

June 2025 Newsletter



(In Melbourne for the 'Ban Gambling Ads Panel')

Hello!

As we head into the second half of the year, I've taken a moment to pause, reflect and recharge. After a few weeks off with family and friends, I'm feeling energised and ready to return to Parliament next month, for the first sitting fortnight of the 48th Parliament.

It's an unstable time globally and my thoughts are with the everyone affected directly or indirectly by the conflict in the Middle East. The Australian Government has activated support services to assist those impacted, which you can find [here](#). Please [contact my office](#) if you need further information or support.

My team has been preparing for our return to Parliament next month, when I will be meeting with a range of Ministers to understand their priorities, how they might reflect the issues that matter here in Curtin and the work that needs to be done in the next three years. I will also be negotiating membership of some parliamentary committees, which is where some of the most constructive parliamentary work is done (eg on gambling – see below).

As June comes to a close, I'd like to encourage everyone to take part in **Plastic Free July**. It's a simple way to rethink our purchasing habits and reduce waste. You can pick one thing that you can do for a month to make a difference - whether it's swapping out a single-use coffee cup for a reusable one or committing to cutting out all single-use plastics, every action counts. I'll be sharing my own journey throughout July on social media, so follow along and share your changes with me.

Stay warm!

Kate

Ban on Online Gambling Ads



It's been two years since my parliamentary committee's inquiry into gambling harm.

Our committee delivered a report ('You Win Some, You Lose More') with 31 recommendations to reduce gambling harm. A key recommendation, with unanimous support from members across the political spectrum is a phased-in full ban on online gambling ads. The Government has not yet responded. Since then, Australians have lost over \$50 billion to this industry. This is a public health issue. Three out of four Australian children aged 8 to 16 who watch sport think betting is just part of the game and most can name at least one betting company.

To mark the anniversary and to stimulate action in the new Parliament, the crossbench has written and signed a letter to the Minister for Communications and Minister for Sport, Anika Wells about the urgent need for reform, particularly on gambling ads.

On Wednesday, Monique Ryan hosted me in Melbourne for an event marking the anniversary of the report and reinforcing the need for action. I hosted a panel discussion with a range of experts and people with lived experience. Their stories highlighted the very real and urgent risks facing our communities, and reinforced the need for evidence-based, compassionate policy.

I will be taking this up with the new Minister next month.

[Sign the petition here](#)

[Letter to Minister Anika Wells](#)

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Galup



(Meeting with the Flower District West Leederville, Friends of Galup-Lake Monger and Whadjuk Noongar Elders, Aunty Glenda Kickett and Aunty Lois May)

After a long period of advocacy from across community, this month I'm thrilled that Lake Monger has now been restored to its original Whadjuk

Noongar name, "Galup" (pronounced Kaarlup), meaning "place where the home fires burn."

I want to give a big shout out to the Town of Cambridge, The Flower District West Leederville, Same Drum, Reconciliation WA and everyone involved in making this happen.

This change is an important local step toward reconciliation and I am proud to have supported it.

A special acknowledgement to Whadjuk Noongar Elders, Aunty Glenda Kickett and Aunty Lois May, who are part of a group of Traditional Owners whose advocacy has been instrumental in this work.

NDIS Update



(Meeting with NDIS Allied Health Professionals - Nicole, Kim, Rachel and Hayley)

A suite of changes are currently being made to the NDIS as part of a much-needed reform process, but some of these have unintended consequences. I have heard from and met with many local allied health professionals about the impact of the recently announced cuts to their allowable rates under the NDIS.

Physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, dietitians, podiatrists and psychologists tell me the price cuts will affect the viability of

their businesses and the availability of their services to vulnerable people. The loss of these services is likely to increase hospitalisations and stress on families.

I am advocating to the Minister to consider this impact – not only does it affect vulnerable NDIS participants, but also disproportionately affects women and small businesses who deliver these vital services.

Leadership WA



I was invited to share insights about my career path and learnings with Leadership WA alumni at their event “Turning Conviction into Action- Leading for Change”. I discussed how community-led politics has shifted our expectations about the way we engage with our democracy and about the need for compassion and inclusivity in leadership.

Leadership WA not only upskills WA leaders, but creates strong connections across business, government and community that get leaders out of their silos and thinking differently.

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 my upcoming events!



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

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