

00:15:43 Rudolf (Rudy) Blums: Hallo from Belgrave, Wurundjeri country.
00:15:50 Mahendra: Hi all – Mahendra from The Australia Institute here. Thanks for joining us today. Looking forward to a great webinar!

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00:16:11 Robynne Burchell: Good afternoon from Bidewel country in East Gippsland

00:16:32 Dr Bev: Hello everyone from Kurna Country (Adelaide Plains)

00:17:11 Carl Stevens: Good day everyone from the lands of the Bunurong people, Mornington Peninsula Victoria.

00:17:40 Kerry Higgs: Hello all from Birpai country (near Wauchope) from Kerry

00:19:26 Linda Peach: Hello from Djarrawunang land

00:20:27 Murray Sayle: Hello from the stolen lands of the Dharug people.

00:20:28 John Knox: Hello from beautiful downtown Airport West, Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung land - sovereignty was never ceded

00:23:53 Mel Smith: Why am I not surprised about Dutton ?? 🤔😂

00:23:56 Raffaele D'Angelo: Anti Corruption legislation needs considered implementation to reset the agenda on how public service is perceived

00:24:28 Mel Smith: WOW.. Queen was above politics so that's not surprising

00:24:32 John Knox: scary about that 9% in favour of vlad

00:24:48 Mel Smith: Skip a generation and go to the next generation 😊

00:25:38 John Englart: William is more of an unknown than Charles. Charles has been an influencer on climate action for some decades, as much as his position allows

00:25:39 Mel Smith: John Knox.. Some here in Melbourne

00:26:18 Mel Smith: It's the fashion with Kate Middleton/ read any magazine

00:26:45 Mel Smith: Meghan Markle had also just released her own podcast too

00:27:10 Mel Smith: Ha ha Peter 😂😂

00:27:29 Dr Bev: Depends on how long Chuckles lives :))

00:28:09 Mel Smith: A lot of people who work for the Monarchy end up in the UK public service- Fun Fact

00:28:16 Dr Bev: Absolutely Pete!

00:28:20 Kathryn Boles: Ha ha, Dr Bev. I love your nickname for Chuck.

00:28:23 Murray Sayle: #NotMyKing

00:28:26 Steph Rey: Theres no meritocratic process to politics either. Its just an illusion

00:29:05 Kathryn Boles: Not mine either, Murray.

00:29:12 Liz Ryan: endless coverage but not much from the dominions

00:29:15 Mel Smith: The obsession over Meghan Markle is really icky and creepy even by some female commentators .. it's akin to a cult 🙄

00:29:15 Dr Bev: Thanks Kathryn - I just can't take any of it seriously

00:29:53 Dr Bev: I'm sick on lollies

00:30:03 Kathryn Boles: Ha ha!

00:30:05 Mel Smith: Yes ... he's playing a long chess game here Peter

00:30:06 Carl Stevens: I think Albo doesn't want the republic debate to infect the Voice debate

00:30:09 Liz Ryan: yes but not an American style lollie

00:30:16 Dr Bev: Exactly Carl

00:30:21 Mel Smith: Maybe a vegan lollipop 🔍

00:30:29 Dr Bev: LOL

00:30:53 Wence Rivera: i am no royalist, but the media pile-on on Megan Markle reminds me of Princess Diana being hounded on a daily basis

00:31:07 Alan Coligado: Was the media coverage an exercise in reverse psychology?

00:31:17 Mel Smith: Wence ... it's much worse in my opinion with racist tendencies

00:31:23 Joanna Mendelssohn: Why does the Queen have to "pass"? Why didn't she just die, like everyone used to?

00:31:38 Dr Bev: Yep, she died

00:31:51 Wence Rivera: Absolutely Mel

00:32:23 Anne Layton-Bennett: Well said Joanna. This euphemism of 'pass' in relation to death drives me bonkers. The Queen died for goodness sake!

00:32:27 Mel Smith: Meghan is an industry for hate by nasty tabloids

00:32:50 Steph Rey: BBC reported 4.1 billion people watched the funeral world-wide. Over half the global population.

