

00:14:30 Elinor: Hi all - Elinor from The Australia Institute here. Thanks for joining us today. Looking forward to a great webinar!

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00:14:49 Roy Tasker: Hi from Planet Ark on Darug and Gundungurra country in the Blue Mountains

00:17:01 Mike Purtell: Hi from Springwood Blue Mountains Darug & Gundungurra country

00:17:33 Elizabeth Attard: Greetings from Melbourne

00:18:53 Kathleen Davies: Thanks again to TAI for an important topic

00:19:23 Valerie Boshier: Hello from Val Boshier Tocumwal NSW. Yorta Yorta country.

00:19:57 Leonora RITTER: Greetings from Wiradjuri country.

00:20:08 Tam Doan: Greeting from Glen Iris Melbourne

00:21:17 sheila pollard: Hello all, from Sheila in Melbourne. Excellent topic.

00:21:48 CHRISTIAN KALIYOUGARAJAN: Greetings from Canberra

00:22:46 John Englart: Hi from Fawkner, Naarm, Wurundjeri Country

00:23:45 Kathy Mickan: hi from Peramangk country in SA

00:24:11 Mark Kunach: When in the army in the 1980s the constant comment was the Army is always short one or two battalions. The armed forces are not a bottomless pit of manpower.

00:25:28 Nicholas Wickham: Hi all, Nick from South Australia & DEA

00:26:47 Murray SAYLE: <https://www.sej.org/headlines/70-degrees-warmer-normal-antarctica-scientists-are-flabbergasted>

00:26:56 CHRISTIAN KALIYOUGARAJAN: MK - Interesting point and I wonder why not many Australians especially the young Australians are not too keen to serve I the ADF

00:28:29 Lorraine Bull: Having a plan means recognising that we have a problem - a step too far for Morrison Govt

00:29:46 Judith Leslie: The problem is that the political system in Australia is CORRUPTED by fossil fuel interests, and until that stops, NOTHING will happen.

00:29:49 Darryl Fallow: Definitely a lack leadership - and I agree with Lorraine's comment. We know what to do (and are assisting others) but we can't get our act together on the 'home front'!

00:29:56 Alistair McCulloch: @Lorraine: Spot on! The current government prefers sticking plaster responses when what's needed is a full care plan, major surgery and a prolonged period of rehabilitation ...

00:30:28 Cate Cooper: Agree Judith

00:31:22 Elizabeth Attard: Chris Barrie SO brilliant!

00:31:24 Cate Cooper: We need a government that governs for the security of all Australians, not just those with fossil fuel interests

00:31:45 Leonora RITTER: Talking to family member serving in ADF, he told me one problem was that they were not adequately trained in skills required for civil defence. Does this need to be addressed?

00:32:33 John Steley: Effectively tax the rich!

00:32:41 Darryl Fallow: Good point Leonora - I personally think we need a separate well-trained national Civil Defence Force.

00:32:58 Elizabeth Attard: John Hear! Hear!

00:33:06 Mark Ogge: Add your support for a climate disaster levy on fossil fuel exports here: <https://nb.australiainstitute.org.au/climatedisasterlevy>

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00:33:13 Tony Miller: The so called 'Carbon Tax' is looking pretty good now.

00:33:17 CHRISTIAN KALIYUGARAJAN: LR - Sounds like extra training is required for the ADF to help in natural disasters

00:33:50 Lorraine Bull: It distresses me that taxpayers money is being used to fund gas and coal development when we are at the start of climate disasters

00:34:10 Judith Gamper: from Judith Gamper - we know what we need to do to try to mitigate climate change! We need to do it NOW.

00:34:49 Cate Cooper: !0 Billion this last year Lorraine

00:35:33 jennifer manson: Why train the ADF for disasters, when we could be training our school leavers in these tasks. Some would go on to full time work in the area whilst others might be volunteers, whilst going onto other careers?

00:35:52 Cate Cooper: If the market loving government let the market do its work, there would be no new Fossil Fuel projects

00:35:54 John Steley: Surely we need to proscribe buildings in high risk zones.

