

# April 2026 Newsletter



**ANZAC DAY SERVICE AT  
MOSMAN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL &  
MOSMAN PARK SCHOOL FOR DEAF CHILDREN**

Hi Curtin,

In the lead-up to the budget, our reliance on volatile concentrated fossil fuel markets is top of mind. It remains impossible to predict how the war in Iran will end and irrespective of its length, the global economic consequences are significant. I hear from so many constituents about the additional costs and uncertainties they are facing, in their businesses and their households.

As a result, the prospects of bold economic reform in the upcoming budget are dwindling. Disappointingly, the Prime Minister has dismissed changes to how we tax gas, as calls grow across Australia to ensure we get more value for the gas we are allowing large companies to extract and export.

On the upside, capital gains tax and negative gearing reform is still on the table for the budget. I have shared the findings of our community events with the Treasurer and it looks likely that the government will announce some reform in the budget. That wouldn't have happened without sustained pressure from the crossbench, pushing the Government to go where it was too scared to go on its own. While this is no silver bullet, it will be a welcome change for those trying to buy their first home. I'll keep you updated as details emerge.

The government is finally grasping the nettle of NDIS sustainability, but much of the detail is still to be announced. I know many in the community who are affected by the NDIS will be worried about how this will affect them and I will do my best to hear and pass on their concerns to ensure that the experiences of people living with disability are central to how this change is implemented. While it remains flawed, the NDIS has been a game-changer for many and protecting and improving it is vital.

After years of advocacy, the Government dropped a gambling reform package the Thursday afternoon before Easter, and while it's a start, its underwhelming contents justify the buried announcement! There's still a window for improving the package and I'll be working behind the scenes to try to improve it.

In recent weeks, based on input from the community, I have produced Curtin submissions on the new NDIS planning framework, the failure of the Job Ready Graduates program and Intergenerational Housing Inequity. These submissions can be found on my website [here](#). These submissions are a great way to make sure that the voices of people in Curtin are heard in policy development.

For ANZAC Day, I and my team attended 12 events across Curtin and it appeared to me that numbers were up. I was particularly moved at the Mosman Park Primary School and Mosman Park School for Deaf Children event where all the children who had relatives who had died in a war stood up. It was quite a crowd. I remembered what ANZAC Day means to me - remembering not to take our freedoms for granted and honouring the sacrifices made in the past, by doing what we can to make our world better now.

Best wishes,  
Kate

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**In Curtin**

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## **NDIS workshop - 4 May**

Last week, the government announced major changes to the NDIS, adding to reforms already underway, including the Thriving Kids program. While it is important the NDIS is financially sustainable, this announcement is likely to be stressful for current participants.

Legislation is expected to be introduced in a few weeks, with further consultation and design work on some of the changes to be undertaken over the coming year.

To ensure that the voice of Curtin is heard during this reform process, I will be holding a workshop on these reforms for NDIS recipients, carers, service providers, family members or friends, this **Monday 4 May 6:00-7:30pm at the Boulevard Centre, Floreat.**

If you would like to attend, please [register here](#) by this Sunday and come and share your views on what the government needs to consider when implementing this reform.

## Plastics Campaign Launch



**FLOREAT BEACH CLEANUP WITH SOME  
OF MY FANTASTIC VOLUNTEERS**

I am working with Independent MP Dr Sophie Scamps, Federal Member for Mackellar, to press for urgent national action on Australia's growing plastic waste problem. We're calling on the government to legislate a mandatory, nationally-harmonised plastic packaging scheme, requiring producers to take responsibility for the full lifecycle of packaging.

This is a great opportunity for Mackellar and Curtin – representing the west and east coasts of Australia - to come together on this issue to demand a national solution – and there will be opportunities to be involved. The Plastic Free Foundation is also planning a world record attempt on 1 July for the 'Most Number of People Refusing Single-Use Plastic in One Day' – more details soon.

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## In Canberra

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### **Gambling Reform Announcement**

After more than 1,000 days of pushing the government to act on gambling reform, it was good to finally see some movement. But this reform won't be enough to protect people from a predatory industry.

The good news is that gambling ads will be off jerseys and out of stadiums. Celebrity and sports star endorsements will go. Those are real wins.

But there will still be a gambling ad every 20 minutes on TV during the day outside live sport coverage, and unlimited ads after 8:30pm. The evidence is clear that partial ad bans don't work. Partial bans implemented in 2017 actually resulted in more gambling ads on TV. The government has also said nothing about establishing a national regulator or dealing with predatory inducements, two of the most important reforms needed.

This is a start. I will keep fighting for stronger reforms for everyone I have spoken to who has experienced gambling harm, and for everyone I have spoken to who just wants their kids to be able to watch the footy, without seeing gambling ads.

