

00:20:19 Ebony Bennett: Chat should be working now

00:20:43 Prachi Arya: Hi all - Prachi from The Australia Institute here. Thanks for joining us today. Looking forward to a great webinar!

A little reminder, the chat has options for 'all panellists' or 'all panellists and attendees'. Choose the latter option to participate in the chat with everyone.

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Just a reminder to please keep all comments in the chat civil and on topic – Thanks!

00:20:50 Kerry Higgs: Greetings from Kerry in Birpai country near Wauchope

00:21:25 Mitzi Tuke: good point about the pent up level of expectation - this is palpable

00:21:27 Rudolf (Rudy) Blums: Hallo everyone from Belgrave, Wurundjeri Country

00:21:33 Bev Majda: Hello from Kurna Country (Adelaide Plains)

00:21:46 Mitzi Tuke: hello from Wurundgeri County

00:22:17 Carol Webb: Kia ora from Whanganui, Aotearoa New Zealand

00:22:33 Tony Simons: Albo has plenty of political capital and should not worry about Fox, News Ltd and the shock jocks.

00:23:11 Jim Spithill: 'Between Labor and the Greens" was where I ended up on the pre-election Vote Compass.

00:24:00 Mitzi Tuke: same for me

00:25:14 Kathleen Davies: Wondering if between Labor and Greens is known as the 'radical centre'...

00:25:27 Marjorie Henzell: hello from Bondi Junction(Gadigal Country, I think) Isolating with Covid -hoping to get back to Armidale on Thursday but loving the opening of parliament.

00:25:44 Jonathan Bowers-Taylor: you have to make a choice based on the seat in which you vote. senate is a no brainer, vote green.

00:29:20 Leonora Ritter: Loved Katharine's unambiguous position on "Insiders".

00:29:29 Michael Cowan:Katherine's comment on the decade of nothingness was the show stopper on Insiders.

00:29:52 Ken Sampson: Ken from Dandenong, Vic - the land of the people of the Kulin Nations.

I'm like Jim S and Mitzi K supposedly somewhere between Labor and Green.

00:30:08 Brian O'Farrell: Coalition does not believe it has done the wrong thing on climate change ... let them keep listening to Dutton and friends

00:30:22 jennifer manson: I love how Katharine says exactly what she thinks.

00:31:53 Mitzi Tuke: the Liberal Party needs to learn how to eat humble pie

00:31:58 Bev Majda: Great analysis

00:32:29 Jim Spithill: Dutton's intransigence on climate may be his long-term contribution in politics, by keeping his side in long-term opposition!

00:32:37 Mel Smith: I recommend people read George Megalogenis piece in The Monthly as well. His analysis is excellent!

00:33:04 Mel Smith: Tomatoes are pricey too.

00:33:14 Bev Majda: George is a superb analyst

00:33:20 suzie macdougall: tomatoes are out of season

00:33:26 jennifer manson: Katharine is connecting the issues, unlike many others.

00:33:38 Mel Smith: Bev..he is one of the best..forensic in his analysis.

00:34:18 Bev Majda: Agree Mel ... and you've reminded me to get the latest The Monthly. Thank you

00:34:23 Di Wykes: Yes but Peter Dutton's gang largely caused this.

00:34:31 Mel Smith: Pleasure Bev!

00:34:36 Steve Flora: You asre certainly more than right there, Katharine.

00:35:09 suzie macdougall: but Dutton does not recognise that or at least pretends not to

00:35:26 jennifer manson: Hopefully Jim Chalmers will set the story straight against Dutton's claims

00:35:40 Mel Smith: It's weird how The Victorian Liberals have appointed candidates with extreme views..eg Anti trans..have they learnt nothing..lol

00:35:57 Anne Roseby: Let us just hope he gets rolled by the party before the next election

00:35:59 Mel Smith: Delusional is the correct word Katherine.

00:36:09 Kathleen Davies: I worry that cost of living will continue to rise as climate chaos and ecosystems collapse... economics cannot be separated from climate action

00:36:18 Mel Smith: BRAVO Katherine!!

