

00:19:33 Rhiannon: Hi all - Rhiannon from The Australia Institute here. Thanks for joining us today. Looking forward to a great webinar!

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00:21:49 STEPH BURGESS: How fortunate we are to be Canberrans. Incredible statistics.

00:21:55 Anne Heard: Hi from Quandamooka country! Congratulations, Ken!!

00:22:15 Gil Miller: Ken Behrans is a hero!

00:23:17 Alan Coligado: It's a "can-do" territory.

00:23:28 Ronny Susanto: well done!

00:23:31 Gil Miller: Is it true that we used the 2016 census numbers which has given us a higher than 'real' vax percentage?

00:23:54 Glenn O: ACT - gr8 example of what gr8 things can occur when Greens and Labo(u)r work together.

00:24:20 Dimity Evans - on Wurundjeri Country: NSW so arrogant, from Victoria Wurundjeri country

00:25:02 Dimity Evans - on Wurundjeri Country: So proud and pleased for Canberrans

00:25:43 Betty Lam: That is such a testament to your trust and beliefs in the Canberra Community you lead

00:25:53 CHRISTIAN BALACHANDRAN KALIYOUGARAJAN: Thank you for your stellar and sound leadership, ACT Chief Minister, Andrew Barr. ACT was doing extremely well during the mild lockdown from March - August 2020 until the COVID 19 outbreak in New South Wales in June, that then spilt over into ACT.

00:26:26 Stewart OBrien: Appropriate description of the Federal approach to the pandemic, (and climate), a "lack of ambition". Yours is leadership, as it should be.

00:26:34 Amalijah Thompson: Just wished my three children and their families had been here and not in Melbourne and being in KenBehren country made me grateful for where we live and for how the ACT government communicated

00:26:45 Peter Lennon: I'm sitting at home, watching this webinar, trying to work and parenting my 7 year old (who has autism) who hasn't made it back to school post lockdown. It's actually heartbreaking. He loved school. I also parent between Sydney and Canberra and went months without parenting in the normal way. I spoke to 2 fathers on-line who were suicidal who also couldn't see their children....I don't know whether they are still with us. My neighbours lost their

small business - a gym Where are we measuring the cost of lockdowns? It seems to me the advice relied on has been myopic.

00:27:13 Dimity Evans - on Wurundjeri Country: May also be attributable to the fact that Canberrans are on the whole, more highly educated in comparison to other states/territories

00:27:20 STEPH BURGESS: Your leadership through that phase was superb, CM. So many senior members of Govt seem to have forgotten that leadership by example, in word and action, is a thing.

00:27:36 BRUCE DALKEITH: BEING IN NURSING HOMES YOU SEEM TO COME UNDER DIFFERENT RULES THO YOU HAVE YOUR 2 JABS,

00:27:48 Christine Gunaratnam: we heard that 5 people in Mt Gambier had committed suicide last month

00:28:17 Lisbeth Stewart: I'm surprised the ACT is so close to 100%, but then I realised that the health requirements for the APS and ADF probably means a low population of people who are unable to be vaccinated for medical reasons.

Or, are those people excluded from the statistics, as "not eligible"?

00:30:05 james ross: 'we heard' is a very dangerous saying.... what is the source, and how does that compare to 'usual' rates?

00:30:19 Gil Miller: Yes - my own thoughts!

00:30:55 Christine Gunaratnam: What preparations are in place to meet the danger of new Variants of Delta: Delta Plus and A.3?

00:32:14 Gil Miller: Pretty sure there will be global efforts addressing these.

00:34:26 Ahmad Masri: Hello from Docklands, Victoria

00:34:35 STEPH BURGESS: The Pandemic has been quite the warm up for the challenges that climate change will be bringing along with it. Personally glad that those charged with governance AND operations (ie. the State/Territory Govts) have demonstrated their capability to upscale.

00:35:38 Eric Hunter: THE CURRENT FEDERAL EDUCATION MINISTER SEEMS TOT THINK THAT HE RUNS THE STATES' AND TERRITORIES' CURRICULA

00:35:57 Gil Miller: Leadership includes a willingness to listen to those who have more knowledge than yourself!

00:36:33 Amalijah Thompson: and isn't he part of the government that doesn't want to tell anyone what to do? :)

00:37:21 STEPH BURGESS: From someone from the Lanyon Valley, thank you for your Bushfire management during the Black Summer fires too. We were genuinely very anxious, and were very grateful for the constant supply of calming touch points in the form of updates, community meetings, door knockings, etc. Grateful.