- 00:33:18 Steph Rey: Thats a lot of influence - even if those watching weren't monarchists
- 00:33:23 Mel Smith: They're extraordinary figures for tv wow
- 00:33:43 Rosemary Watson: I just cant relate to the british culture, royalty just dont belong in the Australian culture.
- 00:33:47 Mel Smith: No .. We want to know and I'm no monarchist
- 00:34:09 Steph Rey: Makes me wonder if we overestimate how many people are true republicans...
- 00:34:11 Carl Stevens: It's too early to judge the popular view on republic. Wait a few months.
- 00:34:12 Mel Smith: Rosemary- it does to many Anglo-Australians
- 00:34:37 Mel Smith: Multicultural Aussies have a complex relationship with their history
- 00:35:21 Carl Stevens: I think much of the anti-republic sentiment is more a shrug: what difference would it make in practice?
- 00:35:59 Dr Bev: Not having a foreign monarch as our Head of State??
- 00:36:11 david maclaughlin: pro republicans don't have an acceptable model , nobody wants a president from a list chosen by politicians
- 00:36:44 Alan Coligado: One could ask the same question of the monarchy. What practical difference does it make?
- 00:36:51 Liz Ryan: As we know, our parliamentary system works well. I hope it's a long debate. The Irish model would suit Australia. Anything but the American model which RW Aussies want
- 00:36:55 Steph Rey: Or a system where someone like Scott Morrison could appoint himself or one of his people President as well as PM
- 00:37:42 Dr Bev: No-one wants a direct elected President either. Back in 1999, perhaps we would have ended up with Bert Newton??
- 00:37:50 Joanna Mendelsohn: A properly constituted republic should stop a small cabal from sacking an elected government [which is what happened in 1975 with the active support of the current king of England]
- 00:38:06 david maclaughlin: politicians come and go at least the monarchy is in theory non part political
- 00:38:07 Mel Smith: Dr Bev 😂
- 00:38:16 Dr Bev: LOL Mel
- 00:38:37 Mel Smith: Or the possibility of Kylie Minogue as well Bev
- 00:38:43 Steph Rey: I would prefer I directly elected president who is not affiliated with the major parties, over a 2/3 parliamentary elected President. That sounds like an awful idea
- 00:38:56 Dr Bev: I like your thinking Mel. Just a bit of fun :)

- 00:39:01 Mel Smith: A prominent indigenous leader would be the best candidate
- 00:39:16 Janet Grevillea: The Irish model is worth studying. Their presidents have been fine people.
- 00:39:36 Dr Bev: Yes, agree Janet
- 00:39:38 Carl Stevens: Kylie lol. A fun activity to suggest the WORST possible President.
- 00:39:50 Bill Arnold: Donald T is probably available.
- 00:40:04 Mel Smith: Carl - We Should Be So Lucky 😊
- 00:40:12 Joanna Mendelssohn: A “non political” monarchy is an interesting theory, David. Do let us know where it has been achieved - certainly not in the UK
- 00:40:40 Craig Dickson: The Irish model - directly elected and non political!
- 00:40:55 Dr Bev: I would want a superb legal and constitutional expert. Just sayin'
- 00:41:00 John Englart: Climate trigger bill 2022 by Hanson Young (Greens). Anthony Albanese did one of these in 2005 which failed to pass
https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Environment_and_Communications/ClimateTriggerBill2022
- 00:41:08 Murray Sayle: 43% Emissions reduction is paying lip service to the fossil fuel industry, we are living on a unsustainable lifestyle on a finite planet.
- 00:41:20 Craig Dickson: To suggest “no one wants a directly elected President” is delusional
- 00:41:29 Mel Smith: Dr Marcia Langton comes to mind Bev
- 00:42:03 Dr Bev: Yessss Mel
- 00:42:37 Dr Bev: I believe I've been called 'delusional'. HmMMM
- 00:42:38 Murray Sayle: Tax the rich and not the poor.
- 00:42:48 John Knox: Lose the stage 3 tax cuts - they make absolutely no sense at all!!!
- 00:43:32 John Englart: I like the Guardian: How would you spend the \$243 billion instead of a tax cut. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/datablog/ng-interactive/2022/aug/26/scrapping-stage-three-3-tax-cuts-would-save-243bn-how-would-you-spend-it-calculator-interactive>
- 00:43:35 Hank Doll: In respect to the tax cuts, I haven't heard the tricle down theory
- 00:43:45 Dr Bev: Great points TAI team
- 00:44:18 Australia is becoming a laughable pariah (and rightfully so). We up!: How about a tax both personal and corporate that is FLAT absolutely qute low but only on income with no costs or profitability considered
- 00:45:00 Marcus Adamson: Long live King Albo! it's an absolute relief to have a beige government further to the last 4 years of marketing spin and colour and movement, while may the honeymoon continue!

00:47:08 John Knox: Well said Ebony...

00:47:40 Murray Sayle: <https://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/>

00:47:51 Jim Spithill: 'Boondoggle' is a very apt description of so much recent dodgy 'policy'.

00:48:35 Brian O'Farrell: well said Peter Lewis. This perspective does not have a loud enough voice.

00:49:23 Murray Sayle: #DiaperDon

00:50:42 John Knox: Do we actually need a head of state other than the prime minister?

00:51:07 Mel Smith: Yes it is good as it might jeopardise the movement in the long term

00:51:13 Australia is becoming a laughable pariah (and rightfully so). We up!: exactly!

