

00:10:16 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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00:10:32 Keith Johnson: Morning from WA

00:11:12 Julia Lowe: Hello from Byron Bay, Bunjalong country

00:11:13 Penelope Hume: Hi there everyone from Bundjalung Northern Rivers

00:11:19 Anthony Bill: Anthony from Hobart

00:11:22 Murray SAYLE: I live and work on the stolen lands of the Darug people

00:11:32 Keith Johnson: Hi from WA

00:11:35 John Englart: Watching from Naarm on unceded Wurundjeri-Woiwurrung land

00:11:59 Jude Marshall: Bimbi Gurri from Yuwbarra country.

00:14:57 Paul Loring: Why is it that the media constantly, ie, daily, talks about Pocock deliberation, but no mention of the Greens role in the IR reform, and many other policies.

00:15:47 John Knox: In beautiful downtown Airport West - part of the unceded lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people

00:15:55 Bill Maude: Because they see him as the "kingmaker".

00:16:29 Eric Hunter: Numbers Paul, numbers. The government only needs one vote.

00:16:34 Jo Barkworth: Because he is more rational than Lambie and Hanson/Roberts...

00:16:43 Alistair McCulloch: @Paul. Much more fun to focus on individuals than groups. Easier to construct a news story that way.

00:17:29 Dr Bev: Hello all from Kurna country (Adelaide Plains)

00:18:06 Paul Loring: I have no issue with hearing Pocock, just the refusal to also talk about the other cross bench players who also need to support votes.

00:19:25 Dr Bev: Excellent Guardian article from Peter today

00:20:22 Keith Johnson: Not available in the West

00:20:45 Mithrani Mahadeva: Good Afternoon AU 🌻

00:20:59 John Englart: For those who like looking up the polling data
<https://essentialreport.com.au/>

00:22:30 Jo Barkworth: @Keith, are you saying Guardian not available in the west? It's available everywhere online!!

- 00:23:04 Keith Johnson: Some articles but not all.
- 00:23:56 Dr Bev: Peter tweeted it, if you are on Twitter
- 00:24:12 Keith Johnson: sorry, no.
- 00:24:26 Jo Barkworth: As a subscriber you should get everything, surely 😊
- 00:25:39 Dr Bev: The article just fully explores these data
- 00:25:58 jennifer manson: these new adjustments to measuring politics sound really good, logical and practical
- 00:26:49 Dr Bev: Yes, and this inclusion of how media covers politics is really interesting (and necessary)\
- 00:27:07 jennifer manson: Much more useful and informative!
- 00:27:44 Murray SAYLE: Both major parties and the MSM are not taking the #ClimateCrisis #ClimateEmergency in bed with the fossil fuel lobby.
- 00:28:27 Damian Crowe: From an outsider's perspective, it appears as though Australia's political news is "canned". Meaning, not performing its job as the third estate.
- 00:29:03 Dr Bev: Damian, I concur with your perspective (sadly)
- 00:29:17 Keith Johnson: OK found it, I normally rely on the headlines sent to me morning/afternoon 😊
- 00:29:31 Michael Cowan: It was interesting to hear Nikki Sava apologise for her contribution to the rise of Morrison as PM.
- 00:29:38 jennifer manson: Agree with Peter. We need media to go beyond the PR of both parties, to look at real issues for the Australian population and lead the politicians instead of letting them determine what's discussed.
- 00:30:06 Paul Pentony: Do the Federal and Victorian elections suggest that the Murdoch press is losing its influence.?
- 00:30:28 Anne Layton-Bennett: I certainly hope so Paul!
- 00:30:53 Kathryn Boles: Where did you hear that, Michael? I heard her say how well Labor is doing on Insiders this week.
- 00:31:21 jennifer manson: Yep, the Murdoch press is looking like a pathetic joke except to those who support them.
- 00:31:25 Dr Bev: Niki Sava was on both ABC RN Breakfast and TV Breakfast this morning
- 00:31:32 Murray SAYLE: #MurdochGutterMedia
- 00:31:40 Jo Barkworth: Was on the ABC news this morning - I heard her apologising but didn't hear what for!
- 00:31:40 Ebony Bennett: We have a supporter discount for those who would like to purchase Katharine's new Quarterly Essay, order here:

