October
2025 Newsletter

Hello Curtin!

October has been absolutely packed with inspiring moments, and I'm writing to you from Canberra where Parliament is back in session.

As ATAR exams kick off this week, I want to send my very best wishes to all our Year 12 students. I've had the absolute pleasure of attending graduation ceremonies across Curtin to celebrate their incredible achievements – you've got this!

From opening sailing seasons at Mounts Bay and Perth Dinghy Sailing Club, to cheering on Jacob Byrne as he completed his final marathon for childhood brain cancer research, this month has reminded me why I love representing our community. I've met with passionate advocates pushing for change and creative kids brimming with ideas for the future.

Thank you to everyone who's taken the time to share their stories, concerns, and celebrations with me this month. These conversations are what drive my work in Parliament.

There's plenty more to share below!

Best wishes,
Kate

In Parliament

Backing a net zero future

I spoke defiantly against Barnaby Joyce's Bill to repeal Australia's net zero target because walking away from net zero would be a betrayal of all Australians who want a stable environment and future of abundance for our kids and grandkids. Australia's commitment to net zero is an obligation and an opportunity. It is our duty to future generations, and our ticket to prosperity in a rapidly changing global economy.

This Private Member's Bill is not just a backwards step, it is a reckless rejection of economic growth, environmental responsibility, and political reality. Businesses are ready, and investors are watching as the Coalition peddles outdated climate war messaging. Simply raising the idea of repealing our net zero target does damage by sending messages that we are unreliable, unserious, and unprepared for the clean energy transition.

Watch my speech here

Setting a higher standard on political transparency

This week I seconded Dr Monique Ryan's Private Member's Bill to reform lobbying in Parliament House. Part of integrity and accountability is understanding who is influencing our top decision makers – we should know which lobbyists have access to ministers.

Australia lags behind Canada, the UK and the US in the transparency and accountability of lobbying activity with legislated lobbying regimes, with clear reporting obligations.

I am pleased to disclose that I sponsor passes for a small number of community advocates on a new Parliamentary Pass Register initiated by Senator David Pocock. Thirteen crossbench MPs have willingly listed their sponsored passes on the register so far – time for the parties to follow our lead.

Learn more about the **Parliamentary Pass Register**.

Watch my speech here

Driving Government accountability on AI

This month, I've discussed my bill to criminalise the use and distribution of AI technologies designed to create abuse material with the Attorney General, and I will continue to push the Government to act swiftly to protect children online.

The rapid rise of AI makes it harder to tell what's real and what's not online. This has huge implications for social cohesion, democracy and anything that requires facts! In Question Time this week, I asked the Government about its plan to improve AI literacy through a National Media Literacy Strategy. I will keep focusing on this – equipping Australians to be skeptical about what we see is important inoculation against the more dystopian AI scenarios.

Earlier this month, I joined Lizzie O'Shea (Digital Rights Watch), Peter Lewis (Essential), and Dan Stinton (Healthengine) for a thought-provoking panel exploring the growing uses of AI and its impact on our society (pictured above).

We discussed how AI systems often rely on the ideas and creativity of others without consent, while reshaping culture and threatening jobs, all under the guise of future productivity. It was a powerful evening of ideas, questions, and community, and a reminder that we must shape technology with people, not just profit, in mind.

Watch my question here

The Government's lack of action on gambling reform

It's been 854 days since the landmark 'You Win Some, You Lose More' report was released. The Government's silence on this report is deafening. The recommendations, which achieved unanimous support from all members of the committee that I served on, laid out clearly the steps the Government must take to regulate online gambling and reduce gambling harm in our communities.

In Canberra, I recently co-hosted a town hall discussion with Senator David Pocock to spotlight the urgent need for gambling reform. It increasingly appears that the Prime Minister is the barrier to action on this issue. I'll keep the pressure up.

Parliamentary Friendship Groups

With every new parliament comes the establishment of new Parliamentary Friendship Groups. I am delighted to be the co-host of several groups advocating for a diverse range of issues.

Parliamentary Friends of Neurodivergent People

For our launch event, we hosted an informal panel discussion about the Government's proposed Thriving Kids program with neurodivergent people, parents and advocates. The stories and experiences shared will help inform my work and provide a greater understanding of the daily challenges faced by people accessing the NDIS.