00:37:25 Kerry H: CM, what is your view on the vaccination of children aged 5-12 years. Has your team been monitoring the outbreaks of Covid-19 in schoolchildren in the UK and the USA in particular

00:37:58 julie finlayson: as a consumer of information from you and your team during the pandemic I really appreciated hearing about the complexity of issues to balance in decision-making- showing why simple slogans are effective. This is what makes effective communication

00:38:17 Judith Gamper: from Judith on Ngannawal/Ngambri Country. How do we combine leader with team? I think you, Andrew have answered most of that.

00:39:02 Kerry H: Totally agree CM!

00:39:41 Eric Hunter: We should give due credit to the CM AND his ministers, plus all the public servants who have worked so effectively during the crisis.

00:39:41 John Hawkins: Great leadership on Covid, CM

00:39:58 Stephen Pritchard: Greetings from Wardandi country!

00:40:28 STEPH BURGESS: Absolutely. Labor and the Greens have such potential as a collaborative force...

00:41:46 Stephen Pritchard: Great to see the leadership shown by territories and states (on the pandemic AND climate change)! Yes, mistakes were made but they made tough decisions and filled gaps left by the Federal government. And they learned lessons from others experiences. Thank you!

00:44:11 Eric Hunter: All very well for the CM to recall his ANU days with the Greens Leader, but the disaster that represents the tram economic fiasco is a huge blot on their credibility. And guess who'll be paying for it in future decades?

00:44:35 Gil Miller: Yes - but don't expect any admissions!

00:44:57 Richard Tuffin: ACT doesn't get near enough credit for its work getting renewables into our energy grid.

The media overlook it when quoting figures

00:45:18 Gil Miller: Now THAT was an alternate example of Labor & Greens working together!

00:45:41 CHRISTIAN BALACHANDRAN KALIYUGARAJAN: ACT has potential to become a manufacturing hub (low, mid & high)

00:46:07 Andrew McMahon: The nature of a working democracy...rather than having government hijacked by a "mandate" for the narrow leadership of the majority party and its donors

00:46:08 Stephen Pritchard: The NZ and ACT experience of multi-party government is producing a better outcome than our LNP or Labor only governments elsewhere in Australia.

00:46:12 Gil Miller: Careful though... our pollution levels are very low due to no heavy industry!

- 00:46:57 Rhiannon: If you have any questions for the Chief Minister, make sure to ask them using the Q&A function now, or upvote other's questions you'd like answered.
- 00:47:01 Steve Blume: mmm - the "tram fiasco" was central to two elections before construction & remained so at the last ACT election. That suggests most people do not agree with that view.
- 00:47:04 Shelley Evans: Yes, but much of the heavy industry can be cleaner and would be in the ACT
- 00:47:29 Eric Hunter: Re credit for ACT's renewables, let's not forget that there's been a bit of fiscal fiddling here. It's nowhere near as clear cut as the ACT government claims. Sadly no government ever comes out and tells the whole truth.
- 00:48:21 Deborah White: In spite of spending so much time in Canberra, the current Federal Government appears to be totally immune to the sanity and competence of the collaborative ACT government. Unfortunately.
- 00:48:38 Andrew McMahon: The essence of public service - working to serve the best interest of the public...
- 00:48:53 Gil Miller: Yes - Ken Behrans has a lot to teach the feds!
- 00:49:22 STEPH BURGESS: I remain impressed by your ability to drill right down on just about any topic, CM. Those Charged With Governance have, in the past, been serious people who can verbalise in excess of three word slogans. You give me hope that said model is not completely lost.
- 00:49:54 Amalijah Thompson: I agree SB
- 00:50:01 Eric Hunter: Thanks Steve. But don't assume that because a majority of voters decide a particular way, it means they are right - especially when the evidence points another way..
- 00:50:08 Vicki Brooke: BRAVO from
- 00:50:09 Shelley Evans: I also agree SB
- 00:51:05 Vicki Brooke: BRAVO wonderful response to the federal government impasse on climate change. Vicki Brooke from Bundjalung country in norther NSW.
- 00:51:23 Andrew McMahon: Same applies to international quarantine
- 00:51:52 Diana Killen: Congrats on your response to climate change and the woefully inadequate federal govt response.
- 00:52:04 Gil Miller: I don't get it. Australians overwhelmingly support heavy action on climate change. Our politicians are dinosaurs!
- 00:52:05 Stephen Pritchard: Great example of 2 governments working together - ACT with NSW. I fear our current Federal government does not want to cooperate with states and territories. (The National cabinet for addressing the pandemic was a sham.) The needs to be REAL cooperation on addressing climate change.
- 00:52:21 Les Winton: Good on you Andrew, ignore the idiot Federal Government and continue doing the right thing with other states