- 00:31:43 Ebony Bennett: <https://www.quarterlyessay.com.au/content/quarterly-essay-88-discount-for-the-australia-insititute>
- 00:31:52 Mithrani Mahadeva: I certainly Hope So Paul 👍
- 00:32:03 Pauline Brown: Great idea to have a webinar on the media coverage of politics.
- 00:32:17 Dr Bev: I'm in! Thanks Eb
- 00:32:23 Alistair McCulloch: Maybe we should have a legal distinction between newspapers and comics and tax the latter?
- 00:32:25 Paul Loring: PB I agree
- 00:32:25 Linda Tullberg: Certainly deserves a whole webinar
- 00:32:36 jennifer manson: yes, would be a great webinar!!!!
- 00:33:24 Mithrani Mahadeva: Yes Would be a Great Webinar ! 🌟 AU
- 00:33:25 Remy Sandra Shergill: Does anyone have the link for that commentary Katharine just mentioned?
- 00:33:36 Michael Cowan: Kathryn About 5 mins in - evidently it is also in the foreword of her book as well <https://twitter.com/BreakfastNews/status/1597342665674297348>
- 00:33:57 Kathryn Boles: Thanks, Dr. Bev and Jo. I haven't heard much news today. It's good to hear that she has. I know her opinion of Morrison.
- 00:34:22 Paul Loring: The media is more than newspapers
- 00:34:51 Cate Cooper: Agree Paul and we all make our own social media bubbles
- 00:35:20 Dr Bev: You're welcome Kathryn :))
- 00:35:56 Alistair McCulloch: @Paul. Correct. I need to think more!! :-)
- 00:36:50 John Englart: Problem for Labor was the big swings away in northern and western suburbs Heartland electorates. Liberals only picked up some of this swing. Andrews needs to address infrastructure deficit in its heartland or risk losing some of these seats next time
- 00:37:26 Cate Cooper: isn't that what the suburban loop is for John?
- 00:37:29 Julia Lowe: Glad as I am about the Federal and Victorian results, the poor performance of the Liberals is bad for all of us as we need a vibrant opposition. At the moment its being provided by minor party Senators
- 00:38:22 John Englart: State Liberal Party is a mess, though they did endorse 50% emissions cut by 2030 to match Labor on this.
- 00:38:24 Pauline Brown: If Josh Frydenburg thinks the overlay of the Vic election result is good for him - tell him he's dreaming. He was seen as anti Victorian re the Covid response.
- 00:38:39 Anne Layton-Bennett: Agree Julia.
- 00:38:43 Murray SAYLE: Victorian Liberals wanted to frack for gas.

