

00:14:27 rachel: Hi all - Rachel from The Australia Institute here. Thanks for joining us today. Looking forward to a great webinar!

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00:21:44 Vince Taranto: In any reworking of the Stage 3 tax cuts, I'd love to see Laboe return the favour and give the top end a TEMPORARY tax offset.

00:21:47 John Knox: Hello from beautiful downtown Airport West, the unceded sovereign lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people...

00:22:17 John Knox: Stage 3 cuts need to be cut...

00:22:55 Michael Mardel: agree. Michael from Boonerong country

00:23:28 Liam Clancy: Hi all from Kaurna Country

00:23:37 Kerryn Higgs: Hello from Kerryn in beautiful Beechwood, Birpai country. Yes the tax cuts have to go.

00:23:38 Kathleen Davies: what about calling it 'tax cuts for the rich'?

00:24:09 Marjorie Henzell: Greetings from Anaiwan Country (Armidale NSW) beautiful Spring day here with rain coming from the west. Another victim of the OPTUS data breach. Disgraceful responses from the LNP on this AND the repatriation of IS families from Syria.

00:24:20 jennifer manson: absolutely Kathleen!

00:24:24 Ian Smith: What about modifying them so they only benefit low and middle income families, and we don't flatten the tax system?

00:25:00 Stephen Pritchard: Good suggestion, Peter. Define the tax change as a flattening of the tax rates - a move to more unfair regime.

00:25:27 iohn Sneddon: Please tell Peter not to keep bringing up Howards photo!!!

00:26:28 Stephen Pritchard: There were other 'core' promises too - like 'no one left behind'!

00:26:34 Ian Smith: Seems to me that this is something Labor can justifiably expend some political capital on.

00:26:59 Russell Johnstone: Hello from Ngadjuri Country in the Barossa, raining, what a surprise!

00:27:26 Jo Barkworth: Oops! Forgot to register again!

00:28:19 Anne Layton-Bennett: The stage 3 tax cuts issue is a very good example of why election promises shouldn't be made. It's ridiculous to keep on with them for all the reasons Peter and Katharine have said, but when the world landscape has changed so radically then there has to

be some flexibility when it comes to 'promises' that are outdated and irresponsible in the current economic climate.

00:28:30 John Knox: Trickle down economics have been proven to be unicorn thinking...

00:29:05 Brian O'Farrell: defer the stage 3 cuts and commit, inter alia, to restore the cuts when the economy returns to situation at the time the legislation was adopted

00:29:36 Russell Johnstone: Yes, we need a balance budget for recurrent expenditure....agreed.

00:29:41 Stephen Pritchard: 'Unleashing buckets of money' is not the point. We just can't afford to lose this revenue to rich people - permanently.

00:30:01 Paul Loring: Anne LB, I agree, we need elections to be based on objectives rather than specific solutions

00:30:19 Russell Johnstone: So, revisiting Resources Rent Tax is not an option :-) ?

00:31:05 Marjorie Henzell: Paradoxically, the LIZ Truss debacle in UK will assist a review of their strategy on stage 3 tax cuts - it's not a matter of if but when and how.

00:31:42 Rob Calvert: A super profits tax on energy companies would be a justifiable decision

00:32:04 Russell Johnstone: The long running survey asking this question in the US has reported negative results fromthe advent of Facebook

00:32:41 Jo Barkworth: Interesting that both better and worse decrease with time. Not sure how we can include past 10 years when we won't be here then on current trajectory!!

00:33:04 John Englart: Well we are on the way to protection from meteors with latest satellite defence, but we are still fighting to address climate crisis and biodiversity loss. that might be a close thing

00:33:09 peter halcomb: a thousand years? We'll have exhausted the earth's resources well before that. Big changes acoming if we are to get there.

00:33:45 Anne Layton-Bennett: Agree Peter. Unless things change radically we won't be here in 10 years never mind 1000!

00:34:44 Darryl Fallow: Peter Halco...me but some are already thinking of mining the moon and going to mars. But I agree with you ... at the rate we are going.

00:35:47 Patricia Duffy: Just bought it!

