

Webinar chat log: The Importance of the Crossbench - Jacqui Lambie

00:18:57 Hayden Starr (Australia Institute): Welcome all - Hayden from the Australia Institute here! Thanks for joining us today.

Please keep all comments in the chat civil and on topic or you will be removed from the discussion. Looking forward to a great webinar!

00:19:17 Margaret Blanch: Good morning from Warnbro WA

00:19:54 Alwyne Smith: Greetings from Tasmania

00:20:05 Robynne Burchell: Good morning from Ngarigo country on the Monaro

00:20:44 Kerry Silcock: Good morning from Ngunnawal country.

00:21:08 Sally Keir: Hi from Wonnarua country

00:23:20 Hayden Starr (Australia Institute): A little reminder, the chat has options for 'all panellists' or 'all panellists and attendees'. Choose the latter option to participate in the chat with everyone.

00:25:11 Carol Kerstholt: Good morning from Dharawal country in Wollongong, NSW

00:25:30 Darryl Fallow: Good to hear of a politician that does not take political donations!

00:26:55 Katharine Telfer: greens and independent candidates don't take big corporate dollars . thank goodness for the cross bench.good work Jacqui

00:27:05 Virginia Gordon: Virginia Bell, Natasha Stott Despoja and Karen Wills would be a great combination for a review team

00:27:14 Dick Rowe: Please ask Senator Lambie about the "deal" she did with the Government over the repeal of the Medevac legislation. Is she d

00:27:40 Nieves Rivera: Greetings from Baarkindji Country, Wilcannia

00:28:25 Dick Rowe: (continues) satisfied that this deal has been honoured and when are we (the public) able to review the details of the deal.

00:29:08 Alistair McCulloch: @Dick. probably best to put your question in the Q&A box. :-)

00:29:14 Glenn O: Good qn, Dick

00:29:24 Kimberley Wheeler: Hello from Wurundjeri land

00:29:28 John Millar: The Kate Jenkins 'Respect' review released 12 months ago - 3 of 55 recommendations being looked at. Why do we need ANOTHER review.

00:29:49 Katharine Telfer: yes go Jacqui !!! 100%

00:30:20 Eric Pozza: Yes, I think the first step in change is to deal woith donations, corruption etc

00:30:26 David Jones: Government of the people, by the chosen few, for the chosen few

00:31:02 Sharon Holmes: Sadly, David J, you're right.

00:31:09 Darryl Fallow: Agree - we need donation reform - but both the major parties want to keep it. Government of the people, by the Vested interests for their own benefit - not for the national good!

00:31:39 Sue Dixon: It's thanks to political donations that we have fossil fuel vested interests causing do much damage at a critical time when we need o act urgently. Criminal behaviour in my opinion, pity we can't prosecute ...

00:31:46 Kresta Lokumarambage: Morning WITH the Bidjigal and Gadigal people from the Eora nation.

00:32:29 Denise Shrivell: Donations and real media reform are IMHO the two key things we should be changing for substantive impact. Time to make us the priority of their decision making instead of donors and media owners. Not even sure we're in their top 5 list of priorities.

00:32:48 Tim Buckley: Denise +1

00:33:34 David Jones: This is a hugely important point - the shrinking of the political pool. The Law of Requisite Variety tells us how important it is to maintain a genuine diversity of representation in our democracy.

00:35:00 Raphael Dua: Jackie, you are pretty smart

00:35:30 Eric Pozza: Labor continues to run scared (since tampa) so independents are the agents for change these days. Yet they need Labor's numbers and Labor will provide with support

00:35:53 jennifer manson: Fabulous courage Jacqui!

00:36:03 Marcelle Hoff: greetings from Guringai/Wanangine Country

00:36:13 Sharon Holmes: Yes Jennifer, she is courageous.

00:36:13 Margaret Lee: If only... I've been very disappointed at the stance of the ALP lately.