- 00:38:50 Rosemary Watson: I live in Kooyom
- 00:39:08 Michael Cowan: The ALP loses in the western suburbs didn't go directly to the Libs. Agree that there needs to be greater importance placed on western Melbourne.
- 00:39:14 Mithrani Mahadeva: Agree PB
- 00:39:42 jennifer manson: Julia, don't we just need more independents, which is better than 2 parties which limit the issues discussed and just oppose each other, rather than raising relevant issues as the independents have been doing
- 00:40:36 John Englart: Labor upped the anti on climate with a 75-80% cut by 2035, and net zero by 2045. Labor still trailing on gas expansion, no targets on gas substitution roadmap, native forest logging end, and tackling transport emissions with more put into active transport
- 00:40:43 Rosemary Watson: I live in Kooyong and please no more Frydenburg, he was never interested in representing us he just followed the party line and treated the electorate with contempt.
- 00:40:49 jennifer manson: Interesting that in Asia we're seeing more voting on local issues than national ones. Are people thinking locally more in the world today?
- 00:41:08 Michael Cowan: I would suggest that there was a strong "gratitude" vote for Andrews/ALP on the COVID response (pre-vaccine) which other states didn't understand as their COVID experience was different.
- 00:41:18 jennifer manson: rosemary good to hear your perspective!
- 00:41:23 Dr Bev: And please let's not forget the SA Election. Yes, this was in March before the Feds in May, and Vics in November, but a one-term Liberal government was thrown out soundly, despite an arguably competent response to Covid. Yes, I'm a South Aussie :)
- 00:41:42 Char Weeks: Kew was/is angry at Tim Smith
- 00:41:49 Jo Barkworth: Oops, wobbly internet! Thought we had lost Katherine, but it was me!
- 00:41:54 Cate Cooper: ++ Dr Bev
- 00:42:14 Lee Murray: I live in Kooyong too Rosemary, and I wholeheartedly agree with you re Frydenberg.
- 00:42:20 Irinah Jurkowski: public transport in the eastern suburbs has been destroyed by the LIBS and the anger here is palpable...
- 00:42:22 Julia Lowe: Oh yes, I think thoughtful independents are very important and I have no problem with our current bunch and would be happy to have more in either house but I have bad memories of Brian Harradine
- 00:42:36 Cate Cooper: Dr Bev, I have Tony Pasin as my Federal MP
- 00:42:36 Kathryn Boles: You must be very happy that he's gone now, Rosemary and Lee.
- 00:42:41 jennifer manson: Dr Bev what were the reasons for the toss out?
- 00:43:49 Murray SAYLE: I'm Voting Yes

00:43:52 Bill Saunders: Noel Pearson's comments on RN Breakfast re Littleproud and Jacinta Price were very interesting :)

00:44:08 Cate Cooper: I think people generally realised what they were missing after the last Labor government. That and the health service issues@Jennifer

00:44:32 Jo Barkworth: The excuse from Littleproud about a bigger need to close the Gap is pathetic, given the little action on that when his bunch were in Government with the Libs. The Voice will HELP close the Gap, his party is simply dumb!

00:44:51 jennifer manson: Why did SA dump the Libs there?

00:44:53 Damian Crowe: The Nats have said there are better alternatives. Is that true?

00:45:02 Anne Layton-Bennett: They were very interesting Bill, I heard him on RN this morning too. Enlightening perspective actually

00:45:10 Cate Cooper: Agree Jo, but the primary objective of the Voice is recognition surely?

00:45:23 Lee Murray: Absolutely Kathryn! Rapt to have Dr Monique Ryan as our federal member. 👍

00:45:26 Damian Crowe: Shouldn't journalists be asking whether it is true what the Nats are saying? Are there better alternatives?

00:45:29 Murray SAYLE: Nats are out touch on any subject

00:45:37 Michael Cowan: Agree Bill - Pearson's comments on Price were particularly interesting!!

00:45:37 Damian Crowe: Or is your job just to promote the government's agenda?

00:45:41 Dr Bev: The Libs made bad/unpopular decisions on further privatisation, reduction in public spending, etc. A general continuation of somewhat extreme neoliberalism. The Libs also had their scandals (as they all do) but particularly about infiltration of the religious right into the Liberal Party. Failure of the then Premier Marshall to stand up for the state (re vax, but other things) against the L-NP Feds

00:45:52 jennifer manson: Surely we can have constitutional change whilst also ensuring real change to indigenous circumstances. One doesn't negate the other does it?

00:45:52 Wendy Jones: Noel Pearson rarely wastes a word neither does he mince words

00:46:16 Jo Barkworth: The primary objective is being heard on things that impact First Nations' people, because without listening to their perspective, the Gap initiatives will never be sufficiently effective.

00:46:40 Michael Cowan: In Opposition, the Nats often go rogue.

00:46:42 Damian Crowe: If the UN Treaty is rescinded, then responsibility for the environment reverts to local Aboriginal people.

00:46:44 jennifer manson: Very good point by Kathryn!