00:35:53 Sue-Ellen Smith: TBH, The survival of a few 1000s people post climate change and/or a nuclear war seems a pretty low bar to aim for

00:36:03 rachel: <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2022/oct/04/we-no-longer-view-the-future-in-a-positive-light-but-that-can-change>

00:36:18 IAN JACKSON: Dumb question really - better than/worse than what? Surely answer depends on your current situation

- 00:39:46 Russell Johnstone: Sadly, the real climate scientists significantly pull their punches, they are too frightened to tell us what is really going to happen. 'We have a problem'
- 00:41:02 Jo Barkworth: 🙌 Apart from Peter Kalmus
- 00:41:08 Peter Sheldrake: MacKaskill's long-termism is a dangerous distraction, resting on dubious utilitarian thinking. As others have noted, let's address current pressing problems: they are urgent, and they affect millions of people
- 00:41:11 Ks Williams: sp0tify just got hacked
- 00:41:42 Jo Barkworth: Glad I never signed up! 🙌
- 00:41:48 Toni Glasson: No matter the legislation it is probably the case that breaches will occur. The thing for me, as someone affected by Optus, is how such a breach is managed. So far Optus have NOT managed this well at all.
- 00:41:53 jennifer manson: Telstra's had a breach too now.
- 00:42:15 Ks Williams: oh 4 ffs
- 00:42:32 Marjorie Henzell: Unfortunately, Labor got wedged by the previous government about massive increases in data retention because they would be accused of being lax on national security if they argued on these bills.
- 00:43:00 peter halcomb: To RJ. I actually remember them shouting loud in the 1990s and everyone except hard core progressives either doubted them, chose to treat their words as an inconvenient truth, or outright took the tobacco company approach. Ala fossil fuel peddlers. We actually had a viable EV in the 1960s and I think it was BP that bought the rights, so they could bury it.
- 00:43:16 jennifer manson: Eb, don't forget about the NDIS!
- 00:43:46 Janet Grevillea: What is an EV?
- 00:44:00 John Knox: Electric Vehicle
- 00:44:04 Michele Smith: This generation will be remembered in 10,000 years for its profligate waste and damage to the planet.
- 00:44:10 Janet Grevillea: Oh. Thanks.
- 00:45:08 peter halcomb: Ops, sorry, I shouldn't use acronyms
- 00:45:27 Keith Johnson: future generations won't be around
- 00:45:40 Jane Touzeau: There sure are multiple risks to democracy - which is why our government should be making every effort to govern in the public interest - and not on behalf of vested interests, contractors carrying out ideologically based 'services' (immigration detention and private prisons spring to mind), over exploitation of resources etc. - including developing better education on governance, justice, ethics....
- 00:46:10 Patricia Duffy: Telstra data breach appears to have come from 3rd party source and involves 30k current and past employees back to 2017. No personal identification information involved, according to Telstra.

- 00:46:20 jennifer manson: Good point Katharine. The warnings about privacy were seen to be from baby boomer wowsers who were anti tech
- 00:48:44 peter halcomb: we have forgotten what our tax system was designed to do. i.e. support an equitable society.
- 00:48:56 Kathleen Davies: What about that saying: 'when the situation changes, I change my mind. What do you do sir?'
- 00:49:26 Darryl Fallow: Quite right - Stage 3 bad policy ... and the economic situation has changed. The Gvt could be flexible I think.
- 00:49:51 peter halcomb: KD It's more about what Darth Vader will say
- 00:50:31 jennifer manson: The tax cuts issue is all about how they sell it.
- 00:50:36 Mitzi Tuke: When there's destruction from high impact extreme climate events, we need to have money to assist people
- 00:51:03 Leonora Ritter: Revised tax cuts would be acceptable to a well informed electorate. Communication and education are the key to a smooth transition to a more sensible policy.
- 00:51:12 Jo Barkworth: Good question!
- 00:54:17 jennifer manson: The terminology suggests 'The Voice' is something more than it is. It would be good if people varied the way to which it is referred, to show it's much more straightforward, just a communication device and a way of giving another perspective, the indigenous perspective.
- 00:54:26 peter halcomb: I find it interesting that we talk about the NDIS, funding the health system etc while speaking softly about what causes the growing need for those services, which in part is that 1 in 6 people have a disability. Seems like investing more in reducing the causes needs to be the first conversation, which doesn't dismiss the need to fund services further.
- 00:56:34 Rosemary Watson: Tax cuts have to be stopped
- 00:57:21 jennifer manson: Oh but people are afraid of uncertainty and increasingly worried about unpredictability.
- 00:58:15 Russell Johnstone: Peter I guess we need to remind people of the Productivity Commission report that shows that there is a significant return on investment available when the NDIS works. Interesting that we continually focus on the costs and the failures without seeking to understand whether or not the benefits are flowing.
- 00:59:05 Liam Clancy: What do you think the next stage of media reform will be if any? Will the ABC funding be restored?
- 01:00:35 peter halcomb: Exceptional circumstances was only to bring the LnP on board, as they are the ones most likely to be in the spotlight. If the cross bench gives Labor a good enough excuse they'll be very pleased
- 01:00:56 jennifer manson: Yes Katharine, get it well-supported and no one will repeal it, as it would be political suicide to do so. We can always amend it to toughen it up later.

