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Responding to community concerns

The **Federal Budget** in May brought significant changes to capital gains tax (CGT), negative gearing and trusts. I supported the changes to CGT and negative gearing as they relate to **housing** – these are reforms I've been pushing for since I was first elected in 2022. But constituents shared my concerns about the **CGT changes** reaching beyond housing to other asset classes, and the impact this could have on business investment. I took those concerns directly to the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, and spoke about them in Parliament. I was pleased to see the Government announce carve-outs for start-ups (though we are yet to see the detail) and increased thresholds for one of the small business exemptions. As the next round of budget legislation comes before Parliament, I'll stay focused on securing outcomes that reflect what I am hearing from our community.

In June, I sat down with some Curtin **small businesses** to hear directly from local hospitality owners about the pressures they're facing and their views on the Budget. I've also been appointed to a new committee inquiry into **cyber security** for small and medium-sized businesses and organisations, which is an increasingly important issue for the many local enterprises navigating online threats. This role will be an opportunity to put Curtin's small businesses front and centre in Canberra.

As your **Independent MP**, I remain committed to listening and putting forward constructive solutions to the complex challenges our community is facing.

Stay safe. Be kind.

Kate



I'm proud to represent the people of Curtin as a **Community Independent**, working with you to solve the challenges facing our community, and the country.

I remain committed to **doing politics differently** by amplifying local voices in Canberra, collaborating across the Parliament, listening to expert advice and delivering evidence-based results.

IN THE YEAR SINCE THE ELECTION

550+	constituent issues progressed
100+	letters written to Ministers about constituent concerns
100+	speeches made in Parliament
150+	votes for Curtin in the House of Representatives
6	community submissions to parliamentary inquiries
7	Youth Advisory Group meetings

UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet me at these local events – I want to hear from you!

COMMUNITY FORUM

Thursday 23 July 2026
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Albion Hotel
535 Stirling Highway, Cottesloe

Tuesday 25 August 2026
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
St Brigid Bar
251 Scarborough Beach Rd, Doubleview

For all event details and to RSVP, scan the QR code or visit katechaney.com.au/events.



Curtin Seniors Guide – new version just released!

My team and I receive many calls for help from older constituents and their families navigating the complex aged care system. Following major reforms late last year, we have updated our Curtin Seniors Guide to assist those seeking help from Federal Government departments. Scan the QR code to download a copy or pick up a booklet from my Floreat office.



Securing WA's future prosperity

The energy transition is underway with major implications for WA's export future.



I want to know what you think about the future of WA's economy. I'm consulting on how our state can build a stronger economy, secure affordable energy, and respond to a changing climate. Scan the QR code to answer my short survey. There are no right answers — I want your honest views. The survey is open to all WA residents, so please share it with your friends and family.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday 4 August 2026

Join me to launch my new policy paper on securing WA's future economic prosperity.





NDIS

Amplifying concerned local voices

The NDIS must be sustainable, but not at the expense of vulnerable families losing support before real alternatives are in place.

My advocacy on the proposed NDIS reforms has been informed by community surveys, constituent meetings and a roundtable I held with local people affected by the proposed changes.

One key issue is the increased use of automated decision-making in the NDIS without human oversight - I'm concerned about a repeat of the Robodebt disaster. My amendment demanding transparency, human accountability and independent oversight was defeated, but I will keep it on the national agenda, reflecting the 80 per cent of my survey respondents who share this concern.

Tackling the Government's weak reforms

Three years on from the Murphy Report, the Government is finally moving on gambling reform, but its reforms are half-measures full of loopholes.

The reforms permits three gambling ads per hour per channel, and unlimited ads after 8:30 pm. The evidence shows that partial ad bans do not work, and our kids and young people may still be bombarded with ads. While any action is welcome after three years of silence, watering down the Murphy Report's recommendations to satisfy industry pressure is disappointing. I am using every parliamentary tool available to strengthen these reforms before they become law.



GAMBLING REFORM



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Driving the AI policy discussion

Artificial intelligence is changing our economy and society fast, and the Government is falling behind.

That's why I've released a discussion paper, *Shaping the Future of AI for Australia*, setting out 18 practical policies the Government should act on now.