00:46:49 Dr Bev: Noel called out the Nats quite comprehensively. Impressive

- 00:46:52 Ron Lawler: What is their alternative if they really are committed to Closing the Gap? Interesting that Pearson was actually surprised at the the Nats taking this position from his discussions with Nats over time.
- 00:47:09 Rosemary Watson: Yes Kathryn, am delighted with Monique
- 00:47:16 Damian Crowe: I see no effort from Australia's journalists to interrogate the question "is there something better" than the Voice?
- 00:47:38 Dr Bev: Yes, that was really interesting Ron. Noel was complimentary of his discussions with other Nats over the years
- 00:47:42 Damian Crowe: The something better, is a restoration of the Aboriginal voice in Section 100.
- 00:47:51 Murray SAYLE: Thanks Pete
- 00:48:07 jennifer manson: Damian, can you elaborate?
- 00:48:29 Paul Loring: Jo B Like your question re Mastodon as a rational replacement for Twitter
- 00:48:33 Damian Crowe: Responsibility for the environment reverts from offshore (UN) to domestic. It is an opportunity for Aboriginal people to establish a world leadership position, consistent with their traditional custodial responsibilities
- 00:48:57 K.C. Boey: What are Nats rush to jump the gun? Ego?
- 00:48:59 Ron Lawler: How you can decide the model has failed on the one hand and then say you have not seen the detail is an odd logic.
- 00:49:10 Lynne Haultain: fascinating that the Nats see themselves as having done well federally and in Vic but prepared to go fringe on the Voice
- 00:50:02 jennifer manson: The Nats are not being logical. It's emotional appeals as per Morrison's approach - one liners to capture people who're not really listening to the whole story
- 00:50:13 Damian Crowe: So, journalists see their role as defending The Voice proposal, and not in interrogating the question "Is something better" possible?
- 00:50:33 Damian Crowe: Attack the nats. Don't think about the question the nats have raised.
- 00:50:47 Murray SAYLE: Nats vs BOM & CSIRO
- 00:50:51 Murray SAYLE: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-11-23/state-of-the-climate-report-2022-bom-csiro/101683628>
- 00:51:17 Cate Cooper: Agree Damian
- 00:51:55 jennifer manson: Having a holiday from Twitter Peter? Sounds restful.
- 00:52:05 Jo Barkworth: I agree, the break from Twitter is refreshing, but I miss the political chatter.
- 00:52:11 John Englart: Still working out how to move my twitter lists to mastodon base for my daily news aggregation on <https://paper.li/TooDarnHotTimes>

00:52:13 Damian Crowe: Thanks Cate. We will get to Carbon neutral a lot faster if Aboriginal people are making important calls. Give them their (due) responsibilities. Just like we promised.

00:52:22 Jill Biddington: I went onto Mastadon - the union space. I like the way it is a network of communities - it is far more interesting reading for me.

00:52:58 Damian Crowe: For a debt we owe that can never be forgiven:
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/173678236>

00:53:08 Cate Cooper: Totally agree Damian. Especially if they're right to reject fracking is supported

00:53:32 jennifer manson: What about the latest PR from Musk saying that Twitter has increased followers recently?

00:53:40 Dr Bev: Saw your tweet murpharoo, it was delightful

00:53:41 Damian Crowe: Sure. But let local people work together to make decisions that suit them.

00:53:47 Alistair McCulloch: Discussion communities on single topics are fine but serve to further fragment the conversation and ignore those of us who have multi-dimensional interests which sometime overlap but sometime don't.

00:54:01 K.C. Boey: What's it say about Wall St that it allows someone such as Musk to hold it to ransom?

00:54:29 Ron Lawler: Some journalists yes. No matter how much the process leading to the Voice is spelled out there is uncritical media questioning of those who sweepingly say that there was not enough consultation. The Nats are also missing the whole point that the regional structure already mooted is the best way to ensure we don't have an unresponsive central bureaucracy. I saw enough of the value and opportunity within ATSIC to feel that it is an amazing possibility.

