

00:18:03 Liam Carter (Australia Institute):Hi all - Liam from The Australia Institute here. Thanks for joining us today. Looking forward to a great webinar!

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00:19:08 Bev Majda: Hello all from Kurna Land (Adelaide Plains)

00:19:57 Lisa Smajlov: Hello looking forward to hearing todays discussion. Lisa from Gadigal Wangal land

00:20:28 Anne Fitzgerald: Attending from unceded lands of Dharug and Gundungurra peoples

00:23:43 Judith Gamper: hello from Judith Gamper on Ngunnawal/Ngambri Country. Thank you TAI for bringing this together. I was appalled about the happenings in the Wic

00:24:00 Fred Engels: Just joining session ... just a quick aside ... Little Cleo has been found alive and well Thank You

00:24:05 Kate McBride: Watching from Kurna Country- Adelaide

00:24:45 Judith Gamper: Judith: oops misprint! I tried to write "Wilcannia area"

00:26:11 Cheryl Fitzpatrick: Hello from Wiradjuri land, Dubbo NSW

00:26:36 Sabine Kacha: Hi all, zooming in from Gadgal land, yes Wilcannia situation re Covid appalling, also highlights the need for appropriate housing there which has been known for years without any action on it!!

00:27:21 Jane Frances: Delta shut down the whole of NSW & much of Vic - not just Syd & Melb

00:27:40 Georgina Nicholson: Hi to all.. I am zoomed

00:27:51 Claire Bettington: Greetings from Maroubra in Gadigal Country.

Scotty thinks diseases are God's domain (didn't stop him being first in line for the Pfizer jab though!)

00:28:00 Margaret Lee: It's my opinion that SM didn't build quarantine stations because (a) they would have cost, and so he (b) left it to the states to use hotels - because it would have the double benefit of not having to provide the financial support for hotel staff that they'd had to do for everyone else.

00:28:11 Charmian Gaud: 147,701 cases today from Bondi Driver Delta on 12 June in NSW VIC ACT some QLD some NZ - grand total for Morrisons and Gladys incompetence

00:28:19 Georgina Nicholson: I am zooming in from Melbourne NAARM...

00:29:05 Murray Sayle: #ScottyFromMarketing on Vaccine I am right stuff the rest.

- 00:29:11 Sabine Kacha: I am deeply concerned about the proposed amendments of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act NT, e.g. that there has been insufficient consultation with affected First Nations communities and Traditional Owners, that it will weaken Aboriginal land rights and undermine First Nations authority regarding mining processes. Who knows how this will impact if Covid spread into communities? Submissions are due this Friday, 5 Nov. For more info, [http://www.concernedaustralians.com.au/#Economic\\_Empowerment\\_Bill\\_2021](http://www.concernedaustralians.com.au/#Economic_Empowerment_Bill_2021)
- 00:29:23 Robyn Kiernicki: Hi from Gundungurra country (Picton)
- 00:30:22 Linda McIver: so much of the trauma of this pandemic would have been alleviated by simply making sure everyone had adequate income and adequate housing. In a so called civilized society, it's hard to understand why that would not be the default at all times.
- 00:31:06 jennifer manson: Agreed Linda!
- 00:31:21 Pickering Jordan: Scotty the Bad Christian
- 00:31:22 Sabine Kacha: You are welcome to join a wonderful free online event tonight at 7.30pm AEDT when Yuendumu residents Donovan Jampijinpa Rice, Frank Baarda and Ned Jampijinpa Hargraves from Yuendumu, NT will speak <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-building-bridges-franks-yuendumu-story-tickets-196982579197>
- 00:31:53 Liam Carter (Australia Institute): Just a reminder to please keep all comments in the chat civil and on topic – Thanks!
- 00:34:10 Charmian Gaud: Not building Quarantine facilities was because of DEALS with Major Hotel and travel industry lobbyists. We need to see National Cabinet minutes of 27 March 2020 - mention in VIC HQ judicial equity that Helloworld (Hockey major owner) had WELFARE contract in Vic hotels. — what other states.. No wonder setting up proper HQ didn't occur 25yr Nat Cab secrecy and yet Peta Credlin knew exact time of Dan Andrews chief of staff taking calls and leaving that crucial Nat Cab meeting. It stinks politically - its the same as the spreadsheets. Also Howard Springs has los of commonwealth owned land adjacent - they could accommodate 10,000 there..
- 00:37:14 Claire Bettington: What they say and what they do are different. The deliberate policy of excluding disabled smacks of eugenics. Someone has to investigate Scotty's Pentecostal beliefs and their effect on policy (remember half the Cabinet are also Pentecostals). None of them want to help others despite professing to be "Christian".
- 00:37:57 Olivia Greenwell: thanks Ebony!
- 00:38:12 Liam Carter (Australia Institute): Please keep all comments in the chat civil and on topic or you will be removed from the discussion, thank you!
- 00:38:54 Sabine Kacha: You can find the article also online at <https://www.themonthly.com.au/>
- 00:39:19 Lorraine Sushames: Thanks for the link Sabine.
- 00:39:40 Charmian Gaud: Claire Bettington makes a very good point about evangelical and lead up to their RAPTURE..
- 00:41:13 Tara Daniel: "accidentally"