00:36:41 jennifer manson: The ADF will be needed for what they're trained to do and are not able to be here when fighting or working in other arenas.

00:36:45 CHRISTIAN KALIYOUGARAJAN: JM - That sounds like a brilliant idea and it will equip school leavers with essential skills for life

00:37:22 Cate Cooper: Perhaps part of a job guarantee program?

00:37:39 jennifer manson: Yes Christian. It'll help them transition from adolescents to adults, giving work skills that will help them in any career.

00:37:45 Tony Miller: Spot on Richard.

00:38:04 Liz Boulton: PLAN E - a climate centred security strategy, (developed via my PhD), offers a alternate response. Introduced here: <https://greenagenda.org.au/2021/11/plan-e-a-climate-centred-security-strategy/>

00:38:42 CHRISTIAN KALIYOUGARAJAN: JM - Agreed and I see that there are a lot of opportunities for the school leavers and young Australian teens.

00:38:55 Jay Wilson: My favorite quote... "We basically have three choices: mitigation, adaptation and suffering. We're going to do some of each. The question is what the mix is going to be. The more mitigation we do, the less adaptation will be required and the less suffering there will be." -Dr. John P. Holdren, Harvard Professor of Environment Policy

My favorite political fantasy... that the Climate200 Independents win enough seats to ensure that the Govt they help form maximizes the first two buckets to minimize the third.

00:38:58 CHRISTIAN KALIYOUGARAJAN: CC - Another brilliant idea

00:39:03 Jade Yeung: other than voting in the election, what else can we do to hold the government to account better?

00:39:34 Bernie Ingle: Thanks LB

00:40:01 Les Winton: Brilliant thoughts from both of you, aand thanks for such plain talking, Chris ... what a breath of fresh air!!!

00:40:35 Murray SAYLE: Endless GDP growth is not sustainable for future generations

00:41:09 Grace McCaughey: Votel dependent.

00:41:27 Alistair McCulloch: Training school leavers sounds suspiciously like a form of compulsory national service which I'm not sure would be welcome by a large proportion of the electorate. IMHO, increasing the ability of the SES to offer training to all would be much preferable.

00:41:31 Kathleen Davies: Can't help thinking of the Hierarchy of Controls here - first thing is Elimination = get rid of fossil fuels, then Substitution = use alternative energy forms, then Isolation = don't let people build in vulnerable areas, then Engineering = build back better. Don't rely on emergency response procedures only!

00:42:01 Andrew Holliday: With any luck the government chucking money at fossil fuels is only playing to the vested interests of the mates that bought them government in the first place. Most people aren't buying that spin anymore. It all really depends on how hard Murdoch media goes over the next month spinning BS to prop up the LNP

- 00:44:09 jennifer manson: Excellent idea from Chris!!!!
- 00:44:22 Elizabeth Attard: The cost of instigating effective Climate Change pales into insignificance when we consider the colossal costs - so great it is immeasurable - that we face if we do not take urgent effective action to mitigate Climate Change disasters.
- 00:45:10 Belinda Downes: As long as Disabled people are consulted - but great idea Chris!
- 00:45:36 Mark Kunach: The NSW Public Service has been gutted - small government with minimal staffing. Throw in 3 years of natural disasters and there are no reserves to effectively respond. We are also losing so much of our experienced leaders retiring early as they have had enough of working for a headline Government - no substance and no long term strategies.
- 00:46:18 PENNY MOYES: fantastic ideas - thanks so much for your energy on this important topic
- 00:47:34 Roy Tasker: I would love to see Chris's ideas debated more. So needed.
- 00:48:08 Mike Purtell: I really love this idea of universal National Service (emphasis on "Universal"and include older people also -aged people could also give their time particularly to volunteer community based work(this work must be an approved community based work -eg volunteer bushcare group work
- 00:48:28 Valerie Boshier: Can we have the Aussie plan Chris talked about listed again.
- 00:49:03 Alistair McCulloch: Thanks for your answers. I've watched 'hollowing out' with horror in the UK and here since 1980.
- 00:49:10 Cate Cooper: So how do we use our votes to get the outcome we need? Is voting Labor just more of the same?
- 00:50:06 Allan Evans: Important to allocate your own preferences when voting.
- 00:50:15 Alan Cummine: When I worked in the first federal Dept of Environment and Conservation under the estimable and integrity-rich Minister Dr Moss Cass, recently departed, Moss is reported to have made a memorable statement that has been ignored ever since: "Flood plains are for floods; sand dunes are for the sea."

