

May 2026 Newsletter



**VOLUNTEER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
ONE YEAR ON FROM THE ELECTION!**

Hi Curtin,

You may have seen some of the media commentary this week about whether independent MPs should unite to form a new political party.

I'm proud to represent Curtin as an **Independent**, and I remain committed to serving our community independently, as I have for the last four years. I will continue to work collaboratively with other crossbenchers on policy, where the values of our community align, but will remain answerable to you.

On Tuesday 12 May, two important things occurred. Firstly, the Treasurer delivered the **federal budget**. I sent out an [e-newsletter](#) about the budget the following day, and I address some further concerns below with the proposed reforms. Secondly, the Prime Minister delivered the Government's long-awaited response to the **Murphy Report on gambling reform**, while most of the Press Gallery journalists were in the budget lock-up (more on this below).

Since then, I've heard a lot of **feedback from constituents** across the electorate about the federal budget. Thank you to those constituents who have emailed me setting out your personal circumstances and views on the proposed reforms, my team and I have read your emails and we are working through responding to you.

The federal budget does, for a change, contain some attempts at actual reform. But two weeks on, I understand the **breadth of concerns** that many people have about the application of **CGT changes beyond housing**. While I have advocated for years for reducing the CGT discount for housing, I am concerned about the potential productivity implications of extending the changes to other asset classes. I raised this the day after the Budget with the Treasurer, and I am continuing to consult with economists, stakeholder groups and constituents to find the best way forward.

If you want to know more about my thoughts on the tax reforms, you can watch this week's **parliamentary speeches** on my Youtube channel, linked [here](#).

Best wishes,
Kate

In Curtin

Grant funding win!



The Federal Government has committed **\$10 million in funding for the Cottesloe Foreshore redevelopment**. Congratulations to everyone who has advocated for this project for so many years – the Cottesloe Council, the previous mayor and other local representatives.

I contributed to securing this support by raising the need for federal funding through Curtin electorate pre-budget submissions, conversations with the Minister for Infrastructure, and letters of support. I connected the Town of Cottesloe with the grants program – the **Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program** - which is how the money will be delivered.

I am pleased this funding win for the Curtin community has been achieved through a **competitive merit-based** grant assessment, not through a porkbarrelling pre-election promise.

Listening to NDIS lived experience



NDIS COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

4 MAY 2026

On 22 April, the Government announced significant proposed changes to the NDIS. To give our community a genuine voice in shaping these reforms, I hosted a **community workshop** on 4 May. So much rich information was shared from NDIS participants, families and providers and those with lived experiences of the system, both in person at the forum and via a follow-up online survey.

I turned this into a formal **Curtin community submission** to the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee, linked [here](#), setting out 22 recommendations for improving the legislation. I also drew on this when I spoke on the bill in the House this week and moved and supported amendments. You can watch my speech [here](#).

I will continue to push for legislation which delivers a more sustainable, fairer and better-functioning NDIS without removing the genuine support that people with disability need to live full lives.

Irwin Barracks Divestiture

A number of people have emailed me to share their thoughts in relation to the Government's decision to sell Irwin Barracks in Karrakatta and its future uses.


Following the announcement in February, I met with the Minister and sought briefings from the Government to better understand the proposed divestment process, including how the plans to relocate the operational base at Irwin Barracks will affect the workforce of reservists and cadets who use the facility. I also asked about opportunities for our community to engage in and inform the process in relation to future uses.

The Government has just announced a **community information session** about the divestment of Irwin Barracks. It will take place on **Thursday 11 June 2026** from **5:30 pm – 7:30 pm** at **Mount Claremont Community Centre** (105 Montgomery Avenue, Mount Claremont). I will be attending and I encourage you to come along and put your questions directly to the Department of Defence.

Registration is required. Here is the link to register and find further information: [Defence Community Information Session - Irwin Barracks](#)

Decarbonising the WA economy





KATE CHANEY
Independent Member for Curtin

FOUR CORNERS EPISODE
THE BHP FILES
25 MAY 2026

Last week I visited Kwinana to see three connected parts of **WA's industrial decarbonisation story**.

At WesCEF (Wesfarmers' chemicals arm) I saw an ammonia production plant, where gas is converted to hydrogen, then to ammonia, for mining explosives and agricultural fertiliser.

At Synergy, we saw new large-scale batteries sitting alongside the gas turbines they are increasingly replacing as grid backup and I heard how WA's southwest grid is at the forefront globally of battery uptake.

And at Hazer, I saw a process, developed by UWA researchers, that splits methane into hydrogen and solid graphite, with dramatically lower emissions and costs on par with conventional methods. Testing is done - the next step is the first commercial plant. If it scales, this could be a real alternative to electrolysis-based green hydrogen, which is proving expensive. I saw three very different companies at different stages of decarbonisation, but all engaging seriously with both the challenge and the economic opportunity it presents.