00:36:36 Steve Flora: Who agrees that it is an insult to a new Parliament to see any MP (including Morrison and Joyce) NOT show up for the first sitting week? Shouldn't it be a trigger to have the individual immediately replaced?

00:36:48 jennifer manson: Mel, Liberals now are mostly conservative, so focus on honouring the past rather than moving into the future, so less likely to learn new stuff

00:37:12 Mel Smith: Jennifer..libertarian and too conservative.

00:37:13 Joanna Mendelssohn: Dutton seems to be constantly casting around for anything to oppose - eg on Foot & Mouth even after he was rebuked by the industry for his stupidity

00:37:50 Howard WHITTON: How did Labor manage to have 18 Bills ready for tabling on Day One? Were some Department heads picking winners, from about December, perhaps?

00:38:10 jennifer manson: Gotta remember that Dutton is a former QLD cop

00:38:47 Ken Sampson: Jonathan Bowers - don't accept your 'no brainer' re the your Senate vote.

Even your statement that deciding how you vote is a choice depending on your seat is suss.

00:38:59 Michael Cowan: The membership base of the Vic Liberals is not going to change soon.

00:39:18 Joanna Mendelssohn: I get the impression people have been flat out working from 22 May. Also there were a few good drafts eg Anti-corruption from Helen Haines

00:40:01 Di Wykes: Governments can do a lot more to support people than they do.

00:40:04 Mel Smith: Michael..They've lost the next election..Pffft

00:40:20 Michael Cowan: On wage increases, the wages policy of State Govt towards their public servant employees can be a major influence.

00:40:47 Jonathan Bowers-Taylor: the main problem is voters are morons

00:40:54 jennifer manson: If the government cuts subsidies to large fossil fuel companies and drops tax cuts, they can afford to do more in terms of cost of living

00:41:24 Mel Smith: Jonathan..A bit harsh..voters are smarter and more educated now especially millennials

00:41:40 Jonathan Bowers-Taylor: also stop subsidies to private schools

00:41:59 Mel Smith: Look at the voting base that elected independents.

00:42:01 jennifer manson: Absolutely Jonathon!

00:42:51 jennifer manson: More money to essentials and less to wealthy corporates or individuals

00:43:55 Di Wykes: There are no financial constraints on government spending only constraints on real resources.

00:44:01 Anne Roseby: Maybe they could look at Government "golden handshakes" and rorts to ex parliamentarians

00:44:02 Elizabeth robinson: A windfall tax will also help!

00:44:27 jennifer manson: Chalmers & Albanese could justify dropping the tax cuts and subsidies basis of what's emerged as costs not anticipated

00:45:06 Ann Burns: saved money not paying for petrol or fares to go to work too

00:45:11 jennifer manson: Absolutely yes to a windfall tax

- 00:45:32 Jonathan Bowers-Taylor: the only reason we're listening to talk about the risk of what Labor can or can't do, is because of the OK mob, who cannot be trusted to vote otherwise than in their own interest
- 00:46:08 Bev Majda: You never rave Katharine! Love your analysis and knowledge
- 00:46:18 Steve Blume: Mmm - 2/3 of the \$trillion debt was incurred BEFORE Covid! Debt was more than doubled since 2013!
- 00:46:30 Bev Majda: The only tool
- 00:47:21 Tony Simons: Rod Sims wrote a fine article in SMH. Market power from monopolies and oligopolies are a big factor in inflation. Albo must come down hard on the profiteers,
- 00:47:23 Mel Smith: YES..It's about time.
- 00:47:26 Di Wykes: Raising interest rates does not address supply side inflation.
- 00:48:16 Mel Smith: 600!! wow
- 00:48:18 Bev Majda: 600 woohoo!
- 00:48:34 Marion Crooke: A windfall tax is absolutely justified. Help people pay their energy bills!
- 00:48:40 robin elizabeth: how about the September Economic review be used to defer the tax reduction plan?
- 00:48:48 jennifer manson: Lots of retailers raising prices beyond what's necessary, just taking advantage of people's acceptance of inflation.
- 00:48:52 Mel Smith: Let's reach 1,000 next month Ebony!
- 00:49:12 Mel Smith: Jennifer..Capitalism 101
- 00:49:36 Bev Majda: Yes, we are regulars :))))
- 00:49:52 Kevin Fell: IS there any way politically the government could delay the promised high income tax cuts, given the way
- 00:49:52 Ks Williams: me too
- 00:50:29 Kevin Fell: the debt crisis has ballooned
- 00:50:34 Jim Spithill: The EPBC Act is not fit for purpose - it treats Nature and Humans as discrete entities whereas the relationship is symbiotic - we need each other
- 00:50:36 Steve Blume: Stage 3 tax cuts in 2024 bizarre policy in such a debt situation. Suggestions this would be retrospective when they have not come into force is nonsense. Ditto the "election commitment" - situation has changed. It's highly regressive.
- 00:50:53 Di Wykes: But to get to GHG emissions targets we need to stop (new) coal and gas.
- 00:51:07 Bev Majda: High income tax cuts not until 2024. We can only hope they will be abolished. Fingers crossed

