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CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

Protecting our beautiful natural environment and decarbonising our economy are still the top issues constituents write to me about. Our nature protection laws need updating to better protect nature and simplify approval processes. This is expected to happen in the next year. WA has so much opportunity in a net zero global economy, but we need to act fast to make the most of our natural advantages. I will be pushing the Government to set ambitious emissions reduction targets, support emerging clean industries in WA and align incentives with a liveable planet.

EDUCATION

Education should be accessible, affordable and high quality, to make sure every Australian has the opportunity to thrive. From early childhood to tertiary, we need a long term perspective to ensure we have the well-educated workforce we will need in decades to come.

STRONGER COMMUNITIES

I'm supporting practical steps to reduce harm and improve wellbeing, like banning gambling ads, ensuring secure jobs in care sectors, improving mental health support, and ensuring greater support for women experiencing family violence.

ECONOMIC REFORM

Finally, there seems to be some growing appetite for economic reform so we can afford the services we need and ensure young Australians get a fair go. We need a balanced budget so we are not borrowing from future generations; a shift from taxing labour to other income sources; a review of tax settings around housing; and greater accountability for government spending.

AI AND TECHNOLOGY

Artificial Intelligence will change our world in ways we can't even imagine. The technology is changing at breathtaking speed and this Parliament will need to set guardrails over the next three years so its benefits can be realised while managing its risks, especially when it comes to keeping kids safe.

Hello Curtin!

After a fiery election season and some time to recharge, the 48th Parliament is now in full swing. With a significant Labor majority in the House and the Coalition focused on rebuilding, having sensible centre voices to hold Government to account has never been so important.

I'm proud that at the last election, Curtin recorded the lowest informal vote of any electorate in the country in 35 years! This is a testament to our community's political engagement and commitment to democracy.

Well done!

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY FORUM

Wednesday 10 September
5:30pm - 6:30pm
Morris Hotel Innaloo

COMMUNITY FORUM

Thursday 16 October
5:30pm - 6:30pm
Albion Hotel Cottesloe

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



Timeline of Action to Ban Online Gambling Ads

It's been two years since my parliamentary committee's report into gambling harm, "You Win Some, You Lose More". We called for a ban on online gambling ads, but the Government has yet to respond. Since then, Australians have lost over \$50 billion - the cost of inaction. This is a public health issue.

Jul 2022
Heard from constituents about online gambling harm

28 Jun 2023
Committee published our report, with 31 unanimous recommendations, including a ban on gambling ads

20 Jun 2025
Crossbench wrote to the new Minister urging her to implement the recommendations

28 Jun 2025
Two years since the Murphy Report, crossbench calls out government inaction



15 Sep 2022
House Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs commenced an inquiry

POINTS INDICATE TIMES I SPOKE IN PARLIAMENT AND IN THE MEDIA

2022 - 2024
Have spoken at least 22 times about gambling effects in Parliament and media

25 June 2025
Spoke at an event with Alliance for Gambling Reform in Melbourne (see picture)

Continue to push in 48th Parliament



Swearing In

The 48th Parliament looks a bit different, with women Parliamentarians making up the majority for the first time ever.

In the House of Representatives, 174 women have served as Members of the House since Federation, 69 of whom are there now. Times are changing!

AI and Keeping Kids Safe

AI is changing fast, and while we need a holistic approach to regulating it, we also need to fix the holes in our existing laws as new harms arise.

In week 2 of Parliament I introduced a **Private Member's Bill** to criminalise tools designed to generate child sexual abuse material. These technologies are enabling predators to produce synthetic child abuse content at scale, evading current laws and making it harder to identify victims. This Bill responds to recommendations from the **National Roundtable on Child Safety in the Age of AI**. The bill did not pass, but it received much media attention and public support, and now sits with the Government to act. I will keep advocating for urgent change to the legislation.



Speaking to press in Canberra with International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children Australia and crossbench colleagues

Gaza

In the first week of Parliament I stood with Médecins Sans Frontières to call for Australia to use all its diplomatic tools to demand action to protect lives, stop weaponising aid and lift the siege in Gaza.

The mass starvation we are witnessing in Gaza is deeply troubling. Australia must do everything possible to ensure international law is upheld, and humanitarian aid is provided.

2035 Emissions Reduction Targets

In the lead-up to the Government setting an emissions reduction target for 2035, I attended briefings and a press conference in Parliament with scientists, investors and economists about what those targets should be.

With the Coalition still divided on whether we should even commit to net zero by 2050 (and the WA Liberal State Council taking a backwards step on this), it will fall to the crossbench to drive ambition on emissions reduction targets. Ambition is needed to give investors the certainty required to unlock the capital needed to transition to a forward-looking, prosperous economy, especially in WA.



At Allegra Spender's Tax Forum in Canberra in July

Tax Reform

In the last Parliament, I was one of the more vocal advocates for a broader conversation on tax reform, second only to my independent colleague Allegra Spender MP.

I'm delighted to see that the Treasurer has listened and committed to considering tax reform at its Economic Reform Roundtable.

My submission to the upcoming roundtable is based on the need for intergenerational equity in our tax system, including finding alternatives to growing reliance on personal income tax.

In the first parliamentary week I attended a tax reform forum hosted by Allegra Spender MP with leading economists to build consensus around some much-needed bold reforms.



To read my tax reform submission, scan the QR code or visit my website at katechaney.com.au

Cutting HECS Debts

One of the first things the incoming Government did was introduce legislation to deliver on its pre-election promise to cut HECS/HELP debts by 20%.

