

November 2025 Newsletter



This week the Parliament finally passed the Environment Protection Reform Bill 2025. It has taken five years to reach this point in the rewriting of Australia's broken environmental protection laws.

Environmental protection is one of the biggest priorities for the people of Curtin. Since becoming an MP, I've received 4634 pieces of correspondence about protecting our precious environment, including 544 about the Environmental Protections and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act. Reforms to this law have been highly anticipated.

Armed with expert advice and community support, I debated the government's proposed legislation this month and moved 15 amendments to strengthen their impact to protect nature.

Of the 119 amendments put forward by the crossbench in the House of Representatives, I was the only person to successfully have an amendment accepted by the Government.

The Government needed the support of the Coalition or the Greens to get the Bill through the Senate, with the Greens successfully negotiating further reforms, including another one of mine – to prevent coal and gas projects from being exempted by the Minister on grounds of 'national interest'.

While environmental protections have dominated the final sitting week, I have continued to progress work in the Parliament on other key community concerns this month, such as reforming electoral processes and strengthening integrity in politics, reducing gambling harm, and establishing guardrails for artificial intelligence.

At home, I've brought the Curtin community into conversations on housing and tax reform, shared the tips and tricks for writing funding grants, and advocated with many of you for the best outcome on the proposed Matilda Bay ferry terminal.

Read on for more of what I've been working on and how you can be involved!

Best wishes,
Kate

P.s. Fun Fact: On Thursday 6 November 2025, the House of Representatives voted on more divisions than any other single day since 1935.

In Parliament

My Private Member's Bill



Australians deserve fair and transparent elections.

This month, I introduced a Private Member's Bill to protect voters' personal information from being harvested by political parties and candidates via the postal vote process.

My Bill ensures postal vote applications cannot be sent to the Australian Electoral Commission on behalf of voters by candidates or parties. This measure strengthens the integrity of our electoral process and prevents the independence of the AEC being undermined by political parties and candidates.

With the rise of misinformation and distrust of politicians, this is a straightforward measure that the Government should include in its electoral reforms ahead of the next election.

[Watch my introduction of the Bill](#)

[Read my PMB](#)

**Challenging the
Government on
transparency**

When democracies around the world are being challenged, we need to strengthen government accountability and work to rebuild trust and integrity in institutions and processes.

Civil society groups and MPs from across the parliament are deeply critical of the government's proposed changes to the Freedom of Information (FOI) process.

My concerns with the Bill include expanding 'cabinet confidentiality'; preventing applicant anonymity; and the introduction of fees to submit FOI requests.

I moved a second reading amendment to refer the entire FOI Act to undertake an independent, comprehensive review.

The Bill has not yet passed the Senate.

[Watch my speech here](#)

Building support to reduce gambling harm



It has been more than 880 days since the landmark Murphy Report was handed down with 31 recommendations to reduce gambling harm, including a ban on ads for online gambling.

I have been working since that day to pressure the government to adopt these changes by asking questions in Question Time, speaking about this in Parliament, and raising the issue in the media.

In the final Parliamentary sitting week, I launched a multi-partisan parliamentary friendship group alongside Alliance for Gambling Reform CEO Martin Thomas and chief advocate Rev. Tim Costello AO. We will work to build support for gambling reform across the Parliament to pressure the Prime Minister to act on the recommendations of the Murphy Report.

Pushing to establish an AI Safety Institute



The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence (AI) offers vast opportunities to improve efficiency and productivity, but not without risks. This technology is racing ahead, but our ability to understand and govern it is lagging – the Government has limited AI expertise and insufficient capacity to respond quickly.

To tackle this challenge, I've been speaking with AI developers and experts here and across the globe to inform my latest AI Discussion Paper which makes the case for an Australian AI Safety Institute.

AI safety institutes are independent advisory bodies, with significant expertise and the flexibility to respond rapidly to developments in AI. Many countries

have already established AI safety institutes, and less than a week after my discussion paper was released, the Australian Government announced it intends to establish one too.

I look forward to the Government coming forward with details about its proposed Institute to ensure we are equipped to keep Australians safe from the harmful risks of AI.

[Watch me speak about it](#)

[Read more about my proposed AI Safety Institute](#)

In Curtin

Tax reform with Ken Henry



There is a high level of engagement in the Curtin community when it comes to the serious issue of tax reform, and this was on full display when I hosted Dr Ken Henry AO at the Claremont Football Club recently.