That admonition needs to be part of any 'preparedness' plan.

- 00:50:21 Grace McCaughey: Look at all the Independent women for next election. See climate 200.
- 00:50:28 Mike Purtell: would be great to get cross party support on this initiative -the major parties should give support to this
- 00:50:49 Judith Gamper: Here! here! Chris. the two party system is not working.
- 00:51:11 Cate Cooper: A ministry of Climate Change
- 00:51:29 Steve Phillips: We need to vote out the LNP climate change recalcitrants!

- 00:51:40 Graeme McLeay: Graeme Mcleay to P and A Here here to that-More independent women
- 00:51:56 John Steley: And pass Zali Staggall's Climate Act
- 00:52:05 Cate Cooper: For sure John
- 00:52:07 Amanda Lamont: I too am excited at the prospect of more independent women elected into Parliament, many strong candidates, I am listening, and finding ways to support them locally. This could really change the conversation and the balance of power to one which is more representative of community sentiment.
- 00:52:09 Leonora RITTER: Who'd have thought "independent women" could be seen as the nation's salvation. Happy to be supporting Kate Hook running in Calare. Maybe "keep the bastards honest" could be reprised?
- 00:53:16 Leonora RITTER: Talent over party in voting for candidates - great idea!
- 00:53:17 Cate Cooper: Doesn't that depend on your definition of talent Chris? Talent in looking busy? Or talent in working with others?
- 00:54:04 Sue Lawton: Julia Gillard had several Independants to deal with and managed to pass a hell of a lot of legislation so bring on the Independants in May
- 00:54:41 Leonora RITTER: My version of talent = listening with compassion, service orientation, science-based policies.
- 00:55:10 Lorraine Bull: YES YES Support the Climate 200 independent candidates. Hope the Minister for Emission Reductions gets booted out
- 00:56:25 Leonora RITTER: Good answer for those "indifferents" who justify their position with "a plague on both their houses" is to point out the independent option if you have one.
- 00:56:31 John Englart: It will be a huge job after Ukraine defeats Russia to build the country back better with climate adaptation and mitigation in mind.
- 00:57:05 Murray SAYLE: We import all our Petrol and Diesel and don't have a federal EV transition policy, They ruin the weekend comments. every decision taken by this government is to prop up fossil fuel industry as our expense as climate change starts to bite.
- 00:57:15 Cate Cooper: Why do we not have a law that decrees all new builds should be energy independent?
- 00:57:25 Jay Wilson: For historical context I suggest watching Why is Ukraine the West's Fault? Featuring John Mearsheimer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JrMiSQAGOS4>

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00:59:15 John Englart: Our Defence Forces run on fossil fuels too... so a crisis in any regional conflict that blocks our oil supplies

00:59:22 Murray SAYLE: <https://www.coltura.org/world-gasoline-phaseouts>

00:59:45 Cate Cooper: Per Capita Webinar: The Big Switch - with Saul Griffith

Wed 23rd Mar, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm AEDT

01:00:11 Elinor: Just a reminder to please keep all comments in the chat civil and on topic – Thanks!

01:00:23 Murray SAYLE: #ElectrifyEverthing

01:00:24 Cate Cooper: Saul Griffith - a previous guest with TAI - has a plan to electrify everything that is very convincing. Tune in tomorrow!

01:00:38 Les Winton: 0

01:02:08 John Steley: POLITICIANS?

01:04:57 Judith Gamper: from Judith Gamper. a message that govt is paying Whitehaven Coal - this is crazy. we cannot wait for the elections!

01:05:24 sheila pollard: This is crazy Judith.