- 00:41:41 Bev Majda: Ye Gads!
- 00:41:41 Claire Bettington: Prosperity Theology - God rewards the wealthy!
- 00:41:57 Anne Jaques: Scott Morrison just says whatever suits him on the day and doesn't know how to follow through. I'm sure deals were throughout this pandemic - with the AMA for example - roll out through GPs and Pharmacies. We have a very well oiled immunisation program delivered through councils - why not have used that? In each local council across Australia - trusted, credentialed, could have recruited vaccinators.
- 00:42:23 Ahmad Masri: Good Morning from Docklands, Victoria.
- 00:42:23 allan Green: If you have a go - you get a go!
- 00:42:24 Murray Sayle: Thankyou Richard, I was in 1B and it took too long to get the second jab, Must have to join Hillsong
- 00:43:50 Steph Rey: It wasn't just indigenous people who were abandoned. I'm in 1b and had trouble booking a vaccine, meanwhile friends who were not classed as vulnerable or front line were getting jabbed before me. My sister who lives just outside Sydney, also 1b had her vaccine cancelled for the Yr12 students in Sydney, despite being very high risk. She couldn't get a vaccine until late October
- 00:43:55 Jill Newton: Good point Anne. I hadn't realised that Councils still handle vaccinations.
- 00:43:59 Maria Harries: How easily is our democracy sabotaged by self interest and indecency!
- 00:44:07 Bev Majda: I too was in Phase 1B, but elected for a State run clinic instead of a GP, and got vaccinated relatively quickly
- 00:44:34 Stephen Alomes: Long-term. The rollback of the contract state - the second reason for the Vic 2020 spread (after the 1980s closure of the federal quarantine stations,, Pt Nepean, North Head etc)
- 00:44:36 Colin Roberts: ...and Wellcamp quarantine centre was owned by a family that won a defamation case against Alan Jones - a LNP favourite
- 00:44:48 Charmian Gaud: Very interesting data on Variants on Twitter by MIKE HONEY - shows the link of NZ cases Aug-Oct to Sydney Bondi Delta.. There are more variants in europe currently which may move into ANZ
- 00:45:14 Bev Majda: Yikes! That's horrible Steph!!
- 00:46:06 Stephen Alomes: The present. A lack of recognition, of naming of the current wave - interstate,, Northern Rivers, Hunter, Riverina, and NZ - the Gladys Virus. Late and limited lockdown and the lack of a ring around Sydney.
- 00:47:55 allan Green: The main risk of new variants is not that they will be more lethal version - Covid is already pretty severe. But they are likely to be variants that can 'evade' the vaccine. We are likely to be in periods of vulnerability again while we wait for upgraded versions of the vaccine effective against the variants. Fortunately mRNA can be adapted quickly - but we will still

have the development time and distribution challenges. So we could get into cycles of significant lockdowns again.

00:49:07 Alma Douglas: I could not see my Family either

00:49:19 Lynette Saville: Our shameless discriminatory government deliberately neglected the communities most at risk,. Is it any surprise? Standard health promotion practice is to take the services to those most in need - a standard practice rejected & disregarded (unless of course you were in a corporation or private school etc who were purposefully advantaged). Student nurses were not mandated to receive the vaccination until recent months, yet they undertake compulsory clinical practice at the frontline.

