

00:13:45 rachel: Hi all - Rachel from The Australia Institute here. Thanks for joining us today. Looking forward to a great webinar!

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00:15:14 rachel: Hi everyone! Sorry about the hiccup with the chat. You should all be able to speak freely now!

00:15:21 Angelika Heurich: Hi from Anaiwan Lands - Uralla, NSW

00:16:20 Dr Bev: Hi everyone from Kurna Country (Adelaide Plains)

00:16:27 Rudolf (Rudy) Blums: OK. No problem. I just wanted to say hallo from Belgrave.

00:16:38 John Knox: Hello from beautiful downtown Airport West, the unceded land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation

00:17:18 Frank Pires: hello crew here in Canberra, I'm making lunch so I might miss some of the chat :)

00:18:56 Jock Churchman: Hello from Kurna country. My first Poll Position webinar (been on other AI webinars)

00:19:03 John Englart: Hello from a very wet Naarm today, Wurundjeri country

00:22:47 Claire Bettington: Greetings from Gadigal Country, Maroubra, NSW!

00:23:22 Chris Knight: Hello from Gubbi Gubbi Country Deception Bay Qld

00:23:43 Alistair McCulloch: Looks like a piece of political DNA ... :-)

00:26:29 Rob Calvert: @Alistair if that's the DNA the budget will be a mutant

00:26:34 Rob Sturrock: We are still living with the legacy of the Howard and Costello budgets of late 90s/early 2000s when they were so many middle and upper class payments, people came to expect budgets to be about subsidies and less about economic reform and service investment

00:27:18 Alistair McCulloch: @Rob A monster ... appropriate for the day after Halloween!

00:29:12 Peter Robinson: Sadly, here in Western Australia we have our state's version of a Paul Murray, a former editor of The West Australian. He for one has attempted to portray his impression of the Federal Budget as being of Shakespearian tragedy proportions. However, the tenor of his opinion is largely consistent with those of a Grecian farce, replete with crude characterisations and implausible plots, an artifact of his anti-labor worldview. How do we effectively counter such misrepresentations when, by all accounts within well credentialed academic and professional economic communities and across a wide range of other interest groups, including those that are business-related, it is commended as being the right budget for right now?

- 00:29:14 Anne Roseby: The Unions of the day were predicting exactly what we are seeing now
- 00:29:18 John Hawkins: Was the 'climate change measures' response interpreted as including the previous government's inaction, which I would partly blame for high energy costs here?
- 00:29:52 Jock Churchman: Have we finished with privatisation now? Out of fashion, I hope
- 00:30:32 Keith Johnson: PR don't buy the paper
- 00:30:43 John Watson: Makes Andrews Govt moves to bring back state control in Vic look attractive
- 00:31:19 Peter Robinson: As in Western Australia, a domestic gas reservation policy can effectively reduce the cost of energy. I believe that this can be implemented by the Federal Government. What would be the consequence? Here in WA we are only look at a 3% increase in our power bills, not 20%, 35% or any other number north of that.
- 00:31:50 Rob Calvert: A resources/energy super profits tax would go a long way to assist budget repair and fund improved social programs
- 00:32:11 Keith Johnson: Not the Feds ,Please we in WA would suffer.
- 00:32:26 Rob Sturrock: note that Andrew Leigh went trick or treating as Spiderman last night, and his son did too, bles
- 00:32:29 Rob Sturrock: *bless
- 00:32:48 Anne Roseby: we need to work on halting sub contracting running of essential services like water, energy, health, education, postage etc.
- 00:32:55 jennifer manson: If privatisation had never happened, perhaps the poles & wires would have been maintained over time, with no need to spike prices to pay for it.
- 00:33:02 Rob Calvert: States control the resources gas in particular
- 00:33:23 Tony Simons: Scandal was gold plating poles and wires. Now we need billions for transmission lines over many years
- 00:33:33 John Knox: @AR all natural monopolies should be in government hands
- 00:33:38 Paul Loring: We repeatedly hear about super profits tax mining, banking now energy . Why don't we actually have graduated business taxation across the board?
- 00:34:01 jennifer manson: Essential services should never be privatised, cos you lose the ability to ensure they're there when you need them.
- 00:34:10 Rob Calvert: @Anne a classic failure of Neo-conservatism
- 00:34:40 jennifer manson: Peter, don't forget the apartments who can't put solar on their roof
- 00:34:51 Fiona Crosskill: gold plating has happened with smart metering too. Decentralisation surely means back to the people, not corporatisation...

