



Kate Chaney MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CURTIN



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A MESSAGE FROM KATE

Kaya,

In May, our community was devastated by the murder of Jennifer and Gretl Petelczyc by Mark Bombara, who was looking for his ex-wife. Since then I have heard many stories from Curtin constituents with current or past experience of family violence and the challenges they have faced in seeking support from the police, the legal system and overwhelmed support services.

Addressing this issue requires a better response from State and Federal governments, as well as broad societal change. There is a groundswell of support for change and various reforms are underway - I am now working with Ariel Bombara to ensure the reforms don't get lost in endless bureaucracy.

Last month, I spoke in Parliament about the live sheep export ban, laying out the arguments for and against, and outlining the deep division in our community about it. I had said that I wouldn't block the ban, knowing that the Government was unlikely to reverse an election promise, but instead would pragmatically focus on getting an appropriate transition package for WA farmers. After receiving a lot of correspondence from constituents about how it would affect them, their livelihoods and their families, I did vote against the ban.

I copped a bit of flak for 'flip flopping', but as a community independent, I am willing to change my mind based on feedback from my community. I assume people want this from their representative - otherwise what would be the point in sharing your views with me? Keep telling me what you think - this is how representative democracy should work.

Stay warm,

Kate Chaney MP

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Catchup
Saturday 17 August
2:00pm-3:00pm
St Brigid Bar, Doubleview

Electrify Curtin Launch
Monday 26 August
6.00pm-7.30pm
in Scarborough
This is a ticketed event

Canberra debrief
Wednesday 28 August
5:30pm-6:30pm
Check our website for venue details

For upcoming events and tickets scan the QR code or go to katechaney.com.au/events



SNAPSHOT

Working for you over the past year

Helped with
1,349
constituent cases

Top 3 areas:
Centrelink
Immigration
NDIS

Responded to
4,266
constituent policy issues

Top 3 areas:
Environment
Foreign Affairs
Energy



NATIVE VERGE OPEN DAY

Save the date: Saturday 14 September

Curtin's first Native Verge Open Day will be a spring showcase of native verges across the electorate. As part of our Urban Greening project for Curtin's Pathway to Net Zero, join us on 14 September and follow the map and walking trails around Curtin for some verge inspiration!

If you have a native verge and would like to appear on our verge map and participate in our Open Day - please email Kate.Chaney.MP@aph.gov.au



Kate speaking at the Parliamentary Group for Future Generations, referencing the Western Australia Development Index and calling on the group to hold Parliamentarians to account to drive change for our young people.

IN CANBERRA

More work to be done

With another election looming in the next 12 months, I have been increasing pressure on this Government to deliver what it has promised, including **nature repair laws**, more **transparent political donations** and **gambling reform**. Time is running out for these changes to be put in place before the next election.

With other crossbenchers, I am also trying to prompt both sides of politics to commit to a long term perspective on issues like **tax reform**, **housing affordability** and **productivity**. So often, we see short-term 'easy answers' take the place of serious long-term thinking about what we need to do to ensure a **prosperous, fair and clean economy** for the **next generation**.

Nuclear Energy

Peter Dutton recently announced the Coalition's commitment to **nuclear power**. Nuclear energy makes sense for many countries that already have the infrastructure, regulatory framework and workforce and that lack the natural advantages we have in low-cost renewables (sun, wind and space).

But for Australia, I have seen **little evidence** from **scientists** or **economists** to back up this approach. The experts are saying nuclear is too costly to build here; too expensive to run; will take too long to build; and is not compatible with cheaper renewable energy because it is an inflexible baseload generator.

It dismays me to see the Coalition kicking the can down the road on an issue that goes to the heart of our productivity in the coming decades. **Renationalising the energy market** so that taxpayers can pay for the highest cost form of energy and delay decarbonisation will set us back globally and does not sit well with traditional liberal values.

NDIS Bill

Following a year long review of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), the *Getting the NDIS Back on Track No. 1 Bill 2024* came before Parliament in June. This is the first round of legislation addressing some of the changes recommended in the review.

In consultation with my crossbench colleagues, I proposed a number of amendments to the Bill in response to concerns from constituents. People with disability and their families were worried that the changes would make the system less accessible and would lower the amount of funding support being provided.

I am confident that the amendments proposed and accepted by the Government will ensure a better scheme which also achieves the goal of financial sustainability. The reform to the NDIS is ongoing and I will be watching the implementation carefully.

Speeches in Parliament

In recent months in Canberra, I have spoken on **housing, good infill, superannuation, the budget, Gaza, live sheep, the NDIS, the forest collapse, climate reporting, the Future Gas Strategy, the new Environmental Protection Authority, the Net Zero Authority, vaping, family violence, Creative Australia, gambling ads and deepfakes**.

If you would like to watch any of these speeches, please scan the QR Code or go to katechaney.com.au/hear-from-kate



Canberra school visits

It was great to meet and speak with year 6 students from John XXIII College and year 9 students from Shenton College recently. Students always ask the best questions! The year 6s wanted to know - Are there lots of fights in Parliament? Have you ever been expelled? Do you ever get bored? (And for the record – my answers: yes, no, sometimes!)