00:36:42 Eric Pozza: Yes, Jacqui, you are well respected

00:36:53 Katharine Telfer: we'd be doomed without any Independents and Greens. the two major parties are twisted with corporate donations and the LNP only care about Murdoch and their billionaire mates

00:37:03 Kresta Lokumarambage: States should be abolished, its like living in different countries because of these flimsy borders that create divisive cultures - you Jacqui, running from the outside and only driving the interests of certain people is not collaborative for the interests of Australia with a globalist role

00:37:11 Bill Arnold: LNP = Big End of town, Coal, Gas, Cotton. The rest of us can get st**fed.

00:37:31 Darryl Fallow: Yes Margaret - ALP v disappointing - basically Alternative Liberal Party on many issues

00:37:34 Kresta Lokumarambage: elderly have capital gains tax from their properties

00:37:37 Eric Pozza: Labor did have a decent set of policies at the llast election (LNP had nothing but PR and tax cuts) . But they lost. No decent leadership/presence

00:37:46 Katharine Telfer: yep Bill Arnold

00:38:29 Carol Kerstholt: Are there exemplary countries for Australia to review and possibly follow those leaders in abandoning political donations and its accompanying corruption?

00:38:38 Greg (Darwin, Australia): Hm. Yes. We have set things up the hard way.

00:39:19 Alexandra Ioannou: Good question, Carol

00:40:07 Kresta Lokumarambage: and then ruin the entire tertiary education sector for us now. his people now, voted that in recently

00:40:36 Robert Mancini: Labour has lost it's soul, they can never win by being a poor man's conservative party. I can never vote for any of the 2 major parties with their inhumane and short sighted ideologies. Thanks god for independents.

00:41:35 Kresta Lokumarambage: because its certain people's lives on the line and youre crying over it publicly, after denying them medical treatment. id like to see your staff undergo the same treatment.

00:41:51 Katharine Telfer: yes please can we find out what is happening with the EPBC..

00:41:53 Eric Pozza: Robert, just make sure your 2PP vote gets to labor. The alternative is worse

00:41:58 Bev: Hi all from Kaurana country, Adelaide. NB Robert M. Labor

00:42:02 Sharon Holmes: Yes Robert. Very sad that Labor has lost its way. Too similar to LNP and not willing to stick its neck out on hard stuff.

00:43:05 Eric Pozza: Labor hasn't totally lost its way, just its courage.

00:43:18 Kerry Silcock: Yes, also very concerned that the review/report on the EPBC Act seems to have been buried.

00:43:22 Judith Leslie: Albo now supports gas-led recovery

00:43:40 Katharine Telfer: Kerry +1

00:44:12 Katharine Telfer: I'm very worried that Sussan Ley is being drowned by her party.

00:44:17 Darryl Fallow: Eric - is lack of courage related to leadership issues ... or is it deeper than that. A party needs to have the courage of its convictions.

00:44:18 David Jones: Both major parties of government have been unable to deal with the big disruptive change of the 3rd & 4th industrial revolutions (internet of things, renewable energy, automation & autonomous machines). Independents will play a key role in helping our politics to reshape around the emerging realities of the 21st century.

00:44:30 Kresta Lokumarambage: like its fair foreign investment has become unrealistically difficult for the Tasmanian economy but treating it as separate to Australia, doesn't help

00:44:50 Robert Mancini: I was a Whitlam youth so if Labour has not lost it's way I don't know what you call that.

00:45:04 Ian Jones: If Albo says gas fuelled is the best then he is wrong !!! we do not need gas fired anything.

00:45:34 Darryl Fallow: Ian Jones - Spot on!! Its the vested interests again!

00:45:38 Eric Pozza: Darryl, I don't think Labor is perfect, but they are better. Look at the Natl Party! But I feel they are running scared since Tampa. They need a decent figurehead. Shorten just couldn't do it. Not sure about Albo yet.

