

00:17:54 Rudolf (Rudy) Blums: Hallo & welcome from Belgrave, Wurundjeri country.

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

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00:19:03 Carl Stevens: Good afternoon everyone from lands of the Bunurong people, Mornington Peninsula.

00:19:05 Adrian Nippress: Hi Ebony and team - Adrian from Adelaide, Kurna Land

00:19:56 Jo Barkworth: Hi everyone. 2.5 years successfully avoiding COVID, one holiday trip/flight to Cairns and return with the dreaded 'Rona' so watching snuggled up in my fleecy dressing gown. :-)

00:20:26 Paul Loring: Just reading the full report from Adam Currel About the Corporate Sustainability, the full report is essential reading https://www.ey.com/en_au/climate-change-sustainability-services/enough-a-review-of-corporate-sustainability?mkt_tok=NTlwLVJYUC0wMDMAAAGFLRamQnU003DEzp-nVkmNqDNU7OyMjxCQjtWBPQYIbB8Hp21yleUBj_iw33bcAPG1bJgvrocsSsHvQFDWNAhT

00:21:20 Alan Coligado: Dumpster fires? Thankfully, someone is holding a hose.

00:22:26 Paul Loring: Minor parties and independents need to cover every portfolio, if we want quality from the cross bench they need support staff

00:22:30 John Englart: Joining from unceded Wurundjeri country. I note December Quarterly greenhouse gas emissions update released yesterday. <https://www.industry.gov.au/sites/default/files/June%202022/document/nggi-quarterly-update-december-2021.pdf>

00:23:23 jennifer manson: Paul, they've got 5 staff instead of 8.

00:23:34 Paul Loring: Wear an Australian wool jumper

00:24:39 jennifer manson: Just 1 jumper? In Canberra I'm wearing 2 plus a down jacket.

00:25:26 Sandra Hohnen:hello from Wardandi land

00:25:50 David Karr: In WA we have a PUBLICALLY OWNED utility and a GAS RESERVATION POLICY at a reasonable price. I know pure socialism. But look at what happened to the so called privatised GREEDS BASED energy system. We need to move to a NEEDS based system and not a GREEDS based system

00:26:31 Jo Barkworth: On energy prices, how come I am now getting less than 6c for my solar input??? It seems I can't 'negotiate' on that, yet my 'all renewable' provider has still put my price up for any electricity I buy from them :-)

- 00:27:25 Marian Sawyer: On. crossbencher staff, haven't heard that new govt is going to cut the 450 govt personal staff (political advisers) by three quarters. But if there is this new respect for the APS, surely this bloated number of govt advisers (dating from John Howard's distrust of APS) could be cut substantially as Kevin Rudd did at first anyway.
- 00:27:25 Kathryn Boles: Jennifer, in Queensland I'm wearing a ti-shirt over my tank top and shorts. I did have a jumper on earlier.
- 00:28:35 Tony Simons: Gillard should never have capitulated to Mar'n Ferguson on NOT having a reservation policy.
- 00:28:42 Kathryn Boles: I agree, David. Socialism cares for the people; capitalism cares for the rich. (I'm not a communist).
- 00:29:10 Lily: Link to poll results <https://essentialreport.com.au/>
- 00:29:19 jennifer manson: Very jealous Kathryn. But I do love having 4 distinct seasons, with beautiful Autumn colours
- 00:30:03 Kathryn Boles: I can understand that, Jennifer.
- 00:34:48 Carl Stevens: Nonetheless 65% people see the energy crisis as largely caused by government policy failure.
- 00:36:21 Jim Spithill: Are the emission targets to be MAXIMUM or MINIMUM values?
- 00:36:33 Mel Smith: Great that Australians are so fair minded unlike the hot air from the business council..
- 00:37:45 Mel Smith: WOOT WOOT!!
- 00:37:54 Adrian Nippress: and yet Angus Taylor says as Minister his policy strategy was not the problem???
- 00:37:55 Marjorie Henzell: Greetings from Anaiwan Country(Armidale NSW) great to see endorsement for the new Labor Government.
- 00:38:03 Mel Smith: A parliament that truly reflects a Modern Australia.
- 00:38:26 Mel Smith: So much diversity with women who reflect my neighbours here in Melbourne.
- 00:39:32 Mel Smith: That was an unbelievable result especially from a state with a history of Joh Bjelke Peterson.
- 00:40:16 Mel Smith: The irony is that The Greens are less diverse with issues of transphobia here in Victoria.
- 00:40:17 Wendy Tubman: A propos of climate change Ebony and Richard (both in light weight clothing) what is your a/c set at at tAI? Maybe you should turn it down , rug up and save some power...
- 00:40:24 jennifer manson: Lots of people have moved from inner city Sydney and Melbourne to Qld
- 00:40:45 Mel Smith: Jennifer..Why is that?