- 00:51:08 Cate Cooper: no more new subsidies to new fossil fuel projects would certainly help
- 00:51:13 Di Wykes: Agree @Jim
- 00:51:36 Wendy Logan: Debt and deficit is only a problem is Labor can be blamed
- 00:51:39 Juanita Doorey: Very much agree Di
- 00:51:53 jennifer manson: Bev, perhaps Labor will make the case to drop the tax cuts before then, despite having agreed to them in the past
- 00:51:54 Anne Roseby: The last Fed. Gov. has shifted responsibility to save the environment to the State governments. The States get revenue from land clearing, housing development, and royalties from coal, and minerals mined.
- 00:52:08 Brian O'Farrell: please the Greens by changing the reference year for emissions reduction to 1990 and engage them on a 2035 target.
- 00:52:37 Steve Blume: The "mandate" noticing always BS - always highly selective. The notion that a government should only deliver what it mentioned in an election campaign in Opposition is fraught. Governments have to deal with everything.
- 00:52:40 Juanita Doorey: The Greens follow the science
- 00:52:46 jennifer manson: Good point Anne!
- 00:52:54 Mitzi Tuke: great point about a climate trigger, and it giving Labor some room to move
- 00:53:03 Cate Cooper: yes, @Steve
- 00:53:29 Mitzi Tuke: +++ Steve
- 00:53:42 Alan Coligado: Govt and change need not be mutually exclusive.
- 00:53:49 vIDA gAIGALAS: Government v Change.. is that what we are facing? Can't they be one and the same esp with a new government
- 00:53:54 Di Wykes: Agree @Steve
- 00:53:54 Jonathan Bowers-Taylor: how do you find good will with liberals led by Dutton?
- 00:54:23 Mel Smith: I wonder what approach Dutton will take..A nasty attack dog like Abbott? Ugh
- 00:54:30 Bev Majda: The 'mandate' theory is misrepresented by all governments and media. A majority government only has a 'mandate' to govern, regardless of policies put forward or not. It is the Parliament that has a 'mandate' to implement whatever policy. This drives me absolutely spare as a political scientist, when 'mandate' is used incorrectly. Aarrgghh
- 00:54:36 Ken Sampson: Surely - hate the word in an argument - but here it is, Labor has the mandate to govern the Greens don't. I think I just heard Peter acknowledge that in different words.
- 00:54:59 Di Wykes: Agree @Bev

00:55:04 Cate Cooper: agree @Bev

00:55:11 Bev Majda: Yes, Peter said this in so many words

00:55:18 Bev Majda: Thanks @cate

00:55:25 Jonathan Bowers-Taylor: there is no such thing as a mandate, if you win by a small margin

00:55:35 John Knox: Victoria has a fracking ban written into its constitution now

00:56:12 Steve Blume: Greens in Senate have a stark choice - vote with Labor or LNP. Ditto Senator Peacock as the "deal maker". Negotiations of course, but in the end the vote is binary. Least worst choices are SOP in politics.

