

00:14:52 Sumithri: Hi all - Sumithri from The Australia Institute here. Thanks for joining us today. Looking forward to a great webinar!

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00:15:02 Russell Johnstone: Russell on Kurna Country in the Barossa, hello everyone

00:15:19 robert butterfield: Hi from Noongar country WA.

00:15:24 Rudolf (Rudy) Blums: Hallo from Belgrave, Wurundjeri country

00:15:42 Robyn Thurston: Greetings all from Wiradjuri country, Wagga Wagga.

00:15:59 Julienne Webb: I'm on Kurna land in Adelaide.

00:16:19 Allan Evans: Hi from Newcastle Awabakal Country.

00:16:55 Caitlin Ziviani: Hello from the Whitsunday's. I'm on Ngaro Country today!

00:16:58 K.C. BOEY: Good morning from the land of the Wurundjeri peoples of the Kulin nation.

00:17:23 Ahmad Masri: Good Morning

00:17:40 Virginia Thornburg: Hi everyone from Redhead Awabakal Country.

00:18:12 Peter Johnson: Good morning from Bripi Country

00:18:14 Eric Pozza: Agreed we need to protect democracy. Integrity is a sine qua non for further urgent and essential change, not least climate

00:18:40 ROSS LAWRENCE: Hi from Traralgon, Victoria, .. on Gunaikurnai country

00:18:54 Sumithri: Hi to all who have just joined us for the webinar today!

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00:19:16 Taras Mikulin: Good morning everyone from Wadawurrung Country.

00:19:29 Leonie Lane: Greetings from Gangulu/Darumbul country at Mt Morgan Qld.

00:20:26 Jane H: Hello from Gunai Kurnai country East Gippsaland.

00:21:16 Peter Johnson: 35 years ago I remember having the privilege to discuss these incredibly important issues with another great independent and campaigner against corruption - John Hatton NSW MP. There is a fine tradition for Independents to follow.

00:21:25 Elizabeth Dax: Greetings from Wurrunjeri Country of the Kulin Nation

00:22:04 jennifer manson: So glad Zali unseated Abbott. I was horrified by his outdated aggressive ideas and attitude to women when I lived in the electorate, having grown up in Manly-Warringah.

00:22:09 Eric Pozza: I'm sure we'll consider more than just an ICAC. We need to consider money, meetings, truth in advertising, lobbyist definitions and access, jobs after Parliament, more?

00:22:25 Eric Pozza: ...to consider...

00:23:15 Meg Nielsen: G'mornin from Widjabul Wyabal country of the Bundjalung Country. Many thanks to TAI & Zali & Helen for this morning's conversation.

00:23:42 Bob RIESSEN: We need to address the first nation people and surely this is our first integrity obligation. Bob Riessen Adelaide.

00:24:16 Eric Pozza: Yah Zali!

00:24:34 Robert Lawton: Perhaps Integrity in Federal Parliament started with Ted Mack in North Sydney

00:24:44 Howard WHITTON: Gday from Howard Whitton in Kabi Kabi lands Sunshine Coast. Very timely webinar

00:24:58 Noni Mitchell: Agreed Bob. Joining from Guringai land.

00:25:00 Elizabeth Dax: If Integrity is not of utmost importance the rest of the issues will not follow with worthiness.

00:25:53 Antonio Fernandes: Government and all the parties should give the example for integrity..

00:26:06 Peter Johnson: Very strong points Zali

00:26:56 Niq Morcos: Can someone please improve Zali's zoom photo - very irritating & difficult to watch

00:27:36 jennifer manson: Agreed Niq. It's her background.

00:27:55 Matthew McMillan: Hi from Adelaide, Kurna country! As a candidate for Adelaide during this election, this is super important!

00:29:05 Antonio Fernandes: Integrity is the base of democracy

00:29:07 Lloyd Toffolon: You sent

What about integrity in the private sector, private enforcement, class actions rights, it looks like News Ltd is against the protections of individuals, shouldn't we have more of that too?

00:29:33 Robert Lawton: I notice Ebony has the book The Nordic Edge on display. I believe Finland is the world leader in political integrity

00:30:40 Eric Pozza: Morrison's ICAC as Protection racket - good way to put it

00:30:40 Antonio Fernandes: Agree completely with you Lloyd. Integrity should be the base of any society.

00:31:56 Jane Touzeau: Protection racket indeed. Australian parliament would be a mafia wet dream.