00:46:02 Denise Shrivell: There are now groups in approx 15 Federal seats working to find & elect real Independents representatives in the next election. With the major Parties largely losing their way on urgent issues such as climate change, getting more Independents on the cross bench is a positive path forward. I'll also say these groups are largely driven by women. Please see a twitter list of the groups here - & get involved - for all our sakes >>
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00:46:07 Keith Birney: Good Morning , Jacqui. As a dinosaur - old, not large - I wonder how you feel about the culture of Ministerial Advisers? (For those born after 1950, Ministers' Advisers were seconded from the Public Service and sometimes Ministers sometimes did not like the advice but could not do anything about it - if they disregarded that advice, on their own heads be it - sometimes fun for the onlookers!).

00:46:17 Judith Leslie: Definitely not Albo no presence at all

00:46:38 Sharon Holmes: Not sure if Albo is the right person to lead the party.

00:46:39 fred engels: I reckon ... Tanya ... OR ...Dr. Jim ...

00:46:50 Kresta Lokumarambage: ew

00:46:52 Bill Arnold: Tanya.

00:46:53 Ian Murray: Aust population 25 million. I agree to do away with the states. Ian D Murray

00:46:58 Darryl Fallow: Keith Birney - can you put your question in the Q & A please?

00:47:10 Sharon Holmes: Tanya or Jim - agree

00:47:13 Robert Mancini: Daryl, It's like Trump and the Dems in the US, better than the alternative is pretty crap. Labours recent cabinet reshuffle has moved to the right.

00:47:19 Katharine Telfer: yes please - can I ask - I attended the EPBC forum talk last year with MP Ley through the coalition for climate chat. MP Ley said she wasn't going to dissolve the act and leave it to the states. yet our country is just as bad as Brazil for disregarding the environment and also the wishes of the people. the EPBC act affects city folk and farmers, as well as wildlife. how do you see the cross bench fighting to look after our country with this?

00:47:20 Eric Pozza: Labor loses the next election? That's 2024/5 before we take any action on climate??? -50% in 5 years? Not possible

00:47:45 David Jones: Tanya doesn't give the impression she wants the job. I think the Gillard experience has left the senior Labor women extremely cautious about the top job.

00:48:12 Suzanne Howarth: The issue of secondment of advisers from the APS must be given much more attention. Too many people being parachuted into offices has led to major cultural problems as well as making public policy less coherent

00:48:32 David Jones: Having said that, the senior Labor women's leadership group is impressive, both individually and collectively

00:49:19 fred engels: The pendulum has swung too far to the conservatives and big business ... we need someone that can relate and inspire the battlers

00:49:34 Charles Jones: Jacqui. Do you think the crossbench can block Porter's Draft CIC Bill and achieve establishment of a fully independent federal anti-corruption commission?

00:50:16 Robert Mancini: Would love to see one of the great Labour women lead the party, but with the culture and treatment of women in government and parliament is horrendous.

00:50:22 Suzanne Howarth: And before establishing yet another agency, why not just fund the Auditor General and the Ombudsman properly?

00:50:41 Kresta Lokumarambage: Does your language contribute to your role in the senate? ie, Mainlanders, Locals, your people, my people...?

00:50:46 Kresta Lokumarambage: what does**

00:50:57 Eric Pozza: This neo-con revolution has been going on since well before Reagan/Thatcher (1980s). We may need 50 years to turn it around, and that's without the access to cash that the right has. And media, and think tanks, etc. All to be done before 2degC??? Not feasible

00:51:06 David Jones: The Coalition aren't conservatives, and haven't been since Howard - they're post-conservatives, driven purely by naked self-interest. Political conservatives are pragmatic and ultimately reshape around big change. Post-conservatives go into denial and vandalism.

00:51:57 Robert Mancini: Don't forget to put your questions in the Q&A section

00:52:30 Eric Pozza: David, yes how true! I have had real trouble with people calling LNP conservatives. Radical and/or populist, definitely on the right.