01:06:37 Alistair McCulloch: For the last 25 years Australia has dropped the ball on becoming a global leader in what used to be called 'alternative energy' by neglecting research into it and because we have a media and too many politicians in thrall to certain sections of big business. I believe we need a very significant change to our politics requiring a much more radical approach to addressing our multiple problems. Without knowing a lot more about the wider set of policies of the independent women, I'm not able to draw conclusions about whether their presence in parliament (whilst almost certainly better on climate change and almost certainly better than the LNP) will bring with it the sort of appetite for radical change that's required across the broad range of social issues facing Australia (e.g. tax, welfare provision, cost-free education, education for life not just as preparation for work etc etc).

Sorry about the length of my rant!! :-)

01:06:40 Cate Cooper: Meanwhile, our water resources are being heavily used indiscriminately by fossil fuel projects

01:06:49 Kathy Mickan: water scarcity in northern SA is also an issue.

01:06:52 Valerie Boshier: The Irrigation industry and big Ag stopped climate change being allowed!

01:07:09 John Englart: yes, you have Ebony

01:07:15 Amanda Lamont: Thanks for answering the question, maybe we need to reconsider our recruitment criteria for ADF, do we need to recruit a new 'type' of defence force? So

they don't lose mojo but have realistic expectations about what is required of them. There is a great example of this in UK in a fire brigade, changing needs meant changed recruitment practices, they did lose those who wanted to just fight fires, but the community need had changed, and needed this and more, and different. We need a more agile and flexible 'civil defence force' maybe?

01:08:09 sheila pollard: We need more respect for ADF. Sheila

01:08:15 Barbara Jaeger: My Question is on fracking poisoning the aquifers for FOSSIL FUEL?

01:09:30 Kathy Mickan: Local governments try to respond and plan for climate change in their planning, but state governments overrule so they can meet their population growth targets. They put poor people in harms way by building affordable housing in high risk areas. Setting them up for catastrophic impact.

01:09:33 Leonora RITTER: A plan without implementation and accountability is just spin.

01:09:49 Tony Miller: A price on carbon!!!

01:09:57 penelope hume: Thank you so much - how refreshing to have such important issues aired. So much of what is agreed is not acted on and is poorly resourced.

01:10:59 John Steley: Watch Dirty Power on YouTube

01:11:20 penelope hume: "Real leadership cares about people"

01:11:54 Cate Cooper: To be a leader, you have to have followers. How does Scomo get followers??

01:11:55 KAIREN HARRIS: Well we certainly have leadership inaction!

01:13:02 penelope hume: Genuinely appreciate this session and agree this is the most vital vote in our lifetime!

01:13:06 Elinor: 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!

01:13:07 Alistair McCulloch: Thanks both. Really good discussion. Enjoyed it!! :-)

01:13:07 Mike Aubrey: Excellent advice...the vote I cast will be the most important....yep

01:13:08 John Englart: great webinar today. Thankyou Chris Barrie and Richie Merzian, and Ebony. I am organising a candidates forum in my electorate with others

01:13:08 Jade Yeung: Thank you!

01:13:12 Elizabeth Attard: Thank you so much listening to these SO brilliant knowledgeable speakers is so wonderful and gives a sense of relief to know there are people who have a great handle on the huge issues we are facing. Thank you SO much!

01:13:13 Belinda Downes: Thanks so much!

01:13:15 Kathleen Davies: thanks and well done

01:13:16 John Steley: I would appreciate a summary of CB's national service idea

01:13:22 Christine Buschmann: fantastic discussion, many thanks

01:13:26 Helene Mountford: Great session, thank you.

01:13:27 Nicholas Wickham: Many thanks

01:13:34 Jay Wilson: Ta everyone, especially Eb!

01:13:36 Marion Crooke: Thank you. Honest and pertinent.

01:13:37 Barbara Olive: great meeting Thank you

01:13:42 Neale Farmer: Thank you for a great session. Well done to everyone involved

01:13:42 sheila pollard: Thank you. from Sheila

01:13:43 Nickie Fidge: Thank you for an informative session

01:13:44 Leonora RITTER: Thank you