00:33:26 Judith Hudson: @ Robert L - yes! and Finland is high up on the list of best democracies

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00:36:08 Eric Pozza: I am amazed at the level of secrecy in current govt. It shows in the LNP's ICAC but also in issues like AUKUS and subs. Did we hear anything about that before its announcement? It just appeared out of the blue. These are not minor issues.

00:37:28 Russell Johnstone: Legislated oversight of Local Government pales in to insignificance when compared with the 'locals' scrutinising Elected Members and staff. That is, Local Government exists in a glare of public scrutiny because it is 'local'. So with Federal Government is not subject to that level of public and legislated scrutiny it would seem even more critical that there is independent oversight. Go Zali nad Helen, more power to you both and go well in this election.....please!

00:38:36 John Pittard: Truth in electoral advertising is MANDATORY AS ABASIS for ending corruption.

00:39:10 Murray SAYLE: A vote for Clive is vote for Scomo and Barnaby and the climate deniers

00:39:59 Anastasia Guise: False claims of links to the Greens, I'm seeing "false" claims of links to the Libs!

00:40:24 Danielle Hassall: A penalty that would stop someone with funds like Clive Palmer?

00:40:37 Sumithri: Please use the Q&A function in Zoom to submit questions for the panel to answer live! Thank you.

00:42:28 Sumithri: Find the report here:
<https://australiainstitute.org.au/report/democracy-agenda-for-the-47th-parliament-of-australia/>

00:43:36 Susan Stock: Pork barrelling during an election campaign need to be limited. e.g. Nats MP under threat from an independent just announced \$1mill for Casino Beef Week last week while no announcements for Lismore survivors.

00:44:43 Eric Pozza: I just complained about a government (tax payer paid) ad during the election period (so govt in caretaker mode) when reading News daily. I was informed it was not the concern of AEC but the broadcasting regulators, but also that they can regulate broadcast media but not online. More obsolete legislation!

00:45:20 Susan Stock: Wow \$55 billion not properly allocated.

00:46:22 Eric Pozza: Great work,, Helen Haines. Truly admirable.

00:46:26 Jock CHURCHMAN: I favour a hung parliament. Then other views are listened to and negotiation must occur. Also, when you lessen the power of the big parties, you also decrease the influence of their donors. This is good for action on climate change. Only Julia Gillard's coalition government has actually decreased emissions. Suggest the New Zealand system of mixed electorate and proportional representation. Also lowers the aggression in parliament.

00:47:18 Andreas Dalman: Past occurrences inform patterns that may be continuing

00:47:46 Garry Wall: Everything is retrospective. Royal Commissions are always investigating past events and behaviours.

00:47:58 Catharine Clements: thanks so much for your persistence in building support for an integrity commission, Helen, and the support of independents for it

00:48:39 Jock CHURCHMAN: These two actually provide the best example of having more than two voices in Parliament to improve its abysmal state. That and getting rid of a Prime Minister who lies.

00:48:49 Darryl Fallow: Yes - we need less aggression in the parliament - we need to have all members working constructively together, on core issues that affects us all. The NZ model is a good one. Anything that would make representation in the House of Reps would be a big step forward.

00:49:03 Jane Touzeau: I'm so grateful to all the community based independent 'voices' for standing. Hopefully many will get elected, and even more will stand at the next election. It has been very disappointing to see the rapidly growing influence of vested interests over our parliament in recent decades.

00:49:22 Eric Pozza: Zali, I guess it's just our \$50b+ NBN. Thanks again to LNP

00:49:28 Roger Jones: I applaud all that Zali & Helen are saying. It is very undemocratic for government to ignore all the changes that must occur to uphold integrity.

00:50:08 Murray SAYLE: <https://australiainstitute.org.au/post/australian-fossil-fuel-subsidies-surge-to-11-6-billion-in-2021-22/>

00:50:46 Danielle Hassall: How can you be a politician if you're scared about your reputation?

00:51:17 Elizabeth Dax: The word "debate" is bandied around about a lot; in fact parliamentary debate died long ago. Frank and open debate is basis for integrity in government; process.

00:51:37 Stewart Fist: We need to get clarity in our terminology.

00:51:50 Kylie McIntosh: Corrupt conduct damages the reputation and standing of our govt both locally and internationally. It's not just about individual politicians' reputation although safeguards need to be in place for reasonable protections in this regard.

00:52:00 Stewart Fist: A hung parliament is one that can

00:52:10 Eric Pozza: Danielle, let's remember that many ex-ministers are working on Boards or for govt suppliers. Surely their reputation isn't denigrated!