00:54:18 Denise Shrivell: What is it that the Govt wants by keeping people in indefinite detention? Dog whistling to their base - and money for their mates? What is it?

00:54:33 Katharine Telfer: yes the ICAC with teeth!

00:54:53 Tim Buckley: Katharine +1

00:55:07 David Jones: A good example of conservative vs post-conservative politicians is the National Party - up to and including Tim Fischer I would have regard CP/NP leaders as political conservatives - since then definitely post-conservatives

00:55:43 Kresta Lokumarambage: AJ Brown is still reviewing the processes right?

00:56:03 Suzanne Howarth: Well if no one has the appetite for ICAC then you definitely need to fund the Ombudsman and the Auditor properly

00:56:46 David Jones: A key characteristic of post-conservative barbarian politics around the world is that they don't have the ability to deal with complex policy issues, so they just blow stuff up.

00:57:03 Ingrid Jackson: Denise, perhaps simply racism!

00:57:08 Klaus Kaulfuss: 'Leaders' are missing in action when it comes to Julian Assange and whistleblowers ...what are they so afraid of? TRUTH!

00:57:27 Denise Shrivell: I watch them every day and I'm frightened by this Govt too. & is why I'm working to get more real Independents on the cross benches >>
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00:57:35 Neil Herbert: Beholden to their donators....

00:58:23 Suzanne Howarth: There is an emerging issue about rates of Pay between Deputy Secretaries, Secretaries and Members of Parliament. This is the éléphant in the room. And needs to be discussed openly.

00:58:42 Darryl Fallow: Klaus - you are right - 'they' don't want us to know the truth. Government of the people ... for the people ???

01:01:01 Charles Jones: Young people can join the Independent "Voices of" groups setting up around the country. This will raise profile in the community and get the community connection needed to be put forward as an Independent candidate. See Independents CAN website.

01:03:35 Lesley Howard: The 'Voices of' groups a separate and autonomous community groups . Independents Can (ICAN) is a political party.

01:04:31 Ahmad Masri: good morning from Docklands, Victoria.

01:04:55 Klaus Kaulfuss: Think Tank - called the IPA

01:05:33 Eric Pozza: How can I find the Voices of groups?

01:05:45 Fred Sim: We've sacked Aus Post CEO for watches...

01:05:55 Denise Shrivell: @eric - here they are listed >>
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01:05:56 Eric Pozza: IPA is not the only right think tank. Would be nice to know how they are funded

01:06:04 Kerry Silcock: Speaking truth there Jacqui.

01:06:42 fred engels: The URL will not work out of the chat column

01:07:32 Klaus Kaulfuss: both major parties ...profits before people unless they belong to the group of the select few

01:07:36 George Votzourakis: Aged care system needs to go back to public hands, raise the wages and spend the money.

01:07:56 Lesley Howard: Follow @VoicesForAU on twitter to connect with the conversation

01:08:04 fred engels: A lot of entities should be back in public hands

01:08:25 Margaret Lee: As we saw with the WA 'care' home situation, paying big money is no guarantee of good care.

01:08:26 Fred Sim: Thanks for your honesty Jacqui!
It's a lack of political will and extreme ideology. IF we approached COVID the way we are approaching Aged Care, we would be in the UK position right now... year after year we have had inquiries, you're spot on!!!

01:09:41 Suzanne Howarth: It is truly inspiring to listen to a politician who is actually connected to the people she is representing. Go Jacqui!

01:09:44 Fred Sim: 100% Ebony! Win - win, and most of these workers are WOMEN

01:10:15 George Votzourakis: My mother is in a home and the job that her carers do is herculean!!!!

01:10:21 Neil Herbert: Many jobs aren't paid at their true worth - compare directors of multiple boards like Crown to age care workers...