This week **ABC's Four Corners** showed why decarbonising our economy in WA needs political leadership, not just good intentions. I spoke on the episode about the impact of **diesel fuel tax rebates**. We've got one foot on the accelerator and one foot on the brake at the same time - asking big companies to decarbonise while making fossil fuels cheaper for them at the same time is not a plan. You can watch this episode on ABC iView [here](#).

WA's long term energy security and economic prosperity depend on developing the clean energy exports that our biggest trading partners are going to expect. This is the next big-picture, long-term policy question that I've been working on, and I'm excited to share more with you soon.

In Canberra

Budget response:

Budget response: Capital Gains Tax reform



**ABC'S AFTERNOON BRIEFING
WITH PATRICIA KARVELAS ON BUDGET DAY**

I've been pushing for reforms to negative gearing and the capital gains tax for housing since my first term. These concessions have overwhelmingly favoured wealthy property investors, causing housing prices to rise significantly. More than 80% of the CGT benefit flows to the top 10% of income earners. The changes in the budget – with regard to property – will level the playing field for owner occupiers. Housing should be a necessity, rather than an investment for wealth accumulation.

But I do hold concerns about the extension of CGT reforms beyond property. I have heard from founders and investors in small businesses, start-ups and shares who are concerned that the changes will change their incentives. I have raised these concerns with the Government through a number of mechanisms. I will continue to engage widely to ensure that these reforms – as well as reforms to the way we tax trusts – support fairness, productivity and risk-taking in our economy.

I seconded a crossbench motion to refer the recently introduced tax reform bill to the Standing Committee on Economics - so the impacts of the CGT reforms could be properly assessed. This would have provided an opportunity for all stakeholders to make a submission and present evidence. These are significant reforms, and we need to take the time to understand the positive and negative consequences, rather than rushing it through the Parliament. As the Government has not done that, I will continue to support this motion and

the Parliament, as the Government seeks to do. Unfortunately, the Government voted against this motion and against proper scrutiny of their proposed tax reforms.

I will also continue to fight for the Government to cut income taxes significantly. The Government is bringing in significant savings from changes to the NDIS and its reforms to CGT, negative gearing and trusts – this money needs to be given back to Australians as meaningful income tax cuts.

Gambling reform response and legislation



ster
ations

submitted last year for consideration on Indian immigration. Assistant Minister recently Julian Hill advised to look and watch the words actually said so she can't say out of this." Hill said a "Simon Ley had the guts to name Prime, and it's a ' for (Opposition Leader) after. To be going to show a picture and such her, or is it of non-binding now do?"

ed is a proponent of the concept of "reintegration" by which non-grants are deported to the of their ethnic origin, except is closely linked to religious concerns, including that Christian majorities such as the US, Germany and Australia are opposed by ethnic minorities through intentional migration.

can be gained popularity of anti-religious parties in Greece.

at this month, an anti-northern is London sponsored by foreign activist y billions instead of a million "reintegration".



DO BETTER

Time's up.

**BAN GAMBLING ADS.
ESTABLISH A NATIONAL REGULATOR.**

Dear Prime Minister,

You wear a Rabbits scarf and a Hovis Inward with pride. As a kid you knew the heroes of John Nattler and Jason Drustail, not their gambling stats. They didn't have any.

Today's kids who barrack for your teams know more about the odds on a mullie than they do about Latrod Mitchell or Neil Watson. That is what your inaction and apathy has delivered.

This is not about a flutter. This is a \$31.5 billion industry, the biggest per-person gambling losses on Earth, built on addiction, deception, and the deliberate targeting of the vulnerable.

Gambling-related suicides are rising. Not a statistic - a son, a daughter, a father who couldn't find a way out. Careers name the gambling ads. Families name the gambling ads. You look away.

We now have a name for what follows catastrophic loss: GLA - Gambling Loss Ance. The shame spiral that ends marriages, fuels violence, fills emergency wards. It flows directly from the advertising you refuse to ban.

Just over two years ago my son lost everything - his wife, his kids - all due to easy online gambling. He also tried to take his own life.

(Anonymous member of Alliance for Gambling Reform)

- 30% of 12 to 17 year olds - 600,000 children - are illegally gambling.
- 80% of 10 year olds can name the odds and logos of betting companies.

This is not an accident. Grooming the young is the business model.

78%

of AFL supporters want gambling ads banned

77%

of Australians want gambling ads banned

Read the stadium, Prime Minister. Read the research. Read the suicide notes.

Signed,

Kate Clancy MP

Andrew Wilkie MP

Helen Haines MP

Senator

Senator David Hovis

An open letter to the Prime Minister signed by the crossbench as a full page ad in the Sydney Morning Herald, Saturday 23 May 2026

More than 1000 days since the landmark Murphy Report was presented to the Parliament, the Prime Minister has finally provided a government response. The Government's proposed gambling reforms are half measures that do not meet the moment. Nor are they what the Murphy Report recommended.