- 00:52:28 Sian Priya Woolston: It's true I don't know much about this CM, but it's so refreshing to listen to a jurisdiction leader who is making
- 00:53:00 Shelley Evans: Good point CM!
- 00:53:04 Steve Blume: Assertions are easy - offer the proof. Of course what you suggest is that you don't agree with a democratic decision. Sure the majority can be wrong - I often feel they are too. That means I need to work harder to convince others I am right - simply telling them they are wrong seldom works!
- 00:53:10 Sian Priya Woolston: ... so much sense!
- 00:54:28 Gil Miller: SB - the tram is a financial disaster but you won't hear that from the government. But ultimately, Canberra will be better off - just not for this generation.
- 00:54:30 Steve Blume: The ACT CM & government has been a global exemplar during the pandemic. Proud to be able to say so! As I am in our leadership on climate change.
- 00:54:50 STEPH BURGESS: Wellll... that would be because he's not game to go in cold, wouldn't it?
- 00:54:54 Glenn O: That's not a joke...
- 00:55:02 STEPH BURGESS: Did I say that out loud? Oops...
- 00:55:37 Eric Hunter: Steve. I take your point, but we have to ask, just about every time, with our rather twisted version of democracy, is how are decisions arrived at and then sold to the electorate. That's where it becomes complicated - and it's the area I worked in for most of my life.
- 00:55:49 STEPH BURGESS: Fortunately the PM has a direct line to the States and Territories... via the Murdoch press..
- 00:56:04 Andrew McMahon: "Cabinet-in-confidence"... confidence that the feds will leak whatever suits them and resist publication of everything that doesn't suit them...
- 00:56:12 Gil Miller: I stopped buying Murdoch newspapers when I realised what they were!
- 00:56:29 Steve Blume: Me too and that's for >50 years as an adult. . . .
- 00:58:10 Shelley Evans: Yes we have - a tragedy
- 00:58:27 Ollerton Janice: Areyou including the ABC?
- 00:58:53 Gil Miller: Nope. Big supporter of ABC.
- 00:58:55 Andrew McMahon: Opinion pieces by fed ministers generally just propaganda, with no nuance
- 00:59:06 Kerry H: Sound has gone
- 00:59:07 Saskia Keenan: We've lost Ebony
- 00:59:08 Richard Tuffin: ebony are you on mute?

00:59:22 Stephen Pritchard: Andrew Barr's account of the National cabinet is better than I expected, I suppose I had a jaundiced view given how other members of that cabinet have behaved when referring to its decisions.

00:59:26 Shelley Evans: Looks like Ebony has dropped out

00:59:29 Gil Miller: You can keep talking though Andrew!

00:59:29 Ollerton Janice: we are

00:59:34 Richard Tuffin: How are the Hawks gonna go next year Chief

00:59:34 Jennifer Cohen: Ebony left early??

00:59:35 STEPH BURGESS: Where did you go to Ebony? We're still here CM.

00:59:36 Saskia Keenan: Chief Minister - could you possibly comment on the Territory's preparedness for new strains?

00:59:45 Shelley Evans: Yes we can hear you CM

00:59:49 Rhiannon: Sorry everyone, just having some technical difficulties - Ebony will be back in a minute

00:59:52 Ollerton Janice: yes

00:59:54 Sean Bowler: good ol' NBN

01:00:04 Andrew Bell: A media hosting career looms CM ;-)

01:00:07 David Fraser: 3rd world nbn

01:00:08 Shelley Evans: Yes Ebony you are on!

01:00:12 Neil Norman: @Richard Tuffin, better than the Blues but not as good as the Cats!

01:00:14 Martin Bonsey: MSM revenge

01:00:29 Alistair Cornell: Supports Labor's new policy to repair what the LNP have done to the NBN...!

01:00:43 Diana Killen: Would be good for Australia Institute to get an ethernet cable rather than rely on wifi!

01:01:04 Stephen Pritchard: I think we need Albanese's enhanced NBN!

01:02:22 STEPH BURGESS: Rather enjoyed your exchanges with the youngsters from Sky, actually...

01:03:07 Amalijah Thompson: Mee too, refreshing to watch and a good chuckle

01:05:29 Eric Hunter: I wonder if the CM might comment on how he thinks the Liberal Leader, Ms Lee is travelling.