00:52:29 David Robertson: Me thinks he protesters too much.(Morrison that is).

00:53:01 Lisa Neville: Clearly the rise of Peal Independents shows just how disillusioned the voting public are with the current standards and behaviours that are evident in the parliament at present. Bravo to all how a e making a stand for real democracy that listens to the public. Helen Haines - such a legend for Indi

00:53:01 Darryl Fallow: "I don't think - I know" - He doth protest too much!

00:53:13 jennifer manson: Morrison is copying Trump.

00:54:05 Stewart Fist: Terminology: A hung parliament is one that can't guarantee supply, not one with the balance of power held by independents

00:54:10 Jock CHURCHMAN: Morrison hasn't a mind of his own. If not copying Trump, following Murdoch and fossil fuel donors.

00:54:56 Darryl Fallow: Good point Stewart Fist, re "hung parliament".

00:55:00 Murray SAYLE: Covid Recovery Commission = gas led recovery fossil fuel mates

00:55:19 John Pittard: Pork barrelling IS CORRUPTION.

00:55:31 Jock CHURCHMAN: And Christopher Pyne on armaments.

00:55:46 Eric Pozza: Grants? What did come from that lazy \$500m grant to a private body over the Great Barrier Reef?

00:55:52 Murray SAYLE: #RortsGalore

00:56:26 Jock CHURCHMAN: Chop pork barreling.

00:56:52 Leonora RITTER: Need resurrection of independent professional public service.

00:56:54 John Pittard: Why did alan tudge dept pay \$500,000 to staffer and why was Josh involved ?????

00:57:04 Eric Pozza: Chop Pork? I like it...

00:57:38 Murray SAYLE: #ToxicTudge

00:57:43 Jock CHURCHMAN: Sweet for some, sour for others. That's pork

00:58:19 Murray SAYLE: Scotty Trump

00:58:29 Garry Wall: This public policy issue should be considered from first principles not from a cherry picked approach like NSW ICAC has some features that someone doesn't like and therefore all integrity models should be set aside..

00:59:07 John Pittard: where is Sussan Lee the environment minister?

00:59:24 jennifer manson: It would be useful if there was a requirement to publicly notify of any cuts in funding to any bodies, along with the reasons for doing so.

00:59:55 Murray SAYLE: No Duty of care for future generations

01:00:14 Jock CHURCHMAN: Sussan is a Ley down misere when it comes to the environment.

- 01:00:59 Darryl Fallow: Hear, hear. More truth telling!
- 01:01:24 Pauline Wilson: Fantastic to hear that both support the Uluru statement
- 01:01:54 David Robertson: These two women give me hope!
- 01:02:15 Pauline Wilson: Totally agree David
- 01:02:15 Jock CHURCHMAN: We need more like them!
- 01:03:19 Ravinder Sahni: agreed
- 01:03:29 Jim Spithill: There is a long history of Indigenous people making generous offers to us to find reconciliation, but being rebuffed out of hand, as Turnbull did so disrespectfully with the Uluru Statement from the Heart.
- 01:03:32 Eric Pozza: No duty of care on climate, but also just stupid. Where will coal go, and gas? Alternatively, where will the world be in the fairly short term future? In all manner of renewables. Australia could maintain wealth but we choose to stick with the past. Why? Ideology? Selling out? mates? ignorance or stupidity? Stubbornness? We are not preparing for the future but thinking short term. Certainly stupid.
- 01:03:44 Susan Stock: Yes they give me such hope too. Brilliant women.
- 01:03:48 Lorraine Browitt: Fully support comment by Jennifer Manson in relation to any cuts in funding to any bodies
- 01:04:00 Alexander Hood: Exactly Zali
- 01:04:18 Eric Pozza: Yes, Labor has been disappointing recently. Running scared
- 01:04:21 ian paulin: I'm not touting for my question, but with respect members of the press have so many more opportunities to ask questions of candidates ... I would have though the virtue of these sessions is to offer other voices a chance to ask/speak ?
- 01:04:41 Terese Edwards: Uluru Statement from the heart. I am impatient and excited for progress. Watching from Karna land.
- 01:04:53 Catharine Clements: imagine that - what the people want!
- 01:05:17 Steve Sherry: I want a Teal option in Hawke.
- 01:05:27 Jock CHURCHMAN: We keep digging up coal because it suits the greed of some and shows that many others lack imagination or don't read.
- 01:05:29 Eric Pozza: Yes ... Action on integrity immediately!
- 01:05:50 John Pittard: I donated \$250 from my pension to Helens campaign. Please consider donating to these strong women to assist the coal a litions huge war chest. Just do it.
- 01:06:21 Jane Touzeau: Anyone who wants a decent candidate at the next election could start the conversation now in their community!
- 01:06:39 viki blaik: No Teals in Qld, our choices are limited. definitely want a strong integrity body and affordable housing