00:40:57 jennifer manson: Covid

00:41:15 Mel Smith: I hope it's not about Dan Andrews

00:41:19 Kathryn Boles: I know, Jennifer, and lots come here for the winter (mainly May to October).

00:41:24 Mel Smith: Ok thanks

00:42:09 Mel Smith: I know people will be moving to Australia from The USA because of Roe V Wade now..

00:42:25 Mel Smith: Queer professionals

00:42:40 Mel Smith: They are scared of same sex marriage being overturned

00:42:46 Eileen Whitehead: After the disastrous floods and fires Australians have woken up to climate change, which is why Morrison was dumped. We now expect strong action by the ALP,

00:42:51 Mel Smith: Sad times

00:43:14 Michael Lightfoot: It seems that interracial marriage is not at risk...

00:43:30 jennifer manson: I can't see Dutton surviving 3 years.

00:43:44 Eileen Whitehead: I'll drink to that!

00:43:53 Tony Simons: Sullen Dutton channels Abbott with his negativity.

00:44:04 Cheryl Tonkin: Dutton is just a luddite wrecker. Australians have had enough of those types!

00:44:04 Kathryn Boles: Mel, I don't think we'll ever live down those years wit Joh as premier even though there a lot of progressive people here.

When Qld rejected Daylight Saving they said that it was not only 100 years behind the times but 110.

00:44:26 Mel Smith: Michael..Anything is possible in America..

00:44:37 John Englart: Over-ruling Roe vs Wade just the start for Supreme Court activism overturning long held constitutional rulings. U.S. Supreme Court Expected to Gut Emission Controls under Clean Air Act <https://www.theenergymix.com/2022/06/26/u-s-supreme-court-expected-to-gut-emission-controls-as-climate-scientists-petition-for-plan-b/>

00:44:41 Kathleen Davies: My take on this is that the Aut people have strongly rejected both the Lib-Lab binary conflict and voted for a third middle way. Both Lib-Lab need to take some very hard lessons out of this situation.....

00:44:48 Mel Smith: Kathryn..Yes and the past was quite conservative

00:44:59 Paul Loring: Lets hope they retain Dutton, and thus reduce their chance of re-election

00:45:14 Mel Smith: WOW John..the USA is a sad state of affairs

- 00:45:27 Anne Layton-Bennett: Agree Kathleen. Neither major party have got anything to crow about really.
- 00:45:46 Jo Barkworth: But what's going on in Tassie? Is it just because they are already mostly renewable regardless of their political leaning?
- 00:45:50 Pamela Collett: 43% is not even close to what the scientists say is necessary
- 00:46:00 Mel Smith: Despite our new government we still must be vigilant and not complacent here in Australia..Righst can still be taken away..
- 00:46:21 Pamela Collett: Thanks Mel too true
- 00:46:41 Mel Smith: Pamela..Be alert but not alarmed.
- 00:47:00 Kathleen Davies: Best thing for me Anne is that Aust did not embrace toxic Trumpism - my faith in the Aussie public has been restored.
- 00:47:04 Anne Layton-Bennett: Yes Jo. Tassie is largely powered by hydro and has been for decades. Even so energy prices are comparatively high here unless one has solar - which we do.
- 00:47:13 Anne Roseby: What happened to trickle down economics?
- 00:47:22 Alistair McCulloch: Profit-price surge/spiral. Dead right Richard. Dead right.
- 00:47:32 Mel Smith: Kathleen..sadly there is a small minority that did embrace Trump politics.
- 00:47:43 Mel Smith: Watch Sky News? lol
- 00:47:56 Rose Read: Why is there no mention of the poor who are dependant on the state for their 'wage' ie pension or benefit?
- 00:48:02 John Englart: Yes, Mel, I hope US Supreme Court activism gets US citizens to vote in the midterms and especially state legislatures, long a backbone of Republican conservatism. Getting out the vote such a big job there.
- 00:48:18 Mel Smith: We have a Freedom Fight march here in Melbourne...Trump style movement
- 00:48:36 Mel Smith: Yes John and thanks for that link!
- 00:49:07 Mel Smith: YES Ebony!! Thank you..
- 00:49:15 Kathryn Boles: Unfortunately, Mel, there are still many conservative people,including in our Federal electorate. We do have a Labor state MP and there have been a few Labor governments since Joh, including the last several years.
- 00:49:26 Mel Smith: I know Ebony would choose that question. Lol
- 00:49:38 Mel Smith: Phew..
- 00:49:56 Pamela Collett: But free or low cost abortion is NOT generally available even in ACT
- 00:50:13 Mel Smith: There are still marches being held all across Australia this weekend.