- 01:03:12 peter halcomb: RJ. Exactly. Same social housing, public education. The latter in a Canadian study demonstrated a \$9 return to society from \$1 invested. I guess I'm also thinking about greater investment in solving causes of why people need to draw on the NDIS and health system etc.
- 01:03:12 Paul Loring: When does consensus become mediocrity, sometimes one just has to stand up for strong worthy policy. The threat of future Gov't changing course, is a red herring
- 01:04:53 Liz Ryan: yes, that's what the general consensus is -get everyone on side, so the Libs don't get rid of it - not too hard to comprehend
- 01:05:37 jennifer manson: Dutton's a former policeman so it's consistent with his history and beliefs for him to support an anticorruption commission.
- 01:05:50 Paul Loring: Jennifer, coalition amendment would just reinforce future cross bench support, as happened this recent election
- 01:05:56 Russell Johnstone: Agreed Peter Halcomb
- 01:06:36 Jane Touzeau: Except Dutton's police mentality is more 'protection racket' than 'public protection'.
- 01:06:48 Leonora Ritter: Not sure culture of Queensland police = indubitably anti corruption.
- 01:07:09 Russell Johnstone: The weakening of the Commission in SA is problematic. A lesson there.
- 01:08:45 Jill Newton: re the extraordinary circumstances, perhaps Dreyfus can augment the definition of extraordinary circumstances to clarify that public hearings aren't necessarily a default position?
- 01:09:06 jennifer manson: Great idea Jill!
- 01:09:59 Jo Barkworth: They have promised much (re refugees) but little movement seen, other than employing more staff at Immigration. The job adverts were out.
- 01:10:02 Virginia Mansel Lees: Thanks for a great session again. I have a class now so see you on the next link. Virginia
- 01:10:04 Anthony Bill: Thank you to everyone involved.
- 01:10:35 jennifer manson: I LOVE what Liz Truss has done. So good for us to argue the case for dropping tax cuts and dangerous for Australia, pension funds and the markets
- 01:10:37 Leonora Ritter: Thanks everyone- enjoyed the return of Katharine.
- 01:11:10 Darryl Fallow: UK Tories are in an absolute mess!
- 01:11:29 Jo Barkworth: They're a total shower in the UK! Glad I left.
- 01:11:38 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!

01:11:47 Russell Johnstone: Thanks everyone

01:11:51 Jill Newton: Jennifer I got the impression from his interview on Insiders that he thought the future commissioner would understand what was needed by way of public hearings and that would surely mean adding something to the definition of extraordinary circumstances?

01:11:53 Tony Simons: Truss tomato AND Kami Kwasi

01:11:54 Brian O'Farrell: Truss has helped shine a light on trickle down economics and forced international judgement on the pound

01:11:58 Darryl Fallow: Good decision Jo! Thanks all for another entertaining session.

01:12:03 jennifer manson: Yes, welcome back Katharine!

01:12:04 peter halcomb: Thanks Ebony, Peter and welcome back Katharine

01:12:11 John Knox: Thanks everyone - another great Poll Position 🍅🍅🍅

01:12:14 Sophia McGrane: cheers team!

01:12:20 Claire Bettington: Thank you. 🍅🍅🍅🍅🍅🍅🍅🍅🍅🍅🍅🍅🍅
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01:12:22 Tony Simons: Great forum

01:12:23 Jo Barkworth: Thanks all, glad I hooked in 😊

01:12:25 rachel: <https://australiainstitute.org.au/>

01:12:31 Joanna Mendelssohn: Glad to see you'r back Katharine

01:12:33 Mary Stephens: Again, thanks everyone! Welcome back Katharine.