- 01:07:07 Jock CHURCHMAN: Andrew Wilkie is great. Also Jane Caro and David Pocock. People of principle. Also the other teals, of course.
- 01:07:32 Matthew McMillan: Anyone in Federal Adelaide, please check out Fusion party for ICAC and climate action!
- 01:08:06 Jock CHURCHMAN: And in Sturt?
- 01:08:12 Beverley May: The option of having a teal candidate to vote for has put pressure on neighbouring electorates to have that same opportunity - particularly with the very high calibre of teal candidates.
- 01:08:30 Darryl Fallow: Agree Jane Touzeau- it takes a while to do, but is worthwhile. Community conversations are so important, and I am glad that occurred here in the ACT so that we have several Independents standing.
- 01:08:34 jennifer manson: Rex Patrick & Jacqui Lambie also raise the issues of whistleblowers, so many support the idea of protecting them and encouraging them.
- 01:08:53 Jock CHURCHMAN: Yes, I like Rex
- 01:09:13 Andreas Dalman: shared power = true democracy
- 01:09:16 Vida Gaigalas: shared power is an excellent outcome
- 01:09:48 Ruth Abbey: And maybe we can reduce that fear by not talking about a hung parliament ... it sounds negative. We need better terminology that does not assume that the norm is for one party to rule.
- 01:09:55 Matthew McMillan: shared power means they need to negotiate and debate, not just take opposing positions.
- 01:09:55 Eric Pozza: I have to leave but perhaps the best and most important webinar I've seen. Go Helen and Zali. Integrity is essential for action on climate and much much more.
- 01:10:03 Leonor Gouldthorpe: The two party system has let us down for too long.
- 01:10:05 jennifer manson: Morrison sees everything as chaos when he's not in complete control. Note his treatment of his own female party members
- 01:10:05 Andreas Dalman: factions in major parties is a big issue - if factions arise big parties should be compelled to split into smaller entities
- 01:10:19 Darryl Fallow: That's what we want - representatives who put the interests of their community first! So important!!
- 01:10:30 Christine Buschmann: Re Queensland independents: Suzie Holt is running a strong campaign in Groom (Toowoomba region) as a community backed independent. And Jack Dempsey is running against Keith Pitt (Harvey Bay region)
- 01:10:40 Matthew McMillan: Representatives who represent their constituents and not their party!
- 01:10:58 Jock CHURCHMAN: Matthew - how about a representative, or inclusive, parliament?

01:11:20 Vida Gaigalas: morrison wouldn't like to share power, he would have to work harder and pay more attention to what is going on and ATTEND important incidents and events and have fewer holidays.. Jenny's advice would not be so significant

01:11:38 Stewart Fist: This is shaping up to be an election emphasising women and independents - as against Party Machines dominate by men. However it is also an election where the billionaire boys club are seeking to impose their influence. Thanks Simon Holmes a Court but I don't like the way money buys influence - either way.

01:11:52 Matthew McMillan: that's exactly what it is Jock, when a representative is there for you, not just following party lines. That's inclusive of views that represent their voters

01:11:54 Robin King: Well said - both Zali and Helen

01:11:57 Jock CHURCHMAN: Morrison is yesterday's man

01:12:03 Anna Russell: That why he needs to go Vida

01:12:20 Vida Gaigalas: yes Anna, SM needs to Go, it is overdue

01:12:20 Leonor Gouldthorpe: Politicians act to improve their personal prospect, not representing the concerns of the electorate.

01:12:25 Andreas Dalman: power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely

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01:12:25 Sally James: MPs need to look at the big picture, work for the good of Australia, not just for their constituents or based on their beliefs. Would like to be able to say, yes vote based on values however, MPs values are not always honourable.

01:12:26 David Robertson: Jock, we can only hope!

01:12:37 Elizabeth Dax: Why isn't Scottie from Marketing here to hear those who know how to market good politics with integrity!

01:12:44 Linda Black: I am really looking forward to a shared power parliament!!

01:12:49 Jan Smith: Thank you Zali and Helen. Your contribution to the Australian society is enormous. All strength and power to you both. I wish we lived in one of your electorates.