00:56:28 Anne Roseby: Didn't Labour win by losing LESS seats than the LNP?

00:56:30 Cate Cooper: only if the gov refuse to subsidize the FF projects

00:56:41 Mel Smith: I'm watching their responses now on the abc..very interesting.

00:56:44 eva cox: We need to remind voters of non materialist issues and needs. finance is dull, care counts differently

00:56:52 Anne Heard: Sounds like "last drinks" in the days of six o'clock closing, KM.

00:56:58 Mitzi Tuke: If it means "following the science", then Labor needs to increase its target and forget about its "mandate" - +++ Bev

00:57:03 Bev Majda: Whether a government is formed with a large or small margin, the government of the day has only a mandate to govern. As we know, when we vote for our representative of our choice, it would be highly unlikely that we agree with all policies proposed

00:57:28 Bev Majda: *unlikrly

00:57:48 Bev Majda: Dog! typing too fast *unlikely

00:58:03 Mitzi Tuke: Labor is probably using "mandate" to cover its obligation to the fossil fuel industry

00:58:13 Kathleen Davies: rave on! Loving it!

00:58:18 Cate Cooper: exactly Mitzi!

00:58:19 Bev Majda: No, no, no not raving Murpharoo :))

00:58:53 Russell Johnstone: Joe Manchin....

00:58:58 Bev Majda: All governments use the term 'mandate', not just Labor, to justify policies!!

00:59:13 jennifer manson: Surely Labor can justify pulling taxpayer funds from fossil fuel companies pointing out that this is what banks have done, because they'll be stranded assets that taxpayers should not have to fund

00:59:16 Mel Smith: Is that Eva Cox the writer? wow

- 00:59:18 Lorraine Bull: We need the policy of at least 43% reduction to give confidence to business and finance to develop RE projects, train workforce etc to deliver the outcomes needed.
- 01:00:32 Bev Majda: Interesting contribution @Jennifer ... :)
- 01:00:40 Kathryn Boles: I think Howard was the first politician I heard use the word, mandate, to justify whatever he wanted to do, e.g., Work Choices.
- 01:00:50 Rob OConnor: <https://www.australiaremade.org/> people might take some hope from this website
- 01:01:07 Carol Soloff: Lot of research already done in Australia on national measures of wellbeing
- 01:01:09 Kathleen Davies: Wonder if Doughnut Economics could be useful here. Core question is how do THRIVE while living within earth's carrying capacity.
- 01:01:14 Bev Majda: I'm obvs older, the term was used before Howard :(((
- 01:01:25 Virginia Mansel Lees: Thanks for a great session - class to teach see you next time - Virginia
- 01:01:32 Sophia McGrane: this fortnightly sesh is just so much more betterer than a weekly Insiders show.. everything about it is just so much better and is why I've been a regular viewer since it began back in pandemic lockdown days
- 01:01:32 Michael A Lightfoot: lets bring in GNH - gross national happiness.
- 01:01:36 Steve Blume: ACT has adopted that framework as has NZ
<https://www.act.gov.au/wellbeing>
- 01:01:42 Di Wykes: Yes @Kathleen
- 01:01:57 Steve Blume: <https://www.treasury.govt.nz/information-and-services/nz-economy/higher-living-standards/measuring-wellbeing-lsf-dashboard>
- 01:02:06 Carol Soloff: ABS used to produce great publication MAP - Measuring Australia's Progress
- 01:02:15 Rob OConnor: <https://app.frame.io/reviews/ad435b11-997f-4a30-92de-61502aba76cf>. A short film on how we might move forward
- 01:02:25 vIDA gAIGALAS: only trust in god, we don't really need government is exPMs opinion
- 01:02:52 Jonathan Bowers-Taylor: it's a meaningless term. there is simply no such thing as a mandate
- 01:02:57 suzie macdougall: god help us if he is on scomos side
- 01:02:59 Kathryn Boles: Thanks, Bev.
- 01:03:14 Lindsay FERGUSON: If there really was a god, he/she would have removed the former PM from our lives forever by now.
- 01:03:18 Kathleen Davies: My question for ScoMo is 'which God?'
- 01:03:20 Mel Smith: GOD help Scomo..bad pun intended.