00:54:35 Murray SAYLE: Musk is trying to make Twitter like Foxnews

00:55:10 Dr Bev: What Musk tweeted about Twitter share pricing should have been insider trading. But the court made him buy it to honour the contract :))

00:56:14 Dr Bev: That trip would've been fascinating

00:56:25 Mithrani Mahadeva:     AU 

00:56:41 John Englart: LOL, Katherine, Ebony, join is on Mastodon! So far a friendlier space to network - @takvera@c.im

00:56:49 Damian Crowe: President Xi has offered Australia an extraordinarily powerful partnership

00:57:26 Jo Barkworth: Don't you need to be invited to Mastodon by an existing user?

00:57:35 Cate Cooper: Which was weird, as Trudeau didn't have a meeting with Xi

00:57:40 Damian Crowe: There are a set of rules. Because he is leading and managing a nation of 1.4 billion people. So, those rules are important to China. Within that context, our liberty to create value is massive.

- 00:58:02 Murray SAYLE: #PutinTerorist
- 00:58:03 jennifer manson: Kathryn we need pessimists to highlight the landmines before others walk into them!
- 00:58:09 Jill Biddington: @Alistair McCulloch - but Mastadon does not limit or fragment a conversation for those who want to be broadly connected because the feed can be selected based on #'s and follows just like Twitter. It just means that there is no one owner and that each smaller network is an affiliate.
- 00:58:33 John Englart: UNEP committee for a Global Plastics treaty meeting this week as we speak <https://www.unep.org/events/conference/inter-governmental-negotiating-committee-meeting-inc-1>
- 00:58:38 Cate Cooper: We still need to stop shipping raw materials to China to create the value out of them Damian
- 00:59:15 Murray SAYLE: #PutinWarCrimes
- 00:59:19 Cate Cooper: lets create the value here at home
- 00:59:26 Dr Bev: Yay Kathryn !!
- 00:59:51 Mithrani Mahadeva: 👍AU❤️
- 01:00:05 Damian Crowe: Think about the impact of the Murdoch press on the way normal Australians think about China
- 01:00:08 Alistair McCulloch: @Jill. Thanks. It was more a response to @Peter. I think having a breadth of conversation is important to try to resist the tendency to self-reinforcing voice siols. ;-)
- 01:00:08 Joanna Mendelssohn: Mastodon had a few days when it was overwhelmed by Twitter refugees. I think they've enlarged their capacity since. I'm keeping an eye on Twitter but now spending more time as @oldlillipilli@aus.social
- 01:00:09 Cheryl Cooper: No you don't need to be invited. Come join the fun,
- 01:00:29 Greg Campbell: Beyond, yet including politics, we need to nurture a genuinely 'Responsible Living Economy' read our international conference paper then add your input:
"Responsible Design is the Apex Design Mode to create our sustainable future"
- 01:00:46 Damian Crowe: Just like our news media reporting of the election was terrible, so is our news reporting of our relationship with China
- 01:00:53 John Englart: Also important new global biodiversity framework being considered at UN Biodiversity Conference (COP 15)
7 - 19 December 2022 <https://www.unep.org/events/conference/un-biodiversity-conference-cop-15>
Montreal, Canada
- 01:01:05 Greg Campbell: <https://bit.ly/ResponsibleDesignIsApexDesignMode>