IN CURTIN

Good Infill Event - June 2024

There's no doubt we need more housing in Curtin and infill must be planned carefully. More than 110 people joined me to hear from Professor Peter Newman AO, Professor Josh Byrne, and architect Kellie McGivern from Hesperia to discuss what good infill looks like. This conversation was not about being pro-development or anti-development, but was an opportunity to explore what makes liveable, sustainable and desirable cities.



You can watch the presentations here.

Pick up your copy of Curtin's Pathway to Net Zero from my office or visit my website to download.

Social media and its impact

The impact of social media on mental health and online safety is an issue often raised with me by young people in Curtin, as well as their parents and grandparents.

Our recent **Curtin Online Safety Survey** reflected these concerns, with **574** Curtin constituents responding to inform our Curtin Community Submission to the Government's review of the *Online Safety Act 2021*.

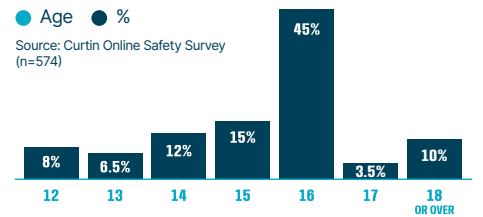
With 31% of respondents stating that they or a family member have suffered online harm, **I support the development of a statutory**

duty of care on social media platforms to protect kids.

The survey showed overwhelming support for a **minimum age for social media**, with **86%** of respondents in favour. Of those who backed a minimum age, **16** was the most popular age suggested.

The challenge with imposing a minimum age is the need to prove your age, with only **43%** of respondents willing to share personal information for age verification.

Preferred minimum age for social media access (%)



Source: Curtin Online Safety Survey (n=574)

To read the full submission, scan here:



Curtin Seniors Guide

Since being elected, my team and I have received many calls for help from older constituents and their families about difficulties navigating and seeking help from Federal government departments.

In responding to constituents' frustration, we created a Curtin Seniors Guide which we hope will arm you with some useful information about what help is available, how to apply, and where you can go for assistance.

Scan to download a digital copy from my website or pick up a copy from my office.



Scan the QR code to sign up and we'll be in touch.



Become a Team Chaney Volunteer

Volunteers continue to make a real impact in Curtin. Our volunteers are a diverse group from all over the electorate and contribute in many ways such as doorknocking, letterbox drops, helping in the electorate office and at events, or offering expertise in relation to my policies.

Volunteers are an integral part of our community and I will always be grateful for their support. If you're interested in volunteering for me, we'd love to hear from you.



Curtin Sustainability Fair

SATURDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2024



Join us at a day-long event for our whole community. Volunteer groups and businesses will host stalls about sustainable living, recycling, waste, food and consumption.

There will also be workshops and activities for children, including learning to crochet and cooking sustainably with OzHarvest WA.

This year we are introducing a series of 'fast' talks. Presenters will have 15 minutes to share their tips or experience on topics like home design, water wise gardens or waste.

If you have a business or social enterprise and are keen to participate, please contact Louise at kate.chaney.mp@aph.gov.au

Grants

Congratulations to those who shared in \$66,225 granted to Curtin volunteer groups through the Families and Communities Program 2023-24 Volunteer Grants. We are pleased all the groups put forward by my office were successful in their funding applications.

Check out the Grants page on my website for further information about these successful recipients and upcoming opportunities:



IN CURTIN

1. We held a Bush BBQ with the Friends of Environment groups from across Curtin to discuss EPBC reforms. Thanks to Friends of Lake Claremont for hosting.
2. I loved my visit to the new Stirling Women's Shed. I can't wait to go back and whittle a spoon!
3. I'm looking forward to judging the 'My First Speech' competition this year. I attended the launch at Bob Hawke College with Speaker Milton Dick MP and Patrick Gorman MP. Students from years 10, 11, & 12 can enter with a 90 second statement – winners will be heading to Canberra.
4. It was lovely to speak at the Scarborough Rotary Club breakfast in May.
5. We had a full house discussing my Fair and Transparent Elections Bill at Albert's Respite and Refreshments in Wembley.
6. Thanks to Helena and Mac from Financial Wellbeing Collective for their seminar on how individuals can manage their money. If you need help financial help, contact Financial Wellbeing Collective.
7. Yirra Yaakin in Subiaco is one of Australia's leading Aboriginal performing arts companies. I got to meet Songbird's director, Cezera Critti-Schnaars and lighting designer, Jolene Whitley. Check out what is on and support local theatre!
8. With winter sport now in full flight, it was special to be invited to the smoking ceremony to launch Wembley Districts Netball Club and its sports dress blessing.
9. I learnt how to do a 0.5 reverse selfie from students at the UWA Arts Union politics networking night. It was great to chat about pathways into politics.
10. The 'Buying the Good Stuff' event hosted by the WA Social Enterprise Council at FORM in Claremont showcased the emerging businesses in Perth that put people and planet first.



Current Surveys and Curtin Submissions



We want your feedback on the issues that matter to you.

To complete our current surveys and to read our latest community submissions based on Curtin constituent feedback, scan the QR code or go to katechaney.com.au/curtin-surveys-submissions



Recent submissions cover topics such as Active Transport, the Live Export Transition Package and Housing

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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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