- 00:35:55 Paul Loring: or the huge number of homes with poor exposure, eg, East/West facing tree shadow, etc
- 00:36:29 Tony Simons: Toll roads in NSW is a very costly legacy.
- 00:37:13 John Knox: East/west not such an issue anymore (can actually help generation when needed - breakfast/dinner) It was an issue when panels were very expensive
- 00:37:19 Greig Ebeling: We add rooftop solar, we remain dependent on the grid for when the sun is not shining. Home batteries, way too expensive.
- 00:37:26 Russell Johnstone: Russell from the Barossa joining late from Ngadjuri or Peramangk country.....still raining.
- 00:40:09 Peter Robinson: When New South Wales privatised its poles and wires, not only did it get a high price from the purchasers but it also passed on a business model that has fixed costs (e.g., depreciation and amortisation) as a large component of its cost base. The more renewable energy, such as rooftop solar panels, the lower the capacity utilisation of these privatised power grids. Hence, the average cost on the supply side must increase. Assuming that the State Government provided some certainty as to the minimum return on investment, supply charges must logically increase. Ultimately, the people of New South Wales will be paying higher prices for energy not simply because of rising prices paid for coal and gas as a consequence of geo-political events but because of the cost of having a grid no longer fit for purpose.
- 00:40:20 John Knox: If you get a battery, any subsidy should be dependent upon joining a virtual power plant as this provides society with benefits as well as reducing payback time
- 00:40:38 Anne Roseby: yeah and look where we are after all of that rubbish spin
- 00:41:05 Alan Coligado: Radical for its restraint and honesty?
- 00:41:19 John Robert: As revealed recently, corruption in the immigration system has occurred with privatisation, inviting international criminals to feel welcome, illegal immigrant women to be held as sex slaves and refugees tortured. We all know many more examples of the bad impacts of privatisation, but few examples of good results.
- 00:41:35 Paul Loring: John K, Solar - we are talking about relative impact, E/W makes a significant difference. Too easy with North facing to dismiss other properties
- 00:42:29 John Knox: @PL only 10-15% reduction; considering the size of systems these days not so bad...
- 00:43:39 Margaret Potts: There are co-operative type solar farms happening, where a power co. buys the energy, and then reduces a member's electricity account. Haystacks is one such that is about to start, but I think more members can join. Margaret
- 00:44:09 Greig Ebeling: Margaret, Enova just went broke.
- 00:44:22 Paul Loring: NO Questions visible on Q&A?
- 00:44:54 Margaret Potts: I think that have another power co. now.
- 00:45:04 Judith Hudson: @Paul - there's one
- 00:45:04 jennifer manson: No NT or ACT on the graph!