00:50:26 jannene kyytsonen: omg the pain is visceral, here in western Sydney we felt only a fraction of this "us and them" politics.

00:51:11 Murray Sayle: Too little too late

00:51:43 Matthew Gilbert: Is this a result of our gutted public service the Federal government has been working towards for decades ?

00:51:51 Claire Bettington: Will there ever be a reckoning for the actions of this shameful government?

00:52:00 Shelley Evans: Correct Murray, this governments motto!

00:52:02 allan Green: To Tories, other people are only units of labour and are disposable. Front-line health workers and carers were treated like cannon fodder.

00:52:15 Kirsten Anker: @ Matthew - I agree!

00:52:35 Stephen Alomes: Long-term. End the contract state. After 1980s closure of federal quarantine stations (Point Nepean, North Head etc) the quarantine failure came from shonky, poorly paid and trained sub-contractors in the hotels.

00:52:53 Steph Rey: It is disgusting that still, the government has learned nothing and is still abandoning Indigenous people. When is enough, enough? 😞

00:52:56 Jen Care: Spread the message among the Murdoch press readers so they know what has been happening. Vote out so bad they won't get back in for decades/

00:53:01 Lynette Saville: Those most at risk and most in need have been blamed shamelessly, to further discriminate and deflect government responsibility. I hope voters remember at next election. I am so sorry that the Wilcannia community suffered so much.

00:53:03 sheila pollard: Thank you for sharing. It takes courage. from Sheila Melbourne

00:53:05 Shelley Evans: Strong wonderful caring Indigenous man Brendon thank you so much for sharing your story.

00:53:54 Cheryl Fitzpatrick: Respect to Brendon for sharing the pain of the Wilcannia story.

00:53:56 Alan Coligado: These are the stories that need to be heard, but sadly are overlooked by MSM.

- 00:54:12 Steve Sherry: Look after yourself Brendon. I'm ashamed.
- 00:54:38 allan Green: Where is the plan for dedicated quarantine expansion to meet future challenges? As long as covid stays under control until polling date that's all that seems to matter to Morrison.
- 00:54:47 Anne Jaques: Claire Bettington - this shambles is 'just the beginning'. Next stop climate change and fossil fuel industry. Elections don't come around soon enough.
- 00:54:50 jannene kyytsonen: @Matthew, I don't think the public servants are the problem, but the directive of the political regime. A regime which cares for the entitled, and believes those with health or economic disadvantage are at fault, and not worthy of consideration
- 00:55:27 Sabine Kacha: It's appalling that people on the ground and First Nations people are dependent by requests for fundraisers like the important one from Uncle Bruce, before any politicians even start to pay more attention, and the social housing situation like in Wilcannia, appalling, same happening also in NT remote communities, hope the fundraisers that have been also circulating within Reconciliation and grassroots peoples' circles have helped a little
- 00:55:56 allan Green: As Howard said, you change the Government and you change the country. Well its time to change the country again.
- 00:56:13 Lucy Gaigalas: In May this year I just walked into my local GP clinic and asked for information about the vaccines. I had no idea at all. The reception said "do you want to be vaccinated today?"... and so I was jabbed with AZ within 10 minutes.
- 00:56:27 Kirsten Anker: @Jannene - not blaming public servants - quite the opposite! The government has prioritised a private enterprise response, which includes contracting out work that should be the core responsibility of capable, hard.working and experienced public servants.
- 00:56:39 Claire Bettington: My God! They deliberately did such a thing. I am gobsmacked. If this isn't eugenics by stealth then what is it?
- 00:56:41 Stephen Alomes: Re gutted PS a good point. How can 'consultants' (eg big 4 accounting firms) do delivery? They can't except for invoice delivery.
- 00:56:51 Lucy Gaigalas: 60% of disabled people dying is shocking and so preventable. so much grief.
- 00:57:01 Steve Sherry: There seems to be criticism now for continuing to complete the quarantine centres. Does anyone else think we won't need them in the future? Such short term narrow thinking is killing this plant.
- 00:57:34 Colin Roberts: As Scott Ludlam says, we are "the unnecessary", not art of the top 5% - we need to respond in the ballot box
- 00:57:46 Charmian Gaud: Greg Hunt Fed Govt bragged about 18mill flu vaccines delivered in 3 months in 2020 and then it took so long for Covid vaccines..
- 00:57:51 sheila pollard: We must do better. Keep records. Be insistent on records. No data is unacceptable. Sheila
- 00:58:13 PAULINE ROBERTS: Totally agree Allan. The current Federal Govt is not only an embarrassment on the world stage but also a blight on our local horizons on so many issues.

