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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CURTIN

Professor Peter Newman AO, Kate Chaney MP, Professor Josh Byrne and Kellie McGivern at the Good Infill Forum - 19 June 2024

June 2024 Newsletter

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It's been a month since the tragic shooting of two women here in Floreat. Since then, I have heard from many women about how our system has failed to protect them. I have met with Ariel Bombara about her experience, as well as the Federal Attorney-General, the Prime Minister's Office, the State Family and Domestic Violence Minister and a number of people who work in the domestic violence sector and other women with recent experience of violence.

We need reform at every stage - in primary prevention, early intervention, crisis response and recovery.

From my discussions, I can particularly see the need for better early intervention – ensuring that when women are in fear, police take them

seriously so they can get and enforce a restraining order, without financial ruin.

There is appetite for change at both Federal and State level, with various reviews and plans underway. The challenge is making sure the intention turns into action. I will keep advocating for this – women have the right to feel safe and if they don't, the system should support them.

In other news, two years after the election, when voters sent a pretty strong message to the Opposition about the need to accelerate decarbonisation, the Opposition's announcement of nuclear as the answer to climate change and energy security is disappointing. As well as being the most expensive form of energy and taking decades to implement, it makes little sense in a country with such strong competitive advantages in the cheapest form of energy – renewables.

Even if Peter Dutton cannot convince Australians that nuclear is feasible or wise, the big danger is that the policy uncertainty created by this announcement undermines the private investment needed to get renewables in place before coal-fired power stations come offline. No doubt we will hear more about nuclear than we want to over the next 12 months – I will continue to listen to the experts and be driven by common sense on this issue.

This month, we have made community submissions on live sheep export (seeking greater support for farmers in transition), civics education (400 young Curtin residents shared their views on how to create better political engagement) and online safety (400 respondents indicated their support for a minimum age for social media access).

I'm back to Canberra for two weeks on Sunday – in the next fortnight, we will have the establishment of a federal Environmental Protection Agency and Environmental Information Agency, a cap on international student numbers, an amendment to the Criminal Code to prohibit the publication of non-consensual sexual images and possibly the Future Made in Australia legislation to help speed up the energy transition.

Take care,

Kate

Cost of Living

In April and May we asked Curtin constituents to respond to a survey to explain how the cost of living crisis is affecting you. The survey results showed that housing costs was the biggest cost of living concern for Curtin constituents.

I've also heard this message, that housing is the biggest cost of living issue, through doorknocking in Curtin.

More than a third of respondents to the survey wanted to see tax reform that makes it easier to buy a home, than an investment property. This was closely followed by the desire to see more social and affordable housing being built.

In May, I partnered with local not-for-profit, the Financial Wellbeing Collective, to run a cost of living event for individuals and connect small businesses with financial counsellors.

If you missed out, but would still like to do a financial health check, this free, non-judgmental, service is available by visiting **thefwc.org.au** or calling 1800 932 050.

The Financial Wellbeing Collective at our Individual Cost of Living Forum - 21 May 2024

Good Infill Forum

There's no doubt we need more housing in Curtin, but high or medium density infill to respond to this need must be planned carefully.

Earlier this week, more than 110 people joined me and a panel of special guests 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 livable, sustainable and desirable cities.

Professor Peter Newman AO, Professor Josh Byrne, and architect Kellie McGivern from Hesperia shared their thoughts and answered a range of questions from the audience.

You can watch the presentations here.

Curtin Community Submission on National Urban Policy

Good urban planning can help address many challenges, including housing affordability, cost of living, climate change, nature protection, and public health and wellbeing. The Federal Government is consulting on a new

national urban policy to guide strategic, long-term city planning across Australia.

Please complete this survey to help me understand what you value about your neighbourhood and how you would like to see Curtin develop in the future.

Volunteers

There are many ways that you can get involved with doing politics differently here in Curtin. My team always loves to hear from people who would like to volunteer with the office or my campaign next year.

If you'd like to find out more, check out **my website** - we've just updated the volunteer page. You can select how you'd like to volunteer, and we'll be in touch.

Kate speaking on Peter Dutton's proposed nuclear plan - 18 June 2024

Do you have a native verge garden?

Curtin's first Native Verge Open Day will be on Saturday 14 September. It will be a spring showcase of native verges across the electorate. I am compiling a map and walking trails of great native verge gardens in Curtin for people to use on the day.

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

Curtin Sustainability Fair - Returning on 2 November 2024!

This day-long event on Saturday 2 November is for our whole community and will showcase volunteer groups and businesses with displays about sustainable living, recycling, waste, food, and consumption.

There will also be some fun workshops and activities for children.

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 would like to participate in the Fair please send us an email at kate.chaney.mp@aph.gov.au

Events

Community Catch-up - tomorrow!

Date: Saturday 22 June 2024
Time: 2-3pm
Location: The Hampden Hotel, 156 Hampden Rd, Nedlands

Canberra Debrief

Date: Wednesday 17 July 2024
Time: 5.30-6.30pm
Location: The lounge at the Indian Ocean Hotel, 27 Hastings St, Scarborough

Plastics Panel

Proposed date: 25 July 2024
Keep your eye out - more details to be confirmed!

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 upcoming events!

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

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