- 01:01:51 Cheryl Cooper: Trying to pick up on the mastodon addresses to go follow. I am writeobsessed@mastodon.au
- 01:02:53 Jo Barkworth: 👍
- 01:03:10 Paul Loring: Re China, I think we need to focus elsewhere, to broaden our commercial links. Not to be confrontational to China, just treat them as a country we would rather not need to do business with
- 01:03:56 Damian Crowe: China is essential because they are the largest source of growth in aggregate demand. That is crucial because it means they are the number 1 change driver.
- 01:04:09 Damian Crowe: We can't compete with that. But we can (with their permission), harness it.
- 01:04:20 Cate Cooper: You'd have thought that for all countries, energy independence means renewables
- 01:04:58 Paul Loring: Damian C But we don't need to make it a self fulfilling prophecy
- 01:05:53 Murray SAYLE: Renewables are cheaper than gas and coal and Nuclear
- 01:06:17 Alistair McCulloch: History will judge Tony Abbott and the Coalition very harshly when future generations look back the climate debate and the development of climate policy.
- 01:06:19 Jo Barkworth: 👍👍
- 01:06:25 John Englart: Dan Andrews pushing a public owned State Electricity Commission owning 100% renewables was a vote winner. Liberals policy to lease out/privatise sewerage works was not.
- 01:06:30 John Knox: Super profits tax on #FossilGas and #Coal
- 01:06:35 Damian Crowe: Sorry Paul, what self fulfilling prophesy?
- 01:06:35 Cate Cooper: The best thing about the move to renewables means we'll be done with the state capture the fossil fuel foreign owned corporations have on our government and economy
- 01:06:41 Damian Crowe: I didn't understand you
- 01:07:04 Keith Johnson: Thanks Ebony, Katharine ,Pete and all participants looking forward to next year. Hopefully 👍
- 01:07:05 Dr Bev: Fantastic discussion as always. Both the webinar host and panellists, and the chat room. Happy, safe Christmas/holidays to you all. As I'm working full-time for the first four months next year, I won't be able to join in *live* but will look forward to viewing the webinars later
- 01:07:06 Jan Smith: Thank you Ebony, Katharine and Peter for a series of excellent webinars for the past three years. They have become a necessary input into our ongoing attempts to understand where Australia is going. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a very satisfying 2023.
- 01:07:10 jennifer manson: Keen to see how things progress in IR over time!
- 01:07:11 Damian Crowe: Thank you all

01:07:16 Alistair McCulloch: Thanks a lot all. As always, enjoyed it!

01:07:16 Paul Loring: Because China is the current largest player we have to continue keeping them their

01:07:19 Robynne Burchell: Thank you once again

01:07:21 Rebecca Anderson: great discussion today - thanks

01:07:22 Joanna Mendelssohn: Thanks to all

01:07:25 Helen Polzin: Thank you for all this year!

01:07:25 penny moyes: thank you for a very interesting session as usua

01:07:27 Sophia McGrane: cheers team!

01:07:27 Michael Cowan: Thanks for the work over the year.

01:07:28 Murray SAYLE: Thank you everyone

01:07:30 John Englart: entertaining chat today. Thanks Peter, Ebony, and all

01:07:32 Saed Bashara: thank you all

01:07:33 Damian Crowe: China may be up for genuine partnership

01:07:35 Cate Cooper: Have a great holiday all

01:07:38 Frances Parker: Thanks for the year

01:07:41 John Knox: 🍌🍌🍌

01:07:45 Ida Vincent: Thank you all. See you next year!

01:07:51 Mithrani Mahadeva: Thank You All and what a Great Webinar AU👍

01:07:52 Jill Biddington: See you next year :)

01:08:01 Jay Wilson: Thank you all for another great effort! Enjoy your holidays!

01:08:08 David Evans: Thank you (again). Been an interesting ride!

01:08:11 Diane Paech: Thank you - very interesting.

01:08:21 Larissa Fedunik-Hofman: Thank you panellists, Aus Institute and fellow chat room participants. You're a beacon of clarity!

01:08:22 Keith Tunnicliffe: Thanks for all the great webinars through the year.

01:08:27 Cate Cooper: great job Ebony!!


01:08:27 Rosemary Watson: Thank you all

01:08:43 Char Weeks: Thanks for the all the great speakers this year. Very interesting and educative

01:08:44 Bill Saunders: Well done ! Thank you.

01:08:45 Shirley Hynes: Thank you all!

01:08:45 Ron Lawler: Many thanks

01:08:48 Mithrani Mahadeva:  AU

01:08:59 Jo Barkworth: Have a great restful and thoughtful break, all. Also hope to hook up in evening Zoom drinks!

01:09:01 Tracey Hamilton: Thanks

01:09:04 jennifer manson: Thanks for a fabulous regular update and discussion