- 00:45:05 Dr Bev: There is one question in Q&A
- 00:45:24 rachel: Thanks Paul, you can now view the Q & A.
- 00:46:00 Paul Loring: The inoculation level isn't what most assume, ie, although 90% for first two jabs, but now only 30% for subsequent jabs.
- 00:46:08 Gregory Olsen: Totally disinterested!! 🙄
- 00:46:16 David Karr: LaboUr needs to do a WA with gas and energy. De privatising power companies could be a viable solution
- 00:46:20 Gregory Olsen: I've written a poem about that;
- 00:46:22 Rob Sturrock: those betting agencies are an absolute pox on our society
- 00:46:34 Dr Bev: #NupToTheCup
- 00:46:44 Claire Bettington: Does the decline of interest in the Melbourne Cup parallel the decline of Union Membership?
- 00:47:49 Claire Bettington: ie, a move away from the collective to the individual, influenced by neoliberalism
- 00:48:00 Greig Ebeling: Gambling is evil.
- 00:48:08 Rob Sturrock: betting agencies are poisoning every major sport and code in the country, I hate my kids will watch sport thinking you should be gambling on everything
- 00:48:15 jennifer manson: We're a bit more aware of the downside of the alcohol abuse and gambling harms.
- 00:48:45 Gregory Olsen:
<https://www.facebook.com/GJOESQ/posts/pfbid02EQ54WXTiXJavw95hWYZfq5Sf29UiQfPbHEJewSJZ8BuEhqvAxifKzhB6Q4DAVh5l>
- 00:48:53 John Englart: It was the VRC building the floodwall that meant over 100 houses the floodwater damage was made worse instead of Flemington being allowed to flood. That was my braking point.
- 00:49:01 Angelika Heurich: TV Ad bombardment for betting entities has just gone through the roof recently... needs to be better regulated
- 00:49:48 Larissa Fedunik-Hofman: And News Corpse has stakes in at least one betting agency...an unholy alliance if ever there was one
- 00:50:03 jennifer manson: Opposition reaction was disgusting! Stigmatising those who've returned.
- 00:50:28 jennifer manson: Must remember that Dutton is a typical Qld cop
- 00:50:46 Kathryn Boles: The cruelty involved in racing makes me against any horse race. The horses are not volunteers and too many die for profit, whether it's for the owners or those who bet on the race.

And, it is worrying that gambling has become so pervasive.

00:52:18 jennifer manson: Dutton is divisive and without compassion for the women and kids

00:52:50 Claire Bettington: Mr 17% - he's got a LONG way to go!

00:52:51 C.Moore Hardy: We can only hope that Dutton sinks the coalition into oblivion

00:53:21 Jock Churchman: Dutton has no philosophy. Just pragmatism. Security and money

00:53:36 Rob Calvert: @CMoore canthey go lower?

00:53:58 Tony Simons: Headkicker Dutton and his attack dog Reynolds

00:54:05 jennifer manson: More harm is done from domestic violence than terrorism.

00:54:18 John Hawkins: You have to go back at least a century to find a opposition leader taking over after election loss who becomes PM

00:54:20 Russell Johnstone: Dutton is relying on us not connecting LNP inaction over 10 years and the dilemma that the present Federal Government is brutally being forced to make up time.

00:54:49 Anne Roseby: I heard that the opposition have a daily meeting to decide on the argument of the day. Question time is wasted. They really have lost relevance.

00:55:08 Keith Johnson: Do a WA Vote Labor . Don't get 100% of what you want but you do get !00% of what you don't.

00:55:44 Claire Bettington: More people were killed by the government's Robodebt program than by terrorists.

00:56:06 jennifer manson: True Claire!

00:56:18 Tony Simons: more Liberal seats in wealthy city areas will fall to Teals at both state and federal level

00:56:19 Alistair McCulloch: Absolutely correct @Claire.

00:56:36 Jill Newton: Sussan Ley is aiming to catch the Teals in a big way - eg on issues such as the stage 3 tax cuts.

00:57:00 C.Moore Hardy: Considering the mood is for a First Nations voice to Parliament, will the Libs ever focus on what the Australian people are concerned about.

00:57:17 jennifer manson: Sussan Ley is a screechy echo of Dutton.

00:58:21 Rob Calvert: spot on @JM as a bloke wasn't game to say it!

00:58:24 Claire Bettington: It was so FAKE! And a total insult to REAL abuse of women everywhere, which the coalition either ignored or told them they were lucky they weren't being shot.

00:58:28 Tony Simons: As Bernard Keane said Landry stunt was a Republican victim stunt

00:58:39 Dr Bev: I watched QT. Albo was owning Dutton, not Landry. Ibo was Who said she left the chamber In tears. This has also been quoted by Crowe. Any Press witness this?