Watch my speech about the proposed Thriving Kids initiative

Parliamentary Friends of Foster Carers and Children in Foster Care

The Speaker's Courtyard was full of foster families and advocates for the re-launch of this Parliamentary Friendship Group this week. Chair of the National Foster Care Sustainability Group Dr Lisa Griffiths outlined the priorities for the foster care community, and what we as parliamentarians can work on to better support foster carers and the children they care for.

Visit futureoffostercare.org.au for more information.

Parliamentary Friends of LGBTIQ+ Australians

I was pleased to share a cup of Equali-tea with a room full of MPs and their staff who had gathered to hear from Equality Australia CEO Anna Brown OAM, and newly announced Equality Australia Patron Ian Thorpe AM (pictured above). His post-Olympics advocacy to eliminate discrimination and promote inclusivity is an important reminder that despite Marriage Equality, the work to protect LGBTIQ+ young people is far from complete.

Perth Modern in Canberra!

I had the pleasure of meeting the Year 9 students from Perth Modern during their visit to Parliament House. We had a fantastic conversation about life as an MP, and there were some great questions about the upcoming social media ban.

In Curtin

2026 Youth Advisory Group and Curtin Graduates

Last week we had our first 2026 Youth Advisory Group meeting, with year 10s from across Curtin.

They told me about the issues they care about – climate, mental health and housing were common themes. We'll meet again throughout next year and I'll do my best to amplify their voices in Parliament.

I also attended a number of graduation ceremonies (as well as my own son's) and was inspired by the impressive group of young people heading out into the world from our Curtin schools.

Friends of Lake Galup

Each month the Friends of Galup remove weeds and rubbish from the edges of Lake Galup. I was pleased to help the group secure a grant this year. If you love Lake Galup, you can join the group every second Sunday for a busy bee.

This month focused on weeding along the newly planted conservation path - satisfying work - although my legs knew about it the next day!

Perth Royal Show

The Perth Royal Show was full of wagging tails and joyful moments, especially at the dog drawing competition, which I was proud to sponsor. Choosing just two winners from [illegible] entries was no easy task! I also met Nicolas, a dog show [illegible] mbia, who I helped to get his visa to visit Australia. It was wonderful to see him in action, bringing international expertise to the judging ring.

My events

Of course, no dog show visit is complete without a few pats and maybe a chip on a stick to end the day!

Be part of the fun!

We're always welcoming new volunteers to the team.

Sign up here

WA Youth Engagement Grants Program

The Department of Communities is now taking applications for the WA Youth Engagement Annual Grants Program 2025-26.

The program provides grants for local governments and community service organisations to implement projects in Western Australia that engage young people (aged 10-25 years) in creative ways and help to achieve positive outcomes for young people in the community.

Applications close on Monday 17 November at 3:00 pm.

You'll find information about the program and how to apply for the grant: WA Youth Engagement Annual Grants Program 2025-26 - WA Department of Communities, Grants and Sponsorships

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!

Reforming Australia's tax system for future generations

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need meaningful government ambition to tackle intergenerational inequity through tax reform.

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Date: Thursday 13 November
Time: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Location: Claremont Football Club 3 Davies Rd, Claremont

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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Free Grants workshop – Sign up now!

I am hosting a free workshop for businesses, charities and community organisations in Curtin with Keith Whelan, 'The Grants Guy'. Come along to learn the tips and tricks for effective grant writing, where to search for grants funding, and how to be 'grant ready' when applications open.

Date: Thursday 20 November
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Location: The Boulevard Centre, Floreat

Sign up now!

November Community catchups – I want to hear from you!

As you're picking up some great fresh produce, come and meet me outside the Subiaco Farmers' Market (on Bagot Rd) from 8:30 am to 9:30 am on Saturday 1 November, and at the Mount Claremont Farmers' Market (103 Alfred Rd) from 8:30 am to 9:30 am on Saturday 8 November.

I will be hosting my next Community Forum on Tuesday 11 November from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at St Brigid Bar (251 Scarborough Beach Rd, Doubleview), and a pop-up office on Rokeby Rd (at the entrance to Forrest Walk) from 11:00 am on Wednesday 19 November.

Come along and hear about what I've been working on in Canberra and Curtin. I'm keen to hear what you think are the challenges our community is facing right now.