01:06:03 Noel Gomez: Chief Minister Andrew Barr is great on his responses. And he handle very well our Covid 19 medical and economic response. Very well managed ACT because of his great leadership. Congratulations Chief Minister Barr!

01:07:40 Jenny Dibley: I live across the border. I worked for over 11 years in the ACT Government. To have a government that started with a vision and be able to realise this vision (e.g. zero emissions) just doesn't happen anymore. It was a privilege and extremely satisfying. Don't take it for granted Canberrans! You are at a great advantage.

01:08:49 Stephen Pritchard: Good question, Ebony, about tax reform!

01:08:57 BRUCE DALKEITH: BRUCE DALKEITH

01:09:26 Eric Hunter: Re Ms Lee. I have the view, based on a career of watching polities very closely for 60 years that, so far, she is showing a great improvement on her predecessors.

01:11:36 Mark Kunach: Could I please ask what considerations have been given to supporting people with disability in particular those who are immunosuppressed/immunocompromised? As there is much talk about easing of restrictions, many people in these categories have been in isolation since the start of the Pandemic and until we reach a safe 'officially deemed' level of herd immunity that isolation will have to continue to ensure their safety from potential COVID infection. Indeed, as the general population start to move about restrictions on movement of many people in these categories become more restrictive.

01:12:33 Steve Blume: Reminder that questions better put in Q&A or they'll likely be missed.

01:12:35 Carol Bailey: Evidently Canberra is the city with the highest Covid-19 vaccination rate (minimum 2 doses) in the world - another interesting statistic!

01:12:58 Eric Hunter: The CM just warned about massive debt for the indefinite future. How then does he justify the cost (un-defined) and the arguable benefits of Stage Two of the Tram?

01:15:47 Neil Norman: The light rail was never about the now, it's always been about the future. It had to be done at some stage, just a shame it wasn't in the 1920's...

01:16:06 Jeffrey Phuah: Among the 6 new cases in NT today, is a three-week old baby girl.

01:16:06 Kerry H: Disagree CM. That outlook is outdated

01:16:25 Kerry H: Please read the evidence from overseas

01:17:01 Kerry H: ATAGI and the TGA are just stonewalling

01:17:03 Diana Killen: Prof Nigel Curtis from Royal Children's hospital in Melb advocated a very conservative approach to studies for approving Pfizer vax in children.

01:17:16 Sue Hodges: Thank you that I could join in

01:17:43 Steve Blume: I love that people think the ACT Government is missing the evidence they can find in google. 😊 😊

01:17:48 jennifer manson: Agree with you Kerry. Light rail is inflexible. Better if we have to have something like that (don't know why) we have a system like Adelaide where the 'trams' can go on roads and rails, allowing more flexibility, speed and convenience as well as less cost.

01:17:55 Eric Hunter: Why did the tram have to be done "at some stage"? There are a number of viable and more economic options that have been ignored, seemingly in favour of political expediency.

- 01:18:09 Kerry H: Every paediatrician has a different view, read the advice given by the American Association of Paediatricians, they are overwhelmingly in favour of vaccinating under 12
- 01:18:12 Jenny Dibley: Re media join ACT Friends of the ABC actensw@abcfriends.net.au
- 01:18:53 Neil Norman: because everyone wants to be like Melbourne 😊
- 01:19:44 Steve Blume: Interesting view - the "inflexibility" of trams is a feature not a bug - here and overseas. Urban planning around motor vehicles has been volatile and erratic.
- 01:19:46 Mark Kunach: E-buses, much more practical and less invasive than Light Rail.
- 01:19:59 Rhiannon: Thanks to all for joining us today and for participating in a great discussion with the ACT's Chief Minister, Andrew Barr.

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Thanks again for joining us!

- 01:19:59 Richard Tuffin: Thanks Chief. Orsm job during the pandemic
- 01:20:00 Marie Sitter: What a genial politician - thank you.
- 01:20:04 Richard Tuffin: KENBEHRANS!!!!
- 01:20:10 STEPH BURGESS: High ambition for us all. Thanks, CM.
- 01:20:11 Steve Blume: Thanks CM ✓✓👏👏
- 01:20:13 Megan Taylor: Fixed route the biggest change in Canberra, it allow a q
- 01:20:15 Alan Coligado: Thank you
- 01:20:18 Stephen Pritchard: Thank you all!
- 01:20:19 Arianne Hellinger: Thanks all!
- 01:20:58 Sue Hodges: Thank you I had a question re: businesses taking advantage of the public and raising prices for dining out etc.