00:50:20 Steph Rey: I received two spam emails from Cherish Life Church in QLD yesterday saying they intend to push for changes to Abortion Laws in Aus

00:50:23 Mel Smith: Yes Katherine..PREACH !

00:50:35 Mel Smith: Omg Steph.

00:50:45 Steph Rey: I then got an email from Hillsong. I was very freaked out

00:50:46 Cheryl Tonkin: America - the Handmaids Tale for real.

00:50:47 Alistair McCulloch: Unfortunately the Roe-Wade decision will enthuse the evangelical right who really don't want any socially-progressive movement and would like to wind that which has been won back to the late 19th century.

00:50:55 Mel Smith: Why we must be vigilant..thanks for sharing that email

00:51:04 Eileen Whitehead: A snap protest re Roe & Wade decision in Perth yesterday saw 300+ turn up. Big one planned on Saturday!

00:51:06 Steph Rey: I never signed up to either of them Mel - was freaky

00:51:15 Licia Heath: Question: Is it the panel's opinion that the PM is trying to strong-arm the crossbench with this staffing reduction, or rather trying to recalibrate staff numbers to reasonable levels that are commensurate with other MPs (recognising that Indies do need more staff to get across issues)?

00:51:16 Shannon Doherty: Steph what did the Hillsong one say?

00:51:18 Mel Smith: Steph..DELETE DELETE ..lol

00:51:28 Kathleen Davies: 'Forced pregnancy' is how i now think of this. Absolute shocker of a situation.

00:51:36 Mel Smith: Thank God..bad pun intended

00:51:38 Mel Smith: lol

00:51:49 Jo Barkworth: Thankfully less and less people now religious and the RWNJ still a very small minority

00:52:03 Steph Rey: The Hillsong one said nothing in particular about abortion. They were fund raising. Seemed a strange coincidence I received both within minutes of one another

00:52:05 jennifer manson: Good one Kathleen!

00:52:06 Mel Smith: Census results indicate we are much less religious now

00:52:30 John Englart: Vic Liberals expelled Bernie Finn over his abortion stance in May. Something positive. <https://www.theage.com.au/politics/victoria/liberal-party-room-to-decide-fate-of-controversial-mp-bernie-finn-20220524-p5anx3.html>

00:52:42 Mel Smith: Yes John..He is on the fringe

00:52:51 Pamela Collett: Low income and regional women do not have easy access to abortion, let alone low coast or free