01:03:24 jennifer manson: Well-being will be dismissed by self-interested parties, but be more influential if it's detailed and shows exactly where and how wellbeing is influenced by different government actions

01:03:35 Rob Calvert: @vg thank god he's gone

01:03:48 Jonathan Bowers-Taylor: ha ha

01:03:52 Mel Smith: Rob..Preach!! Lol

01:04:01 vIDA gAIGALAS: thanks God

01:04:06 Mel Smith: Thank Jesus he's gone..ill stop now

01:04:14 Mel Smith: lol

01:04:15 Russell Johnstone: Yes Katherine....public health, who would have thank it

01:04:23 Bev Majda: @Mel larfin :))

01:04:48 Jonathan Bowers-Taylor: I grew up in a god bothering family.

01:04:50 Cate Cooper: he's in Japan speaking as a former leader

01:04:51 Lorraine Bull: Scomo is at a conference overseas

01:04:54 jennifer manson: I thought Morrison was in Japan for previous head of states meeting

01:05:03 Bev Majda: ShoNo

01:05:03 Mitzi Tuke: Morrison is very good at being conspicuous through absence

01:05:08 Jonathan Bowers-Taylor: the story doesn't change

01:05:10 vIDA gAIGALAS: integrity wasn't an issue for Morrison as God cannot be unethical

01:05:22 Bev Majda: Barnaby Joyce is missing too - huh?

01:05:29 Mel Smith: Will he charge for his speeches now?

01:05:31 suzie macdougall: love it

01:05:33 Elizabeth robinson: A conference of has beens!

01:05:33 Cate Cooper: what a waste of time!

01:05:44 Anne Heard: Well said, Mr Lewis!!

01:05:54 Tony Simons: Scotty like Abbott is a huge national embarrassment. Not good enough for Goldman Sachs. Unemployable.

01:06:20 vIDA gAIGALAS: so politics is still stuck with him in opposition now.. no one else wants him

01:06:21 Kathryn Boles: Ha ha, Peter!

01:06:31 Mel Smith: Josh Frydenberg will be back..watch this space

- 01:06:36 Tony Simons: Dutton is even more right wing than Scotty,.
- 01:06:40 Jonathan Bowers-Taylor: you do know about the liberal climate denier, that said God won't let the planet die
- 01:07:02 Ken Sampson: I knew he was in Japan - from reading the Guardian - but what should be his priority?
- 01:07:19 eva cox: Look forwards to social prdictions session, lots of data can contribute eva
- 01:07:21 Mel Smith: His side hustle is to charge for speeches now..
- 01:07:31 Mel Smith: Disgusting..
- 01:07:50 Mel Smith: Desperate tactics to win an election
- 01:07:55 Kathryn Boles: Jonathan, so everyone and everything suffers because of the beliefs of people like that!
- 01:07:56 Mel Smith: REPUGNANT
- 01:07:58 Anne Roseby: I hope the pay packet for this time off is reflective of the absences.
- 01:08:16 Ken Sampson: Is that why Morrison is avoiding the first week?
- 01:08:17 Kathleen Davies: Conflict of interest at least....CORRUPTION at worst...Where is the accountability?
- 01:08:27 Kathryn Boles: That would be great, Anne.
- 01:08:39 Tony Simons: Federal ICAC to look at the asylum seeker boat on election day.
- 01:08:42 Alan Coligado: There must be consequences.
- 01:08:49 jennifer manson: Karen Andrews clearly indicated her self-interest or lack of backbone, not sure which
- 01:08:51 Mel Smith: Good question Ken..He's evading that question that might be asked in Parliament
- 01:08:58 Richard Tuffin: Credit to Pezzullo for being non-partisan in this instance as opposed to how he often reacted in #estimates
- 01:09:21 vIDA gAIGALAS: Morrison always was and will be an escape artist.. disappears during disasters .. an entitled pleasure seekers and nothing has changed
- 01:09:39 Cate Cooper: not like there's any difference in policy here
- 01:09:41 jennifer manson: Gotta admit I question Pezzulo's claims, as it was his investigation that makes him look good
- 01:09:45 Ken Sampson: Thanks Mel.
- 01:09:48 Mel Smith: Pathetic Peter
- 01:09:53 Anne Heard: Pezzullo is not to be trusted.

