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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CURTIN

Kate speaking at a meeting of the Parliamentary Friends of Future Generations and the Intergenerational Fairness Coalition - 25 June 2024

July 2024 Newsletter

Kaya!

In global politics there's been a lot happening in the last month, with a huge loss by the Conservative Party in the UK election, France deeply divided into three groups and yet to form a government and the assassination attempt on Donald Trump changing the political landscape in the lead up to the US election.

In Australia, Senator Payman's defection from the ALP over Gaza has drawn very different responses - some recognising that always voting with the party is one of the 'rules of the game' that she signed up for, and others increasingly challenged by the idea of that party rule.

After a lot of advocacy and debate about my Fair and Transparent Elections Bill in the Senate last month, I believe the Government will be introducing an electoral reform bill in the coming month or so. I am still hoping we can implement donation transparency in time for the next election. I will be

reviewing the proposed legislation carefully to understand its impact on political competition.

In the last parliamentary sitting I voted against the live sheep export ban, despite having said I would not block the ban previously. I changed my mind after hearing many constituents' stories about the impact of the ban on their livelihoods, families and communities.

This was a hard decision, because despite significant improvements over the last decade, I do have concerns about how sheep welfare is measured and managed.

But as a Community Independent, I committed to listening to my community. If this makes me a 'dag' (you may have seen The West's front page!), then so be it.

Politics is often about making hard decisions. If politicians can never change their minds, what would be the point of engaging with them?

Kate

Guide to Government Services for Curtin Seniors

My office gets daily calls from older constituents struggling to engage with government services, which can be complicated and confusing.

To respond to this need, we created the 'Guide to Government Services for Curtin Seniors' to help make it easier to navigate the system. It includes information about Federal, State and Local services available in Curtin, as well as a list of helpful resources.

To get your free copy, visit my electorate office in Floreat. You are welcome to pick one up for your parents or family members. It is also available online **here.**

Kate met Shenton College students in Canberra - 25 and 27 June 2024

School Visits to Canberra

One of the highlights of being an MP is welcoming school groups from Curtin when they visit Parliament House. It was great to meet with Year 6 students from John XXIII and Year 9 students from Shenton College last month.
If you would like your school to visit Federal Parliament, please contact my office for more information.

Plastic Free July

How are you going with avoiding plastic packaging this month? I've made a pledge to refuse single-use cups for July, and so far, I've stuck to it.

I will be joined next week by the founder of Plastic Free July, Rebecca Prince-Ruiz, as well as experts in policy, health and bioplastics for our 'A Plastic Free Future?' forum. We will discuss the big-picture solutions to phasing out plastic production.

I hope you can join us – there's more information and registration details for this free event below.

Gambling Reform

Disappointingly, last month marked one year of the Government failing to respond to the report from the inquiry into online gambling harm. The House Standing Committee into Social Policy and Legal Affairs – which I sit on – had unanimously agreed to 31 recommendations, including a ban on online gambling ads.

I asked the Prime Minister during Question Time if the Government would act on the recommendations before the election and received another non-committal response.

I am getting increasingly concerned that the Government will choose to listen to the vested interests and fail to implement the changes needed to help Australians struggling with gambling addiction.

Julian Assange

As a member of the Bring Julian Assange Home Parliamentary Group, I was proud to join with my colleagues to welcome the news that his 14 years in custody was over.

During that week, I had the chance to speak with Julian's lawyer, Jen Robinson and his wife, Stella Assange. No matter your thoughts on the activities of Julian Assange, his ordeal had gone on for too long.

Focusing on Future Generations

In the daily noise of Parliament, it's vital that we remember to focus on the long-term.

The Parliamentary Group for Future Generations met to discuss structural changes to embed long-term decision making into the parliamentary process. One option is the appointment of a Commissioner for Future Generations - like they have in Wales – and how this could serve as a reminder to politicians to think beyond the next election cycle.

The Group includes Members of Parliament as well as the community, including youth advocate Anjali Sharma who has been spearheading the push for Australia to adopt a Duty of Care Act, and Committee for Perth's Paula Rogers.

The Sisterhood of Mosman Park invited Kate to join them for an evening - 10 July 2024

Focusing on Future Generations

At a time when the world can feel lonely and expensive and community connections are harder to come by, the Mosman Park Sisterhood provides a reminder that within our community there are lovely people doing good things.

The Sisterhood brings together a diverse group of neighbours twice a month for a meal that they cook together and share with people who need it. I joined them for a meal earlier this month and saw the connection and joy they create. This is what community is all about.

Events

Community Catch-up

Date: Saturday 27 July 2024
Time: 9-10am
Location: FORM Gallery, 4 Shenton Road, Claremont

Community Catch-up

Date: Saturday 17 August 2024
Time: 2-3pm
Location: St Brigid Bar, 251 Scarborough Beach Rd

Canberra Debrief

Date: Wednesday 28 August

Time: 5.30-6.30pm
Location: Lake Monger Recreation Club, 144 Gregory St

A Plastic Free Future?

This panel will explore big-picture solutions to the plastic problem, and opportunities for federal political reform.
Date: Thursday 25 July 2024
Time: 6-7.30pm
Location: City Beach
Tickets: Book **here**

Electrify Curtin Launch

Join us for the launch of Electrify Curtin. Hear from guest speakers, explore our new website and chat to our knowledgeable volunteers.
Date: Monday 26 August 2024
Time: 6-7.30pm
Location: Scarborough
Tickets: Book **here**

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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