Recently, the crossbench and I ran a full page ad in the Sydney Morning Herald as an open letter to the Prime Minister calling on the government to ban all gambling ads and establish a national regulator.

On Friday, the government brought forward an exposure draft of the legislation for these reforms. I will continue to push for a complete ban on gambling ads and the establishment of a national regulator.

Automated Decision Making

Amongst other concerns, constituents are worried about the increased use of automated decisions in the proposed NDIS reforms. Automation can make government services more efficient, but it's vital that we have safeguards and transparency in place to build trust. I asked a question in Question Time about when the government will implement the recommendation from the Robodebt Royal Commission to establish a legislative framework, watch [here](#). I'll keep this on the radar.

Update on Albo's 'Too hard basket'



After some persistent nudging, the Government has finally stirred itself into action on its backlog of overdue responses to parliamentary inquiry reports. This month alone, 11 more were tabled — bringing the **total responses to 26 of the 55** that were outstanding when I started asking questions. This is good progress, but it shouldn't take this much pressure to achieve basic government accountability. I'll keep working to secure

Artificial Intelligence - new policy paper



**NEW AI POLICY PAPER -
SHAPING THE FUTURE OF AI FOR AUSTRALIA -
TO BE RELEASED THIS WEEK**

I've been working on a discussion paper on Artificial Intelligence, which I will be **releasing this upcoming week** – drawing attention to a number of actions the government could be taking now to ensure that we are the architects of our own future when it comes to AI. Keep an eye out for this.

Get involved!

Raise your voice in Parliament

Are you **aged 25 or under**, and want to shape Australia's future? The 2026 Raise Our Voice in Parliament campaign is officially underway and I want to hear from you! You're invited to write a 90-second speech (200 words) answering this question: ***What is one big issue shaping your future, and what is a meaningful action you want Parliament to take on it?***

Selected speeches will be read out in Parliament during Youth Voice in Parliament Week (12-15 October 2026). This is your moment to have your voice heard in Parliament on an issue that is important to you. Submissions close 7 August 2026.

Visit the [Raise Our Voice Australia website](#) for details.

Doorknocking - become a Volunteer - sign up!



Last week 16 volunteers joined me to doorknock in Scarborough, many of whom had also been at our celebratory event to mark National Volunteer Week.

Doorknocking is a great way to stay connected to the community – the stories I hear echo in my head when I go back to Canberra and I often quote them in speeches. And doorknocking outside campaign time is rewarding – nothing to sell – just listening!

If you would like to join us for our next doorknock, get in [touch](#).

Get ready for Plastic Free July

This year there's an extra reason to take part in Plastic Free July - Australia is making a world record attempt for the *most people to take the pledge on a single day!*

You can sign up at plasticfreejuly.org **on** 1 July and be part of it. **Sign the plastics Pledge on 1 July!**

Events

Decarbonising WA workshop: Securing our economic future through clean energy exports

WA's resources sector is the envy of the nation. Our 'dig and ship' economy has served us well, providing wealth and stability for the last few decades. But, it's not future-proof. Climate change and the global energy transition, rising international conflict and supply chain shocks, and declining prosperity at home, mean we cannot rely on 'more of the same' to provide future resilience and prosperity.

The good news is that we can address all three by pursuing decarbonisation and economic diversification. WA's mineral wealth, renewable energy potential and strategic location put us in an extraordinary position to lead that transition, not just follow it.

I want to hear your priorities and concerns for our economic future.

Join me for a community workshop to inform work I'm doing on WA's economic future. No prior knowledge required — just bring your views.

Event details:

Date: Wednesday 17 June 2026

Time: Evening, exact time TBC

Location: TBC.

Register your interest [here](#).

Community Forum

**No doubt the tax reform and the NDIS will feature heavily
at our next community forum discussion!**

Bring your questions!

Date: Thursday 18 June 2026

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Location: Lake Monger Bowls Club

144 Gregory Street, Wembley

Free ticket event - register below

[Register here](#)

Save the date for a special film screening!

To coincide with Plastic Free July, and the launch of a plastic packaging policy paper I am working on with Independent Member for Mackellar Sophie Scamps MP, I'm hosting a screening of ***The Plastic Country***.

This film is written, directed and produced by Kal Glanznig.

The film runs for 70 minutes and will be followed by a Q&A.

Date: Wednesday 22 July 2026

Time: 5:30 pm for a 6:00 pm start

Venue: The Windsor Cinema, Nedlands

RSVP: Ticketing details to follow -
this is a reminder to Save the Date!

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](#)

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

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

If you would like to unsubscribe from these emails, [\[\[UnsubscribeLink\]\]](#)