- 00:53:07 Mel Smith: Yes Pamela..So true!
- 00:53:37 Mel Smith: Praech Ebony!!
- 00:53:46 Mel Smith: Deeply disturbing..
- 00:53:46 Pamela Collett: Some GPs BLOCK ANYONE getting an abortion in a hospital where they are practicing, even in public hospitals
- 00:53:50 Virginia Mansel Lees: Licia - he is re-calibrating numbers to a sensible number. They do not need 8 staff each...it happened under the previous government as a salve and to silence any type of diverse set of arguments. With the ALP there will be opportunities for a range of ways in which people can talk/differ with whatever is happening.
- 00:53:55 Kathryn Boles: Mel. we need the politicians to leave their beliefs at the door to Parliament House because the right don't care about the rights of those who don't share their beliefs.
- 00:54:10 Anne Roseby: I used to work in womens health in Western Sydney 3 years ago, and there was no access to free pregnancy terminations at that time.
- 00:54:29 Mel Smith: My Queer friends are really scared now..they are contemplating moving to Australia Ebony.
- 00:54:36 jennifer manson: I'm stunned at the stupidity of Republicans wanting to increase the number of babies and children who will depend on welfare and thus increase costs and possibly taxes.
- 00:54:37 Pamela Collett: YEP we need to open up access to free and low cost abortion for all
- 00:54:39 Mel Smith: Wow Anne.
- 00:55:15 Eileen Whitehead: It's about patriarchial power.
- 00:55:18 Shannon Doherty: As an American-born currently going through citizenship here, I am so,so happy to be making permanent my move to a reasonable country.
- 00:55:20 Licia Heath: It's not about abortion, it's about power.
- 00:55:46 Mel Smith: Thanks Katherine..Love your passion.
- 00:55:59 Colin Roberts: Whimsically, safe sex has created an 'Idiocracy' in the US and will take 2 generations of Lefties populating for it to return.
- 00:56:01 Elizabeth Robinson: I think US is increasingly becoming a regressive and failed state.
- 00:56:04 Mel Smith: Welcome Shannon.
- 00:56:04 Malcolm Robins: Further to Roe v Wade:
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2022/jun/27/we-americans-are-dancing-on-the-titanic-our-iceberg-is-not-far-away>
- 00:56:40 Mel Smith: Colin..Go and watch AOC instagram account..She is part of the new generation

- 00:56:58 Colin Roberts: Seriously, AOC and friends can impeach the justices who lied under oath that they would not change RoevWade
- 00:56:58 Kathryn Boles: I agree, Licia, and with many rapes.
- 00:57:07 Mel Smith: Elizabeth..it's been in decline for a long time now..
- 00:57:21 Elizabeth Robinson: Yes Mel
- 00:57:22 Mel Smith: Democracy has failed in my humble view
- 00:57:56 jennifer manson: There will be more babies available for adoption, thus providing a resurgence of baby selling.
- 00:58:04 Kathryn Boles: Yes, welcome, Shannon, and more reasonable since the election.
- 00:58:24 Mel Smith: Eileen..Along with white supremacy
- 00:58:35 Alistair McCulloch: The right in the US has been organising around its agenda consistently since the 1960s. The left has failed to take a long-term view associated with long-term activism in pursuit of a positive reform agenda.
- 00:58:57 Mel Smith: Shannon..Come to Melbourne..great coffee and food culture here. ;)
- 00:59:01 Rose Read: Doesn't the energy situation demonstrate the power of the resource industry over governments
- 00:59:25 Mel Smith: That's horrible Jennifer ..
- 01:00:12 jennifer manson: Agree Mel, but true. There was lots of it in the 70s mostly run by religious organisations
- 01:00:56 Jo Barkworth: Very true Rose. Have to get corporate donations out of politics.
- 01:02:19 Paul Loring: Those interested in Sustainability E&Y report about the role of corporations is a MUST READ, ie the whole report not just the summary.
https://www.ey.com/en_au/climate-change-sustainability-services/enough-a-review-of-corporate-sustainability?mkt_tok=NTlwLVJYUC0wMDMAAAGFLRamQnU0O3DEzp-nVkmNqDNU7OyMjxCQjtWBpQYIbB8Hp21yleUBj_iw33bcAPG1bJgvrocsSsHvQFDWNAhT
- 01:02:48 Anne Roseby: I must say that it is very hard to justify all those staff when sitting time for real debate is very limited.
- 01:03:22 jennifer manson: Wouldn't it be great if there were more APS staff assisting MPs
- 01:03:29 Patricia Miller: Hooray for more resources for the Parliament Library! So much duplicate effort can be reduced with the briefings that are available to all MPs.
- 01:03:44 Liz Ryan: no sorry, stress doesn't explain misogyny
- 01:04:01 Lindsay FERGUSON: Sitting days bear no relationship to full workload of MPs - if doing their job even half-well enough, rest of time is hardly a holiday
- 01:04:07 Alistair McCulloch: Dead right Katherine. We really do need to take our governance seriously and to resource it properly.

