what can you believe?

Knowledge institutions and sources we rely on for reliable, evidence-based information must be protected from misuse of AI, biased algorithms, and worsening government transparency, so we can make informed, sound decisions.

This is an evolving area and I'm pushing government on a Digital Duty of Care to put the responsibility for online safety on tech platforms and improve media and digital literacy for all Australians.

INFORMATION INTEGRITY

AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

Improving fairness in university education

I surveyed university students about the Job Ready Graduates (JRG) scheme to build evidence for a fairer higher education funding model.

In 2021, the Morrison Government introduced the JRG scheme which halved the cost of STEM, nursing, and teaching degrees while doubling the cost of many humanities and social sciences degrees. This failed to persuade students to change what they studied- it just burdened some with more debt.

I'm also advocating for the expansion of the Prac Payment scheme to include medical and allied heath students. We must support fairer pathways into higher education for all students, not just those who can afford it.

Reducing plastic ending up as landfill

Australians use more than 1.3 million tonnes of plastic packaging each year, and more than one million tonnes end up as landfill or litter.

If we want to fix plastic pollution, we must control it at its source. Households and local councils can't keep footing the clean-up bill, because year-on-year these costs are growing. I'm pushing for urgent national packaging reform that shifts responsibility for plastic packaging waste from individuals to producers.

An Extended Producer Responsibility scheme would encourage less plastic, better design, and stronger reuse and recycling systems, so communities aren't left dealing with the waste.

REDUCING WASTE

We acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of this land and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

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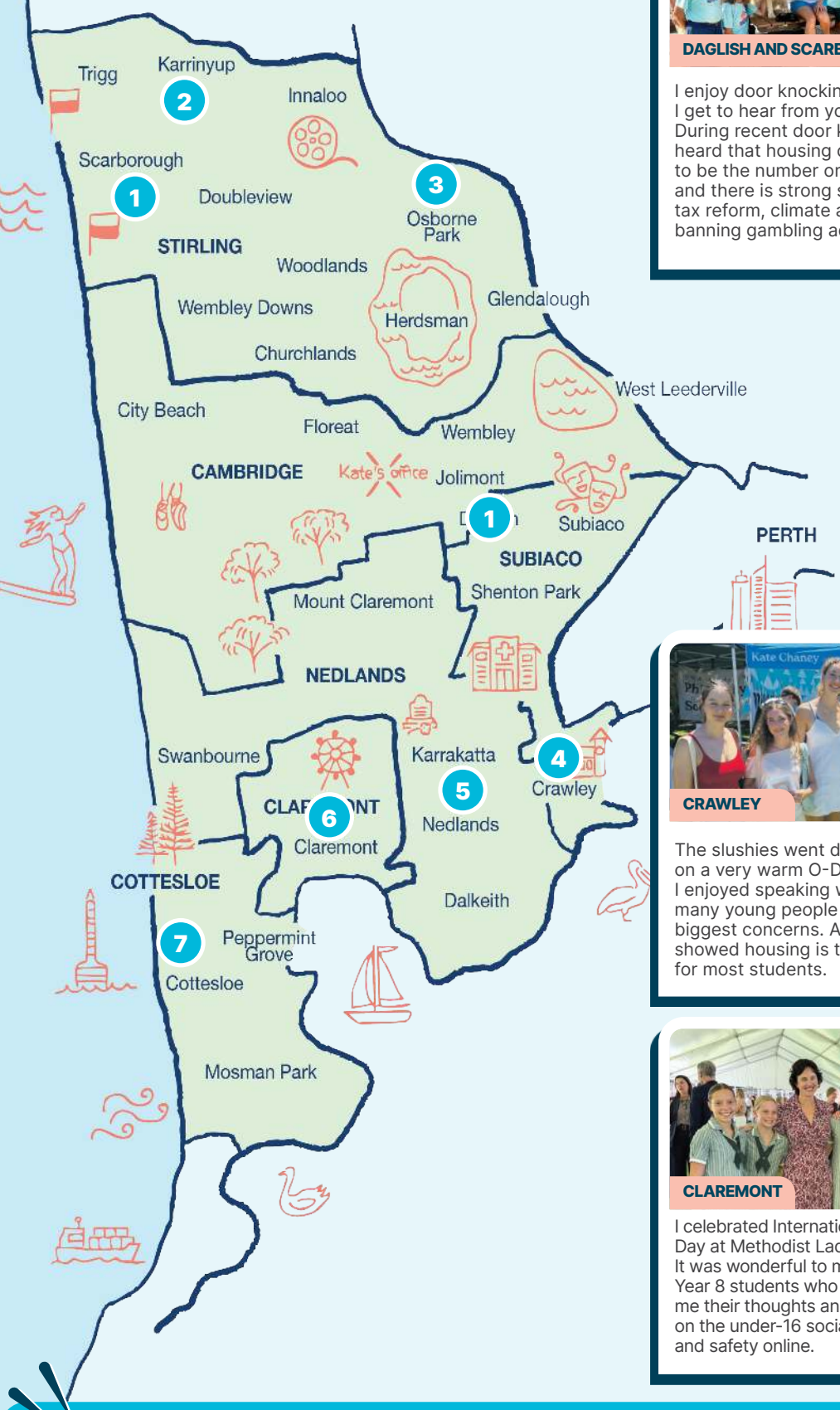

DAGLISH AND SCARBOROUGH

I enjoy door knocking because I get to hear from you directly! During recent door knocks, I heard that housing continues to be the number one concern, and there is strong support for tax reform, climate action and banning gambling ads.

KARRINYUP

My Curtin Youth Advisory Group helps inform my position on issues that matter to young people. I took much away from our meeting at St Mary's Anglican Girls' School in February.

OSBORNE PARK

Start-ups in the Medtech Innovation Hub are creating game-changing healthcare inventions, including ultrasound technology to find the right vein the first time, and wearable patches and biosensors for affordable cardiac care.

CRAWLEY

The slushies went down a treat on a very warm O-Day at UWA. I enjoyed speaking with so many young people about their biggest concerns. A gumnut poll showed housing is the key issue for most students.

NEDLANDS

Curtin punches above its weight in medical research but WA only receives four percent of federal medical research funding. The Medical Research Future Fund should distribute more for important work like that done at the Harry Perkins Institute.

CLAREMONT

I celebrated International Women's Day at Methodist Ladies College. It was wonderful to meet these Year 8 students who shared with me their thoughts and wisdom on the under-16 social media ban and safety online.

COTTESLOE

Sculpture by the Sea is back! Droves of people packed the Cottesloe Foreshore last month to pick their favourite artwork from more than 70 incredible local and visiting artists.

CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you to all the young constituents (and those young at heart) who shared their wonderful art through my summer holiday colouring-in competition. They really brightened up my Floreat office window.

It was difficult to pick winners! These talented artists popped in to receive their book vouchers.