- 00:58:19 Lucy Gaigalas: An elderly lady I know was in Box Hill Hospital with a stroke. It was discovered her room mate in hospital had Co-Vid !!!
- 00:58:31 Steph Rey: I agree El - as an immunocompromised person I feel sick when I hear those with "underlying conditions" whose deaths are dismissed as inevitable. That's one of us. I've still not gone out yet, despite being vaccinated as my protection is much lower
- 00:58:42 Bev Majda: I was offended by the "underlying conditions" discourse, which seemed most prominent in the NSW pressers (?)
- 00:58:56 Ahmad Masri: Ebony, if you run for the PM office, I'm voting for you!!
- 00:59:19 Murray Sayle: El and Brendon thank you for sharing your stories.
- 00:59:52 Giselle Melendez: Yes, I will vote for Ebony!!
- 01:00:01 Claire Bettington: "Underlying conditions" = the wrong sort of people! ie not the Godly wealthy ones! (Prosperity Gospel beliefs of Pentecostals)
- 01:00:15 Murray Sayle: Put all your eggs in one basket is failed strategy
- 01:00:27 Colin Roberts: Agreed - thank you El and Brandon - my heart and tears are with you all
- 01:00:38 Murray Sayle: #RortsGalore
- 01:00:40 Margaret Lee: What about the refusal to renew the contract with CSL to make AZ vaccine for dispersal amongst the poorer countries?
- 01:00:46 sheila pollard: Folks, this could happen all again.
- 01:00:54 Claire Bettington: So WHY weren't we "first in the queue"???? You really have to ask this and find the answers!!!!
- 01:01:18 Beatrice Lucas: I think Pfizer is such an unethical company.
- 01:01:19 Steve Sherry: Don't forget, 'wasn't vaccinated', as though that's the fault of the deceased person as well.
- 01:01:32 jannene kyytsonen: Scomo wants technology to solve Climate Change, but the data collected on digital platforms might result in him regretting what he wished for.
- 01:01:32 Steph Rey: @Steve - yes very true
- 01:01:34 Michael Taylor: Quarantine centres should still be built. Covid has shown itself to be a 'frequently mutating' virus. We are not out of the 'woods' yet!
- 01:01:35 Bev Majda: So true Steve
- 01:02:05 Kirsten Anker: What about our responsibility to other countries to share access to vaccines? Why are we scheduling boosters when some countries still don't have the vaccines to give the first 2 shots to their population?
- 01:02:14 Claire Bettington: HANG ON IN THERE Brendon, make a HUGE LOUD LONG FUSS!!!!