From 400 survey respondents in Curtin I learned that people are four times more likely to be worried than optimistic about AI, and eight in ten people think current policies will benefit foreign tech companies not Australians.

I share these concerns. AI is already being used to generate deepfakes and scams, to create unhealthy emotional dependencies in children through chatbots and create significant uncertainty for the future of a range of jobs. Without action, the profits from this technology will flow to overseas billionaires, with the risks borne by families, businesses, and our economy.

My discussion paper is a call to the Government to respond now to the AI boom that's happening globally - to set up the institutions, make the most of the opportunities, manage the immediate and longer term risks and ensure we all share in the benefits.



Read my AI Discussion Paper here, and on my website. I'd love to hear your thoughts.



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Tackling Australia's plastic problem

Australia has a plastics problem, and there is growing agreement about how we can fix it.

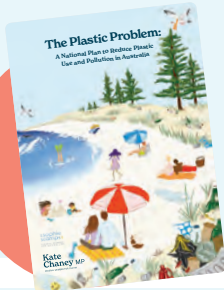
I have collaborated with my Independent colleague, the Member for Mackellar, Dr Sophie Scamps, to produce a policy paper, setting out a practical national plan to reduce plastic use and pollution.

I urge the Federal Government to implement the plan – we need action now!

Australia is among the world's highest plastic users, with only 14 per cent recycled. The rest goes to landfill or breaks down into the microplastics now found in our food, water, the environment and our bodies. Households currently foot the bill for the disposal of plastic packaging.

Our plan rests on a simple principle: the polluter must pay through an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme. If producers are responsible for plastic throughout its lifecycle, they are incentivised to minimise the plastic and make it easier to collect, re-use and recycle.

Independent analysis shows an EPR would cost households just 25 cents a week on the average grocery bill, and support is overwhelming and united across industry, health and environmental groups.



I'm focused on what we can do about this problem individually and collectively.

Read our plastics policy here, and on my website.



ENVIRONMENT



ECONOMY

Decarbonising WA: Seizing the opportunity

We are being squeezed by higher energy bills, rising costs, and global fuel shocks. WA generates enormous wealth from our resources, but that prosperity isn't reaching everyone, and the global market is changing.

Our state is well-placed to respond. The minerals and know-how that made us a resources giant – along with some of the world's best sun and wind – can power new industries like green iron. We can cut energy costs and create jobs for the future.

I've been meeting with industry leaders to hear the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. In coming weeks, I'll be releasing a detailed policy paper laying out a path for WA to harness the benefits of the energy transition.

Championing local projects

The Federal Government has delivered \$10 million towards the Cottesloe Foreshore Revitalisation project through the Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program.

Congratulations to everyone who has advocated for this project for many years. I'm really pleased to have been part of that advocacy, meeting with the Minister for Infrastructure, writing letters of support, and including the project in my Curtin pre-budget submission to the Treasurer every year.

I'm most pleased that this is not a pre-election pork barrelling promise. This funding has been awarded through a merits-based assessment and a grants program. That means this project stacks up against projects all over the country. This is how taxpayer money should be allocated – on merit.



COTTESLOE FORESHORE

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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OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Since my re-election in May 2025, I've visited **35** schools in Curtin, and met with Curtin students on school trips to Canberra.



THE SPEAKER VISITS DOUBLEVIEW PRIMARY



ANZAC DAY CEREMONY AT DALKEITH PRIMARY



CIVICS EDUCATION AT PLC PERTH



MEETING JOHN XXIII COLLEGE IN CANBERRA



CIVICS EDUCATION AT CHRIST CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL



MEETING NORTH COTTESLOE PRIMARY IN CANBERRA



CIVICS EDUCATION AT METHODIST LADIES' COLLEGE



ANZAC DAY CEREMONY AT MOSMAN PARK PRIMARY



Celebrating volunteers!

For National Volunteer Week, I was delighted to catch up with some of the dedicated volunteers who have supported me through two election campaigns, and continue to help out with community door knocks, beach cleans and office administration. Your help makes all the difference. I value and appreciate the contributions of the volunteers pictured here, the many more who could not be there, and every volunteer across Curtin who gives their time to help others.

Want to join us next time? Sign up as a volunteer here:
www.katechaney.com.au/volunteer