- 01:04:08 Tony Simons: Why did Scotty need SPIN DOCTORS in his office. Were they to the ones to pull the election day STUNT of the Sri Lankan boat and texting marginal seats.
- 01:04:15 Russell Johnstone: The last time I looked, Kuwait exports as much gas as Australia....Royalties paid to Kuwait \$28 billion, Australia ? Less that a \$1 billion....Would value someone updating those numbers. Revenue is not being sought for resources that belong to all Australians.
- 01:04:19 Steph Rey: Agree Liz - the bad treatment of women can never be or should never be put down to stress
- 01:04:25 jennifer manson: No Liz, but it does explain staff inability to fight it off.
- 01:04:27 Tony Simons: 50 spin doctors
- 01:04:34 Steve Blume: Well said Katherine!
- 01:04:39 Carl Stevens: Agree Katharine, but are there efficiencies to be found in sharing resources? Why do 6 staff need to undertake the same research for 6 Indies? We need to look at the whole picture.
- 01:05:10 Mark Kunach: The Public Service across Australia has been demonised along with the Union movement. NSW Public Service has been gutted and staff have had enough doing more and more with less. Contracting out services, contracts out the standard. Are we happy with the standard of service in Education, nursing, aged care, disability care etc.? Dedicated staff are burning out and leaving in droves.
- 01:05:48 jennifer manson: Agree Russell. These are our resources and we should be banking the profits for future costs eg pensions, healthcare, education etc.
- 01:05:49 Tony Simons: Guy Rundle suggested the Teals set up a shared a staff arrangement
- 01:05:51 Michael Cowan: Political parties' membership base doesn't provide a financial stake for their operations. It was interesting to see the level of donations Teal candidates received from individuals.
- 01:06:12 Mel Smith: Tony..Nice gig if you can get it..They are payed very well as well!
- 01:06:15 Carl Stevens: Agree Eb sure, but this isn't the issue that will ensure that the teals get re-elected.
- 01:06:17 Michael Cowan: Agree with the concept Tony.
- 01:07:48 Anne Roseby: The thought of consultative, joint party meetings seems an ideal solution, but won't happen
- 01:09:08 Brian O'Farrell: <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2022/06/red-and-blue-state-divide-is-growing-michael-podhorzer-newsletter/661377/>
- 01:10:08 Brad Powe: Natural gas IS methane
- 01:10:32 Steve Blume: <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2022/jun/23/australian-farmers-warn-pm-not-to-rush-into-bidens-global-methane-pledge>

01:10:36 Russell Johnstone: Fugitive emissions from Australian gas extraction likely underestimated. Troubling.

01:10:56 John Knox: Fossil gas is methane - natural gas is a marketing term from the fossil gas industry

01:12:49 Paul Loring: Interesting read Brian O'F Thanks

01:13:25 John Englart: Thanks Katharine and Richard. Limiting Methane will be a key campaign.

01:13:54 Russell Johnstone: Thanks to all, informative discussion as always.

01:14:48 Alistair McCulloch: Thanks all. good to have you back!

01:14:49 Carl Stevens: Good discussion today. Thanks again Australia Institute, Guardian and Essential.

01:14:51 Anne Layton-Bennett: Thanks to all. Very interesting discussion.

01:14:52 Mel Smith: Great session as always Ebony!!

01:14:53 John Watson: Thank you all!!

01:14:54 Paul Loring: Great info about refridgegerating methane

01:14:58 Dianna McDonald: That was awesome!!

01:14:58 Merrill O'Donnell: thank you great discussion again

01:14:59 Michael White: Thanks everyone.

01:15:00 Merrindal Routley: Thanks everyone

01:15:03 Lily: 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!

01:15:03 Thiru Arumugam: Great session. Thanks everyone.

01:15:04 Mike Moller: thank you!!

01:15:05 Kathleen Davies: thanks agin

01:15:08 PENNY MOYES: thanks again. as always interesting.

01:15:14 jennifer manson: thanks all. So glad TAI is keeping these discussions going!

01:15:15 John Knox: thanks all

01:15:17 Jo Barkworth: So valuable to have Australian Institute as a very informative resource! Thanks everyone

01:15:19 Jennifer Butement: thank you

01:15:20 Pamela Collett: Thanks to all. Keep vigilant and active

01:15:32 Hank Doll: Thanks

01:15:32 Liz Ryan: many thanks to the panel

01:15:33 Mel Smith: LOVE your passion Katherine!!

01:15:39 Alan Coligado: Thanks all! Take care.

01:15:50 Lily: <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-podcasts>

01:15:54 Elizabeth Prime: Terrific discussion, thanks.

01:16:02 Suzanne Storer: 🙌

01:16:03 Mel Smith: We are so blessed to live in Australia. Be grateful.