01:12:54 Andreas Dalman: thanks to the panel

01:12:58 robert butterfield: Checkout the latest Juice Media on how best to use your preferences

01:13:05 Beverley May: Keep on keeping on Helen and Zali it is a pleasure listening to you both.

01:13:05 Jock CHURCHMAN: Elizabeth - tin ear!

01:13:09 Russell Johnstone: Great session, thanks to Zali and Helen and the Australia Institute and all!

01:13:10 Christine Buschmann: thanks everyone, great discussion

01:13:11 Leonor Gouldthorpe: Sharing power will come hard for present politicians

- 01:13:15 Lourdes Subijano: Thanks TAI, Helen and Zali!
- 01:13:18 John Pittard: A collaborative parliament is superior to adversarial one
- 01:13:18 carolyn stapleton: Thank you Zali and Helen
- 01:13:21 Ahmad Masri: thank you so much everyone 🙏
- 01:13:29 Jock CHURCHMAN: Terrific work, Zali and Helen. On climate too
- 01:13:31 Ida Vincent: Thank you Zali and Helen
- 01:13:37 Leonora RITTER: Thank you Zali and Helen, you are a source of hope and inspiration.
- 01:13:38 Anna Russell: Because he's not interested in democracy or clean politics ifs
Elizabeth
- 01:13:39 viki blaik: thank you everyone, we need to be heard
- 01:13:40 Sally James: Wish both Helen and Zali success on May 21
- 01:13:52 Robert King: very impressive Helen and Zali - you make me want to vote for an independent
- 01:13:58 Jennifer mary: thanks everyone and especially Helen and Zali for your great work
Wishing you every success on our behalf
- 01:13:59 Allan Evans: Ben we could do without the TV in the background with Clive Palmer adds!
- 01:14:00 Darryl Fallow: Yes - this is the best chance we have had in some time for change.
Thanks Helen and Zali for your views. We hope to see more Independents elected to the next parliament. Terrific work - there is still so much to do. Thanks to TAI for hosting.
- 01:14:02 Tricia Hiley: Thank you both Helen and Zali. I wish for many more candidates like you in the future!!
- 01:14:08 Susan Stock: Thank you. This was terrific. Can we have another one before the 21st? maybe fossil fuel subsidies?
- 01:14:08 Margaret Potts: Thank you so much, Zali and Helen, for all you do for Australians. Margaret
- 01:14:09 Alexander Hood: Excellent discussion from some very dedicated and independent members of parliament. Thanks again.
- 01:14:16 Linda Black: Thank you all for a great, no political speak discussion
- 01:14:22 Leonor Gouldthorpe: Thanks to all the panel.
- 01:14:25 Richard Naylor: Let us hope all the Independent candidates make it with more Greens.. Then let see where the 2 major parties go. Helen & Zali are amazing. Thanks AI for a great webinar
- 01:14:27 Andreas Dalman: #ClimateElection

01:14:29 Vida Gaigalas: Integrity is a word not often heard regarding politics, but dishonesty and corruption are commoner words.

01:14:30 Kylie McIntosh: Thanks all, great webinar & best of luck Zali & Helen on May 21 & beyond :-)

01:14:34 Ida Vincent: So good to hear rational analysis - it beats shouting.

01:14:39 HEATHER KJOLLER: What wonderful, intelligent, incisive commentary from our Independent candidates!

01:14:44 jennifer manson: Thanks all!!!!!! Afraid gotta rush to next meeting...

01:14:51 Mike Aubrey: great discussion...trust and honesty

01:14:52 carolyn stapleton: Thank you for your demonstrated integrity Zali and Helen

01:14:58 Vida Gaigalas: I trust I can view this talk online later, I missed the first half.

01:14:59 Leonor Gouldthorpe: Our Democracy is in need of protection

01:15:08 Jan Buckland: As long as we have Helens and Zalis in our parliament our democracy is defended. Thank you .

01:15:08 Margaret Potts: Thank you very much Zali and Helen. Great work.

01:15:09 ROSS LAWRENCE: Thanks to everyone involved! Great webinar! All the best to Helen and Zali for the 21st .. 👍😊

01:15:10 Sumithri: Thank you everyone for joining us today. Here's a link to the Democracy Agenda report: <https://australiainstitute.org.au/report/democracy-agenda-for-the-47th-parliament-of-australia/>

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01:15:16 Lisa Neville: . Thanks Zali and Helen -