- 01:02:18 Colin Roberts: Scomo - Carbon capture & storage - the hydroxychloroquin of climate action
- 01:03:18 Sabine Kacha: the situation in the NT remote communities last year where the Covid situation resulted in lockdowns also may have also been part of the reason all First Nations Traditional Owners were not consulted on deeply concerning amendments to the ALRA and resulting in their inability for free prior and informed consent, so through covid lockdowns there has been no media, nor public attention on those appalling amendments currently before parliament!! Hence covid may make it also elsewhere easier for injustices to take place barely being noticed
- 01:03:46 Judith Gamper: Judith - be careful of containers as to what was in them!
- 01:03:46 Beatrice Lucas: Kristen, exactly my thoughts! and why does Pfizer need to add more billions now with booster shots rather than sharing their vaccine with developing countries!! Appalling!
- 01:03:54 Alan Coligado: It will be unforgivable if the Morrison govt gets re-elected.
- 01:04:17 jennifer manson: Morrison has no long term solutions for other people, only long term plans for himself.
- 01:04:48 Steph Rey: Brendon, disabled and immunocompromised people feel the same way. GP's are saying don't go out, yet, financial support from the government has ended - so what choice do we have? It's very worrying knowing that future waves are going to happen.
- 01:06:09 Lucy Gaigalas: Job Keeper was such a rort. A disgrace
- 01:06:23 Claire Bettington: Fits exactly with Prosperity Theology beliefs!!
- 01:06:30 jennifer manson: Given the government wanted to provide a boost to construction, why not social housing?
- 01:06:34 Stephen Alomes: Language Ebony! Not 'car park rorts or sports rorts' - car park corruption, sports grants corruption. Time to hit the target.
- 01:06:49 Bev Majda: Spot on Richard !!
- 01:07:05 Sabine Kacha: well said
- 01:07:08 Steph Rey: And the second load of "support" was even worse - most people weren't eligible and those that were didn't get any funds for months
- 01:07:14 sheila pollard: Well said Richard. from Sheila
- 01:07:28 Murray Sayle: Methane (Natural Gas) is 86 time worst for the environment then CO<sup>2</sup> LNP Climate Deniers.,
- 01:07:29 Tara Daniel: well said
- 01:07:31 Lucy Gaigalas: Wagga Wagga got money thrown at it, for clay shooting recreation and more deservedly millions for music conservatorium. ..
- 01:07:31 Giselle Melendez: submarines... a disgrace... we dont need more wars!!!!!!
- 01:07:38 Steph Rey: Stop on Richard



- 01:07:45 Steph Rey: \*Spot
- 01:08:04 Beatrice Lucas: Or actually invest in a very strong health care system that would also weather future pandemics
- 01:08:07 Claire Bettington: Richard you are correct. But WHY are they doing this??? Prosperity Theology???
- 01:08:09 Tara Daniel: The more I understand the more I realise that this government is terrible at managing the economy
- 01:08:11 Lucy Gaigalas: they can use the submarines for quarantine residents
- 01:08:49 jennifer manson: Not for 20-25 years Lucy!
- 01:09:08 Murray Sayle: NDIS is another LNP disaster
- 01:09:09 Ken Sampson: Brilliant article in The Monthly, Richard
- 01:09:14 Giselle Melendez: put the politicians in the submarines ..
- 01:09:27 Colin Roberts: All cheers for outsourcing, because the government agencies are too gutted to act
- 01:09:49 jannene kyytsonen: Companies like Makinex make mobile solar panel power pods, which enable electric devices to be taken to remote locations to deliver health services to isolated community members. If Scomo wants to back tech he needs to employ whats available.
- 01:09:58 Steph Rey: @Claire its just Neoliberal ideology. Those with the most power use the market and politics to ensure their interests are protected
- 01:10:01 allan Green: This Govt does nominate the economy, it manages tax distribution to vested interests.
- 01:10:15 Paul Loring: Conservatives are very good at Finance, and creating the Myth that progressives are lousy at Economics, ie, the application of finance for community benefit, the latter is obviously not true.
- 01:11:09 allan Green: Correction: This Govt doesn't manage the economy, it manages tax distribution to vested interests
- 01:11:15 Steph Rey: @Paul conservatives are good at protecting their interests, and that's about it
- 01:11:16 Anne Roseby: Perhaps you could send Gerry Harvey et al. A tape of this webinar. It might prompt them to donate to those in the Willcannia community, then their company could claim it back again as a tax deduction Ohh hang on do they even pay tax???
- 01:11:19 Margaret Lee: Elections are manipulated by the press - especially the Murdoch press which has almost a monopoly in many areas.
- 01:11:27 Claire Bettington: Don't forget the propaganda machine, Murdoch. The gutter press can make Scotty look like a Saint.
- 01:12:00 Murray Sayle: #BoycottMurdoch