01:10:47 Heather Lawson: there needs to be a career path for people working in aged care and encouraging respect for older [people so the role is seen as worthwhile

01:10:51 Denise Shrivell: There are Voices of - & other similar groups in - Mackellar, North Sydney, Wentworth, Hughes, Hume, New England, Calare, Pearce, Moore, Boothby, Nichols, Goldstein, Groom, Riverena - more popping up regularly

01:11:08 Darryl Fallow: Agree about MPs connecting with their people. My current Member (Bean) doesn't; previous member (Canberra) was excellent.

01:11:21 David Brous: Have you asked the questions regarding the Senator's vote on the medieval legislation? Of not, why not?

01:11:21 Suzanne Howarth: The Responsible Lending Review definitely needs your attention Jacqui

01:12:09 John Millar: I have more respect for Jacqui after today, but it was an admittedly low bar

01:12:23 Margaret Lee: I think the people of Voices for Indi are trying to develop some coordination of the various Voices For groups

01:12:53 Kresta Lokumarambage: Why doesn't Linda Burney ever get a shout out, shes not even constitutionally recognised and shes THERE

01:13:11 Darryl Fallow: Margaret. - I see that as a positive - more Independents after the next election (I hope).

01:13:37 Elizabeth Connor: Oh come on John. She's honest and extremely keen on learning on the job. She's also got the street smarts that independent senators need. We need more like her.

01:14:05 Eric Pozza: Yes, I don't always agreewith Jacqui, but whe has my repsect. We need more like her

01:14:15 Suzanne Howarth: I think we will see more indépendants in Canberra as there is widespread concert about présélection processes in Canberra

01:14:17 Denise Shrivell: But they put \$500 million for unneeded renovations of the War Memorial?? What?

01:14:20 Sharon Holmes: Right on Elizabeth. Definitely need more like Jacqui.

01:15:03 Denise Shrivell: The only way we'll get more like Jacqui is by working for it - these groups are a trying >> <https://twitter.com/i/lists/1305981167032647680>

01:15:03 Ahmad Masri: Thank you very much ladies!!!

01:15:07 Suzanne Howarth: Thanks for an excellent podcast

01:15:19 Katharine Telfer: thank you very much Senator

01:15:21 fred engels: Thanks Jacqui - it's a tough gig you have but please continue to "KEEP THE BASTARDS HONEST"

01:15:22 Eric Pozza: Thanks you Jacqui. Again, we need more like you.

01:15:24 Fred Sim: Thanks for all you work Jacqui.

Thanks as always Ebony, Elouise

01:15:25 Hayden Starr (Australia Institute): Thanks to all for joining us today and for participating in an excellent discussion! For details about upcoming webinars head to https://nb.tai.org.au/webinar_series

01:15:25 Sharon Holmes: Great session. Many thanks.

01:15:29 Allan Evans: Thank you Jacquie keep up the goog work.

01:15:29 Tim Buckley: Brilliant insights, thank you TAI and Jacqui, shining a light on how our government 'works'

01:15:31 Darryl Fallow: Thanks - excellent discussion. Keep up the good effort Jacqui!

01:15:39 Robynne Burchell: Thank you everyone

01:15:41 KAREN PRESBURY: Thanks Jacqui, so good to hear you and thanks for your incredible service

01:15:42 Brian Mclver: Thanks Jacqui, fascinating webinar

01:15:42 Suzanne Howarth: Here's to the success of Senator Lambie!

01:15:43 Neil Herbert: Great session!

01:15:58 David Jones: Thank you Jacqui

01:15:59 Tracey Davis: Great session! Thx:)

01:16:12 Margaret Blanch: Thank you Jacqui for always speaking your mind even if I don't always agree with you. I always know where you stand and why.

01:16:13 Kerry Silcock: Thanks TAI and Jacqui Lambie.

01:16:22 Kimberley Wheeler: Thank you

01:16:22 Mary Stephens: Many thanks Jacqui, Ebony, and Eloise. Great session!