More than 200 people joined us to discuss how our tax system unfairly disadvantages young people, our structural deficit, the growing needs of an ageing population, and how tax incentives on housing are distorting the market. Dr Henry provided a rich historical perspective and emphasised the need for change and the political difficulties when major parties are focused on the short term.

Following that conversation, I explored our community's views on tax and housing more deeply, using a new AI-driven digital tool called Remesh, to better understand 242 Curtin residents' views on negative gearing and capital gains tax reform.

From this process, I found that there is broad appetite for resetting tax incentives around housing, to give younger generations a chance of owning their own home. Approximately 90 percent of participants, including many who own an investment property, supported reform in these areas.

[Watch my conversation with Dr Ken Henry](#)

[Watch my Q + A with Dr Ken Henry](#)

Equipping Curtin to be grant-ready



More than 70 people attended my free workshop in Floreat with 'The Grants Guy', Keith Whelan this month. This very informative session was designed to help businesses, community groups and individuals in Curtin seeking information on how to apply for funding grants.

Anyone applying for grants understands how time consuming and competitive the application process can be. The information in the workshop provided attendees with the tools they need to be 'grant-ready'.

If you haven't registered for the monthly grants updates you can [sign up here](#) and if you would like general information on grants you will find it on [my website](#).

Supporting Foodbank this Christmas



Foodbank provides essential food to families vulnerable to food insecurity, and I'm proud to support its incredible work. In Parliament, I stood alongside Foodbank Australia's CEO Kylea Tink, to launch the 2025 Foodbank Hunger Report.

Foodbank feeds 69,000 people every single day. This Christmas, we can help!

My office is collecting donations until Friday 12 December during office hours (Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm).

High-demand items include non-perishable and in-date pantry goods, such as:

- Canned meals, fruit & veggies
- Long-life milk
- Pasta, rice, pasta sauce
- Spreads, jams
- Baby food, formula, nappies
- Cereal & oats
- Toilet paper, soap, deodorant
- Canned fish
- Meal bases
- Christmas puddings

Every \$1 donated = 2 meals created.

If you can't bring food, you can still make a huge impact - donate [here](#).

Matilda Bay Ferry Terminal



At the Matilda Bay Rally, I shared my memories of this special place and enjoyed hearing the stories and connection that so many people also share.

Building a 140m jetty and ferry terminal in the middle of Matilda Bay will significantly change how the bay is used.

I urge the State Government to listen to the genuine concerns of the 11 community groups who access and use the river at Matilda Bay, and to listen to the many people who, like me, have spent long summer days and evenings here, connecting with nature. We need to preserve these experiences for future generations.

Deserving Better fundraising lunch



Community Catchup (LAST ONE OF 2025)

Come and chat about what's been happening, grab a drink and some nibbles
Congratulations to Lisha van Reyk and Louise Groom for hosting a
successful fundraising lunch for Deserving Better, an incredible grassroots
organisation in Subiaco providing accessible support for women experiencing
coercive control, domestic violence, and financial abuse.

Date: Wednesday 3 December

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Location: Meet me at Matilda Bay, near the Gazebo

A heartfelt thank you to Melanie Gray for bravely sharing her personal story
to raise awareness of how this issue can affect anyone.

[My events](#)

If you'd like to support the work of [Deserving Better](#) - [click here!](#)

I will keep advocating for better funding for community organisations like this,
that are doing vital work to keep women safe and supported.

Be part of the fun! 2026 Calendars

We're always welcoming new volunteers to the team.

My 2026 Curtin Calendar is on

[Sign up here](#)

Pop into my Floreat office from [here](#) to pick up your copy!

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Don't forget to submit your social media posts for the year to date
eligible to apply for my Certificate of Appreciation. Certificates are issued by



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Events

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To Be or Not To EPBC

Join me to discuss the latest on the Environmental Protection **Electorate Office**
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I'll share my thoughts on the strengths and weaknesses of my amendments to the bills, and where to from here.

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

Authorised by Kate Chaney **Date:** Tuesday 2 December

Time: 7.30 am - 8.45 am

Location: Bay View Community Centre (64 Bay View Terrace, Claremont)

Register