- 00:58:46 Anne Roseby: Truth matters
- 00:58:53 Michael Lightfoot: I like the coment that it was the worst remake of Oceans8 every.
- 00:59:11 Dr Bev: Sorry for typos folks LOL to Michael
- 00:59:19 Jock Churchman: Was Scott M listening too much to Jen on what women want or was he not even listening to her?
- 01:00:04 Claire Bettington: Yes, but the stunt backfired, as it was SO FAKE!
- 01:00:34 Jock Churchman: Landry was a stooge. Not a victim. Dutton was the target
- 01:00:44 Dr Bev: Compare SM treatment of Christine Holgate, and many other women
- 01:00:48 Rob Calvert: totally feigned indignation
- 01:00:49 jennifer manson: Scott doesn't understand people in general, relying on market research for his decisions. Trouble is he doesn't include women in the research
- 01:02:39 Peter Robinson: Keith suggests that if you do a WA Labor vote you don't get 100% of what you want and 100% of what you don't. Well Keith, the alternate leader in State Parliament is David I shrunk the kids' Honey has 9% support and Mark McGowan has 75%. You must be among the very few who think that David and The Clan are the chosen ones. So much for the accuracy of what you post. 100% wrong!!
- 01:02:51 John Hawkins: Aks Liz Truss...
- 01:03:33 Gregory Olsen: All praise MMT!! It's the way the economy actually works! :-)
- 01:03:49 Gregory Olsen: The only constraints are available real resources, human and natural, and excessive inflation. :-)
- 01:04:25 jennifer manson: If we looked more realistically at what submarines we can staff, we'd need to spend much less on them.
- 01:04:27 Greig Ebeling: Yes Gregory, increased inflation
- 01:04:28 Alistair McCulloch: @Paul. I read it as 'none of what you want' (!00% with an exclamation mark not a '1'). :-)
- 01:05:32 Keith Johnson: Sorry PR ,I am definitely not a Honey supporter in fact a Labor man for the past 50 modd years. I was saying Mark hasn't done 100% of what his supporters want I.E not taking a more nationalist approach. Hope that clarifies.
- 01:05:47 Keith Johnson: odd
- 01:05:56 Gregory Olsen: Katharine, it's not borrowing. Federal Government bonds take liquidity out of the economy. :-)
- 01:06:06 John Knox: V High consequence for the climate
- 01:07:02 Gregory Olsen: Greig, the inflation originated from a lack of supply of goods and services.
- 01:07:13 Dr Bev: I'll say it - Democracy is being destroyed in the US

- 01:07:15 jennifer manson: Absolutely Katharine! And we're tired to AUKUS
- 01:07:17 Rob Sturrock: absolutely gut wrenching to watch America tear itself apart and watch the Republicans become an anti-democratic party
- 01:07:48 rachel: Thanks to all for joining us today and for participating in a fascinating discussion!

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Thanks again for joining us – and enjoy the rest of your day!

- 01:07:49 Fiona Crosskill: The 'anything-but-Trump' view is in fact dangerous because all means seem to be justifying the ends, including rogue legal stuff
- 01:07:50 Russell Johnstone: Thanks everyone, good work as always
- 01:07:54 Dr Bev: Bye everyone - great discussion
- 01:07:59 Robynne Burchell: Thank you
- 01:08:02 Darryl Fallow: Thanks all.
- 01:08:05 Alistair McCulloch: Thanks all. Really enjoyed it, as ever!
- 01:08:06 John Knox: 🙌🙌🙌🙏🙏🙏
- 01:08:08 Rebecca Anderson: Thank you a great session as always
- 01:08:08 Suzanne Storer: Thanks for today.
- 01:08:10 C.Moore Hardy: excellent thanks
- 01:08:11 Angelika Heurich: Thank you to both of you Peter & Katharine ... and to all on the chat
- 01:08:12 John Hawkins: Thnaks
- 01:08:12 Sophia McGrane: cheers all!
- 01:08:12 John Watson: Thanks all, great discussion!
- 01:08:13 Gregory Olsen: Thanx Perter and Murph! :-)
- 01:08:14 jennifer manson: thanks Katharine & Peter! :)
- 01:08:15 Frank Pires: cheers crew
- 01:08:16 Peter Robinson: Thankyou Katharine and Peter for a great conversation with you.
- 01:08:17 Jay Wilson: Ta Pete, Katherine, great as per usual!
- 01:08:18 Yvette Skinner: Thank you

01:08:19 Mike Aubrey: thanks good session