- 01:12:19 Anne Fitzgerald: This govt has an agenda and values that privilege their mates. Matters like this are a distraction and get nothing but the minimum attention.
- 01:12:28 Alan Coligado: Absolutely, Richard. Our vote matters now, more than ever.
- 01:13:04 Jane Frances: 3 cheers for Richard! So well said
- 01:13:05 Murray Sayle: Vote them out, vote them all out.
- 01:13:24 Claire Bettington: I would be putting barriers across the roads at Wilcannia - don't let anyone in, they might have the disease!!
- 01:13:31 Amalijah Thompson: Great Webinar thank you Ebony. psGerry Harvey can't give money back because he needs it to cover the cost of the constant massive advertising he's been doing to boost his income even more
- 01:13:37 Anne Fitzgerald: Brendan, bow is the local political party initiative going? can we help?
- 01:13:43 Jennifer Bluhm: thanks everyone. So many heart breaking stories and no one held to account..... as yet.
- 01:13:45 Bev Majda: A fantastic TAI webinar as always!! Thank you to all
- 01:14:03 jennifer manson: If you want to understand Morrison, read Annika Smethurst's bio on him. Great collection of facts that highlight his priorities.
- 01:14:21 Claire Bettington: Barriers across the road would make it to the national news too - make a fuss, get heard!!
- 01:14:34 Anne Fitzgerald: Ditto. Excellent webinar. Thank you all. Call to action.
- 01:15:01 Sabine Kacha: Hi Brendon, what could allies do to support communities like Wilcannia?
- 01:15:03 Jennifer Bluhm: Brendon, what would you like us all to do? what might be most helpful?
- 01:15:08 Shelley Evans: Thanks everyone! Great information - and a great essay Richard...
- 01:15:11 Colin Roberts: Thanks TAI - Eb, Richard and all
- 01:15:42 Mark Tucker-Evans: Thanks TAI. A very informative session
- 01:15:50 Duncan Beckerton: If slomo called an election for tomorrow it would still be to far away.
- 01:15:50 Stephen Alomes: AZ is a very good vaccine but some people are driven by fashion, by FOMO. I am so important. All the best people are having Pfizer. I know what I WANT!!
- 01:15:55 Liam Carter (Australia Institute): Thanks to all for joining us today and for participating in a fascinating discussion! For details about upcoming webinars and to book head to <https://australiainstitute.org.au/events/webinars/>

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Thanks again for joining us – and enjoy the rest of your day!

01:15:56 Adam Stapleton: Thanks everyone

01:15:56 Anne Jaques: Kristen Anker - as immunity wanes we shall all need boosters but I agree that we should be sharing our vaccines with our neighbours, or wherever there is potential for new variants.

01:16:01 Kathryn Nordstrom: El & Brendon, thanks for highlighting your experiences & concerns. We ought not forget these things. thanks

01:16:06 Alan Coligado: Thank you, everyone.

01:16:09 jennifer manson: Thankyou everyone!!

01:16:09 Claire Bettington: 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌 Thank you!!

01:16:10 Jen Care: Thanks to all the panellists. Respect to you all.

01:16:10 Steph Rey: Thanks everyone! Excellent as usual

01:16:11 Anne Marshall: Great session. Thanks all!

01:16:12 Tara Daniel: Brilliant, thank you!

01:16:15 Helene Mountford: Thank you for such an informative webinar.

01:16:20 Tanja Dreher: Excellent panel - thankyou!

01:16:21 jannene kyytsonen: Bravo Brendon and El, keep letting people hear about your ill treatment, and shame on those who continue to disrespect and undervalue you. Thx Eb and Dennis

01:16:21 Ahmad Masri: thank you very much 🙏

01:16:23 Annette Cam: Thank you for today!

01:16:26 Margaret Lee: Thanks so much!!

01:16:28 Murray Sayle: Thank you

01:16:38 Saed Bshara: Thank you all

01:16:39 Kirsten Anker: 🙌🙌🙌

01:16:40 Merrill O'Donnell: Thank you - excellent discussion

01:16:52 Ron Wilson: Thank you to all. Regards

01:17:04 Rachana Gupta: thanks all

01:17:10 Tanja Dreher: 🙌🙌🙌🙏🙏

01:17:13 Glenn O: Brendon, you are an absolute legend! Stay strong, brother!

01:17:14 Lynette Saville: Excellent discussion although content disturbing

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01:17:23      Leanne Varga: Thank you

01:17:24      Sian Priya Woolston: Many thanks to El and Brendon

01:17:25      Murray Sayle: G19 and the Climate denier