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### **Update on Albo's 'Too hard basket'**



In February, I began pressing the government on a basic issue of accountability: more than 50 House and Joint Parliamentary inquiry reports had not received a response within the six-month deadline set by Parliament, some were more than two years late.

Since then, fifteen overdue responses have been delivered. This is welcome progress, and it shows that pressure can achieve results. But 40 inquiry reports remain unanswered, representing 4,000 individuals and organisations who contributed their time and expertise in good faith on pressing issues like energy security, illicit drugs, terrorism and migration.

This week, I sent an open letter to the Prime Minister, signed by people and organisations from across the country who had made submissions, calling on the government to provide a formal government response to the outstanding committee reports. Failing to respond wastes community effort and misses the opportunity to improve our laws and policies.

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**Launch of ADM  
policy paper**



New automated decision making (ADM) tools are being rolled out by the Government in aged care, the NDIS and beyond, with little capacity for humans to override decisions made automatically by a computer program.

Experts are warning that these programs are producing problematic and inaccurate outcomes, which is deeply concerning when determining support and life outcomes for the most vulnerable.

Done well, automation can help government make faster and more consistent decisions. But automation without safeguards risks a repeat of Robodebt.

That's why I've launched my **Fairer and Faster Government Decisions policy paper** - a clear, legislated framework to govern how ADM is used across government recommending three pillars: transparency, decision-level controls and, review and oversight.

Thanks to the over 800 Curtin residents who responded to my survey informing this paper. Click [here](#) to read my Fairer and Faster Government Decisions policy paper.

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**In Curtin**

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# AI survey - I want to hear from you

AI is having a growing impact on the economy and our society. I'm increasingly concerned that the Federal Government is not moving at the pace required given how quickly it is changing so many aspects of our lives. I'm preparing a policy paper on AI policy and would love to hear what you think. Should the government be doing more? What steps should we be taking right now?

Let me know your views by clicking the button below to take my short survey.

Take the AI Survey

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## Education - Job Ready Graduates Scheme

Thanks to the 110 students and Curtin community members who responded to my survey on the cost of tertiary education.

These responses, together with national reviews and sector evidence, informed our Curtin submission on the Job-Ready Graduates scheme. It has failed in achieving its stated objectives - the scheme has not redirected students from humanities degrees by making them more expensive than STEM disciplines. Instead, it has worsened equity outcomes and increased financial pressure on both students and universities.

Read this submission and its recommendations [here](#).

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## Need help with a federal issue?



My community liaison team, Felicity and Jo, are here to help you navigate any issues with Federal departments.

Recently, Jo has helped countless constituents with a range of visa issues - from grandparents wanting to travel from overseas in time to visit a new baby grandchild, to a Curtin student obtaining Australian citizenship in time to compete for Australia overseas in Junior World Championships. And Felicity has just helped resolve NBN connection issues for a business in Subiaco, and escalated an aged pension application for a man who was waiting for more than 4 months.

If you are experiencing an issue with a Federal department, email my office: [kate.chaney.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:kate.chaney.mp@aph.gov.au)

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## Seeking a Digital Media Adviser

Are you great at creating compelling social media content – or do you know someone who is?

I am looking for a new digital media adviser to join our close-knit team. This is an exciting opportunity for a person (even a current student) skilled in social media strategy and content creation. This role is 3 days/week and based in Floreat. For full details, click [here](#).

## Looking to retire?

About 2.5 million Australians are expected to retire over the next decade, and many are worried about running out of money.

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) has launched new tools and resources through its [Moneysmart Retirement Hub](#) to help people check their super, manage budgets and plan for retirement. These free resources may be useful if you're preparing for, or already navigating retirement.

## New Grant

**Game On: [Teaming Up for Climate Action](#)** is a new grants program providing \$35.3 million over two grant funding rounds to help local sports clubs upgrade their facilities to be more climate resilient and energy efficient. The first round is expected to open for applications on 11 June 2026.

For more information about the program, including eligibility and how to

## Social Media

Don't forget to follow me on social media. It's the best way to keep up-to-date and find out about my upcoming events!



Instagram



Facebook



TikTok



Bluesky

### NDIS Community Workshop

Monday  
Time: 9:00pm - 7:00pm

Location: Boulevard Centre, Floreat

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[Register here](#)

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*Bring your questions or issues and hear my update following  
We acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar Peoples as the Traditional  
budget week in Canberra!  
Custodians of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.*

**Date:** Wednesday 20 May

**Time:** 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Authorised by Kate Chaney MP, Cnr The Boulevard and Floreat Ave, Floreat WA 6014

**Location:** The Morris Hotel, 2 Morris Rd, Innaloo

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