This benefits 22,500 people in Curtin who have a student debt. Students will now not start repaying their debt until they earn \$67,000. While this is a start, more needs to be done to reduce the financial burden on young Australians.



To read my policy priorities on my website, scan the QR code or visit my website at katechaney.com.au/policies

POLICY POSITION UPDATE



AUKUS

In early June I called for an Independent Inquiry into whether AUKUS remains in Australia's best interests, considering the US's changing stance and likely inability to deliver Virginia submarines on time. It is a huge financial commitment, with no Plan B. I would like to see greater transparency and a reconsideration of what constitutes Australia's national interest in the context of significant geopolitical shifts.



CHEAPER HOME BATTERIES PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE!

Crossbench advocacy has helped make a smart step toward a cleaner, more resilient energy future

Eligible homes and businesses can save 30% on installation.

Check it out and see if it suits you.
dcceew.gov.au/energy/programs/cheaper-home-batteries



IN CURTIN



Plastic Free July

Plastic Free July, founded right here in Curtin by Rebecca Prince-Ruiz now reaches more than 174 million people globally!

To kick off the month, I joined students from PLC, MLC, and Scotch College, along with Keep Australia Beautiful WA, Eco Surf Australia, and the Town of Cottesloe, for a hands-on beach cleanup at North Cottesloe, contributing vital data to the Australian Marine Debris Initiative (AMD) database, which helps shape national policy.

My own Plastic Free July journey made me realise how hard it is to avoid plastic in daily life. I'll continue to push for reform to reduce packaging waste, to make it easier for consumers to make plastic-free decisions.



70kg of litter collected from the beach in under two hours!



Taking the official Plastic Free July pledge!

Woodlands Food Pantry

I shared a cuppa and a chat with the organisers, volunteers, and patrons of the Woodlands food pantry.

Every Wednesday morning from 9am -11am, 48 Lombardy Street Woodlands, opens its doors to anyone in need of a warm drink, a nourishing meal, and free food hampers.

If you're able to contribute, donations of non-perishable food items (excluding meat and peanuts) are gratefully accepted on Tuesday lunchtimes or early Wednesday mornings.

These volunteers power this friendly community space



SHOTHOLE BORER

I spoke with ABC's 7:30 Report about the ongoing devastating impact of the polyphagous shothole borer on our local environment and community. Perth already has the lowest tree canopy of all capital cities.

The WA Government has failed to eradicate this pest, with constituents waiting several months for DPIRD to respond to affected trees. As the plan moves from eradication to management, I'm urging for greater scientific oversight and information sharing.



TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR TREES HEALTHY

- MULCH WISELY:** Use grass clippings or compost as mulch whenever possible. Avoid wood chips from unknown sources.
- INSPECT REGULARLY:** While pruning or gardening, check plants and branches for signs of borer infestation.
- SANITISE TOOLS:** Clean all pruning tools including chainsaws and woodchippers after contact with infected wood to prevent spreading the beetle.
- LIMIT MOVEMENT:** Avoid transporting plants, wood, or green waste outside your local area, especially within the Quarantine Area.
- STAY LOCAL:** Never move plant material from areas known to have PSHB infestations.
- FOLLOW REGULATIONS:** Adhere to current Quarantine Area requirements to help contain the spread.
- CHOOSE NATIVE:** Prefer native plant species over exotic ones.
- DON'T DISPOSE YOURSELF:** If you suspect a plant is infested, don't attempt to dispose of it yourself.
- REACH OUT FOR HELP:** Contact the WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) for advice or to report concerns.

[www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-primary-industries-and-regional-development/polyphagous-shot-hole-borer](https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments/departments-of-primary-industries-and-regional-development/polyphagous-shot-hole-borer)



OUR COMMUNITY



Reconciliation WA

Tremane Baxter-Edwards inspired me at Reconciliation WA's National Reconciliation Week Breakfast. As WA's First Nations youth leader, his powerful words gave me hope for the future.



WA Youth Parliament

Perth Modern student and WA Youth Parliament Member, Ananya, shared what her committee had learned while drafting a bill about Family and Domestic Violence.



Dr. Vincent Mancini on sports gambling

Dr. Vincent Mancini, from The Kids Research Institute told me about his new research showing that young men who engage in sports gambling are more likely to experience problems with gambling later on.



Leadership WA

Leadership WA's 'Turning Conviction into Action' forum was an inspiring morning exploring how values-driven leadership can shape real change.



Parents for Climate

I discussed climate priorities for this Parliament with constituents, Katie and Joanna, representing Parents for Climate.



Derbarl Yerrigan visit

Derbarl Yerrigan hosted me for a yarn and a tour, explaining how they support families in a holistic way through their Aboriginal medical health service.



NDIS meeting with constituents

Local allied health professionals Nicole, Kim, Rachel and Hayley explained to me the impact of the NDIS pricing changes on the viability of their businesses.



WA Multicultural society

The WA Multicultural Society told me about their work to address education, health, housing and culture development within their communities.



ASASA (WA)

David Thomas and the Advocacy and Wellbeing Group at ASASA (WA) told me about the important work they do in Swanbourne to support veterans with their claims.

GET INVOLVED, JOIN TEAM CHANEY!



Our volunteers are the heart and soul of Team Chaney. Whether it's doorknocking or helping in the office, there are so many ways to get involved and connect with a fantastic group of people.

Sign up today, and we'll be in touch!



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