01:09:53 Kathleen Davies: So shameful...does my head in this one....

01:10:03 Mel Smith: How low can they go

01:10:14 Peter Youll: I look forward to the greeting Scmo gets when he does show up to do his job ;-)

01:10:17 vIDA gAIGALAS: Trump Johnson and Morrison, the evil triangle have all gone ... !!!
HOORAY

01:10:18 Liz Ryan: damn I am late, I forgot, was looking forward to this, will watch copy, hope there was some love for PM's speech yesterday, can't wait for corruption comm for that disgusting exit from shameless desperate pm

01:10:27 Mel Smith: A moronic strategy

01:10:39 Lorraine Bull: It was shabby

01:10:54 Michael Cowan: The boat scare claim was Trumpian in style.

01:10:57 Cate Cooper: Johnson is still hanging around Vida

01:11:01 Mel Smith: He should pray for his sins now

01:11:14 Janet Thompson: well, children overboard at the last minute worked for Howard.

01:11:15 Cate Cooper: or pay

01:11:16 Mel Smith: lol

01:11:32 Mitzi Tuke: Yes, some love, Liz. It's a great session to catch up on

01:11:40 vIDA gAIGALAS: True Cate, Johnson is still hanging, like Trump he is hard to get rid of, a sore that won't heal, but eventually it will

01:12:09 Cate Cooper: 😞

01:12:24 Mel Smith: True Janet..it's the conservative's play book along with attacking the trans community

01:12:27 Liz Ryan: Thanks Mitzi!

01:12:51 Russell Johnstone: Thanks everyone for a great discussion....always great!

01:12:58 Cate Cooper: 🙌🙌🙌

01:13:13 Kathleen Davies: No wonder people do not TRUST institutions.....this type of thing feeds the extremists...

01:13:15 Mitzi Tuke: That's so true, institutions do stand between us and chaos. Look at USA

01:13:20 Mel Smith: Great session!

01:13:21 Jan SMith: Many thanks Ebony, Katharine and Peter. Excellent work as usual.

01:13:31 Merrill O'Donnell: Thanks for another great conversation

01:13:36 Bev Majda: Great discussion panellists and chat group, as always. We are a great community

01:13:38 Helene Mountford: Great session - thank you

01:13:40 Mitzi Tuke: Great session

01:13:41 jennifer manson: I think these webinars need 1.5hrs!

01:13:41 Mel Smith: CONGRATULATIONS on your podcast Katherine !!

01:13:49 Stephen Pritchard: Thanks for another good discussion.

01:13:50 Leonora Ritter: Thanks for another great session

01:13:52 Ida Vincent: Thank you, thought provoking as always

01:13:54 Prachi Arya: 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!

01:13:56 Margaret Hardy: Thank you, as usual great discussion.

01:13:56 Tony Simons: Terrific forum. Thanks

01:13:57 Sophia McGrane: yet another brilliant episode of a brilliant show.. thank you all

01:13:59 Kathleen Davies: Well done again and thanks TAI

01:14:04 Calista Zagorski: And that is why we love your work and insights Katherine, and Peter and Ebony. Thank you for a great chat.

01:14:06 John Knox: Thanks TAI - it's great that these are continuing post election... 🍌🍌🍌

01:14:08 Mel Smith: Stay safe everyone

01:14:09 Christine Buschmann: Great session, thanks

01:14:10 Michael Mardel: Thank you esp Katherine

01:14:10 vIDA gAIGALAS: thanks, now I can make lunch, my mum is starving

01:14:12 Roberta Boyce: Excellent to hear all those voices of reason

01:14:14 Carl Stevens: Thanks to all the panel for another excellent