00:51:24 Carl Stevens: An excellent summary of the broader issues on the republic debate Peter

00:51:27 Mel Smith: Really like who Peter ? 🙄😂

00:51:48 Dr Bev: Good question John. There's been some interesting articles

00:52:03 Mel Smith: We take it for granted.. democracy is too precious to lose

00:52:19 Marcus Adamson: Very well said, Peter Lewis.

00:52:36 Joanna Mendelsohn: Good idea to explore different models for a republic, to empower people. Also Geoffrey Robertson's concept that empowers the Parliament without a President

00:52:56 Anne Layton-Bennett: Agree Mel, but too many people either aren't aware, or don't understand the risks of losing our democracy

00:52:57 Mel Smith: Yes Joanna!

00:53:15 Murray Sayle: There is unequivocal evidence that Earth is warming at an unprecedented rate. Human activity is the principal cause.

00:53:32 Dr Bev: Yes, Joanna. Robertson's argument was powerful

00:53:41 Mel Smith: Anne.... Unless it directly affects them or it's too late with a catastrophic event

00:53:52 Liz Ryan: I'm a republican and I don't think we are anywhere near ready. Bring on the Voice first

00:54:06 Steph Rey: Considering how corrupt parliament has been over the past 10+ years, the thought of parliament electing them doesn't sit right with me

00:54:44 andrew barty-king: Yes agree

00:56:13 Marcus Adamson: Not if you are Pauline Hanson, Murray Sayle, while therein lies the difficulty rub further to the numbers of Australians that agree with her.

00:58:53 Hank Doll: Maybe we need a discussion on Modern Monetary Theory

- 00:59:20 Australia is becoming a laughable pariah (and rightfully so). We up! Indeed
- 01:02:25 Karen Jones: Just cancel the nuclear subs - then we can afford everything 😊
- 01:02:45 John Knox: We need to bring social service payments up to the poverty line...
- 01:04:16 John Knox: If the "teals" are a long term movement, it will probably be a long time in the wilderness for the LNP
- 01:05:11 Alan Coligado: Good luck getting anything sensible or truthful from Morrison.
- 01:05:13 Gregory Olsen: Revenue is NOT a problem in a modern fiat economy, such as Australia's! Federal Government spending is always new spending and doesn't rely of tax receipts to spend. It spends first and taxes after to drain money from the economy as an inflation control. :-)
- 01:05:23 Liz Ryan: of course he will lie
- 01:05:30 Mel Smith: John.. there are the highest number of female candidates in this state election
- 01:05:42 Karen Jones: Since when did just simply lying translate to playing hardball?
- 01:06:15 Liz Ryan: yes normalised hard ball
- 01:07:23 Liz Ryan: they are irrelevant and the media should see that and stop the BS
- 01:08:52 Mel Smith: Housing is unaffordable for so many people
- 01:09:18 Mel Smith: That's a dumb idea
- 01:09:22 John Knox: @MS Mel, I'm glad to hear that - I'm hoping there are independent candidates in seats on both sides
- 01:09:27 Murray Sayle: Lismore floods still a major problem
- 01:09:50 John Knox: Female candidates are the sensible voices we need to hear...
- 01:10:03 Dr Bev: What is that background, Paul? It's the same that murpharoo uses. Air conditioning vents?
- 01:11:09 John Knox: Rental accommodation needs to have minimum standards of insulation/draughtproofing to avoid energy poverty
- 01:11:44 Alan Coligado: Great discourse as always. Thanks everyone.
- 01:11:51 Dr Bev: Fantastic discussion to all thank you! Take care, see you next fortnight
- 01:11:52 Marcus Adamson: May the schadenfreude be felt by all further to the 'cons' being done slowly now further to their jump to the right, while may Dutton long remain as leader further to him being the best thing that Albo has going for him in the way that Menzies' best advantage was Calwell.
- 01:12:18 Mahendra: 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!

- 01:12:24 Jo Barkworth: That's tricky given the average Aussie hiuse has mo insulation/draughtproofing standards.
- 01:12:35 colinroberts: Thanks all
- 01:12:38 John Knox: Thanks everyone especially TAI
- 01:12:42 Shelley Anderson: 🙌🙌🙌
- 01:12:46 Christine Buschmann: great discussion as always, thanks
- 01:12:46 Mary Stephens: Thanks again everyone!
- 01:12:58 Carl Stevens: Thanks Eb, Pete and Paul well done yet again
- 01:13:01 Jo Barkworth: Still shocked on the 9% for Putin!
- 01:13:04 Marcus Adamson: Thanks as always - and especially this time to Paul.
- 01:13:05 Ida Vincent: Thank you all, always thought provoking.
- 01:13:07 Raffaele D'Angelo: Thank you for the discussion & comments
- 01:13:17 Michael Cowan: Thanks all.
- 01:13:24 John Knox: 🙌🙌🙌
- 01:13:25 Dr Bev: Paul was fab!!!
- 01:13:34 Alyson Kakakios: Thanks once again to Ebony and the panellists.