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LEADING COVERAGE

	PRESS	RADIO	TELEVISION	INTERNET	TOTAL
Texas church shooting.	46	443	56	3335	3880
Melbourne Cup 2017.	731	775	207	621	2334
Paradise Papers.	39	315	106	1101	1561
Liberal MP John Alexander may be a dual citizen.	13	44	38	38	133
Queensland election.	161	159	71	93	484

Key Insights

In today's morning media, *The Australian* reports that Malcolm Turnbull has been forced to follow Bill Shorten's lead, seeking his support to take control of the widening citizenship fiasco, as the crisis last night threatened to claim the scalp of Liberal backbencher John Alexander, endangering the government's slim majority.

The *Australian Financial Review* reports that a reborn Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal could be in force within 12 months if Australia and Japan succeed this week in having all original signatories, except the United States, agree to institute it anyway, the Turnbull government believes.

The *Daily Telegraph* reports that Malcolm Turnbull's colleagues fear his move to defuse the MP citizenship debacle may backfire causing by-elections that will destroy the Coalition government. Cabinet ministers last night expressed concerns MPs of Italian and Greek could be first under threat after the Prime Minister's decision to force parliamentarians to disclose all citizenship documents.

The *Sydney Morning Herald* reports that a Liberal Party veteran and former head of the federal government's green bank has unleashed on his party's 'immoral' climate change policies, saying they 'knowingly and willingly inflict damage on others'.

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TRENDING ON TWITTER

TRENDS	SUMMARY
#MVCvWSW	Reaction to the A League match between Melbourne and Western Sydney.
#qanda	Discussion about ABC's Q&A.
#ParadisePapers	A glimpse inside the Paradise Papers leaks.
John Alexander	Liberal MP John Alexander may be a dual citizen.
Texas	More than 20 dead after gunman opens fire at Texas church.

PM&C PORTFOLIO ISSUES

WestConnex tolls 'exciting'

[Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/11/17, Sean Nicholls, page 1](#)

The chief executive of the company building the \$16.8 billion WestConnex motorway has described the reintroduction of tolls on the widened M4 as 'exciting', while ridiculing residents' concerns about the health impact of polluting exhaust ventilation stacks.

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[Canberra Times, General News, 07/11/17, Sherryn Groch, page 1](#)

A group representing the Ngunnawal people and the Aboriginal Tent Embassy is occupying Canberra's iconic Lobby Restaurant. The group has served the National Capital Authority, which owns the vacant venue, with an eviction notice.

Also appears in The Age.

Greens offer poll pitch with cap on rent rises

[The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Samantha Hutchinson, page 2](#)

The Victorian Greens will propose rent control as the party unveils a radical housing and rental policy in its fight to win a Melbourne by-election.

Indigenous students not improving in Canberra

[Canberra Times, General News, 07/11/17, Emily Baker, page 6](#)

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[Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/11/17, Anna Patty, page 9](#)

Daniel Selikowitz believes Millennial men are turning into great allies for women wanting to break through the glass ceiling.

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Statehood needs to be people-driven: Gunner

[Northern Territory News, General News, 07/11/17, Hayley Sorensen, page 10](#)

The Federal Government should butt out of the Northern Territory's affairs, but any move towards statehood must be led by the community to be successful, Chief Minister Michael Gunner says. The expected passage of laws in Victoria allowing euthanasia has reignited the statehood debate.

Turnbull's referendum response condemned

[Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/11/17, Fergus Hunter, page 11](#)

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Cut the red tape and green light new housing

[Daily Telegraph, General News, 07/11/17, Simon Breheny, page 13](#)

Want to know why you, your kids, or your grandkids find it so hard to buy their own home in Sydney? Because there's a housing supply crisis. And one key reason why has been exposed this week: red tape.

Cyber security risk is global, says US General

[Adelaide Advertiser, Business Journal, 07/11/17, Richard Evans, page 30](#)

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[ABC Online, Other, 06/11/17, None](#)

Aboriginal children in care should be kept in contact with their families and other Indigenous people, and the age of criminal responsibility should be raised, according to several submissions to a royal commission.

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AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES

Dairy workers offer 20pc pay cut to save jobs

[The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Sue Neales, page 7](#)

More than 100 Tasmanian dairy factory workers have agreed to sacrifice about 20 per cent of their take-home pay in a union-approved deal to save their jobs. The National Union of Workers has entered a preliminary deal with the TasAsia Dairy group, which is seeking to buy the UHT milk processing plant at Edith Creek near Smithton from embattled Murray Goulburn.

Our love of a good coffee spreads a butter shortage

The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Sue Neales, page 7

Australia's love affair with creamy cappuccinos and frothy cafe lattes is having an unintended consequence - making the cream that used to be left over from the processing of once-preferred skinny or low-fat milk so scarce that there is now a butter shortage. At the same time, the consumer health swing back to natural, less-processed foods has seen oil-based margarines drop out of fashion in favour of golden dairy butter, adding further pressure to both butter prices and demand.

Highest bids for MG spurned

The Australian, Business News, 07/11/17, Sue Neales, page 19

Murray Goulburn's farmer owners may be \$440m out of pocket Dairy farmers and investors who own Australia's once-dominant milk processor Murray Goulburn missed out on a potential extra \$440 million windfall when the co-operative's directors last month rushed to lock in a \$1.31 billion sale of the business to Canadian dairy giant Saputo.

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ARTS

Music to honour one of its own

The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Ashleigh Wilson, page 3

The nation's music industry has established a permanent tribute to the late Iain Shedden to remember a man who devoted his life to the twin disciplines of words and music. Shedden, The Australian's music writer, was 60 when he died last month.

Rare map's journey of exploration and restoration

Canberra Times, General News, 07/11/17, Karen Hardy, page 5

The journey undertaken by one of the rarest maps in the world is almost as interesting as those undertaken to create it in the 1600s. Archipelagus Orientalis (Eastern Archipelago) was created by master cartographer Joan Blaeu in 1663.

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL

PM follows Labor on citizenship

The Australian, Edition Changes - All-round First, 07/11/17, Rosie Lewis, page 1

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New risk to Coalition majority

Australian Financial Review, General News, 07/11/17, Phillip Coorey, page 1

The Turnbull government faces an anxious wait, with one of its lower house MPs checking his citizenship, just hours after the Prime Minister announced a new disclosure regime to draw a line under the saga.

PM seeks end to crisis

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/11/17, Mark Kenny and Adam Gartrell, page 1

Australia is edging closer to a full citizenship register for federal parliamentarians after Malcolm Turnbull dropped his opposition to any system-wide change and Bill Shorten flagged support for the idea.

Also appears in The Age and the Canberra Times.

Alexander the great unknown

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/11/17, Adam Gartrell and Bevan Shields, page 1

Turnbull government MP John Alexander is scrambling to confirm whether he is a dual citizen, which if proven would trigger a byelection that would further threaten the Coalition's grip on power. Fairfax Media can reveal that Mr Alexander's father, Gilbert Alexander, was born in Britain and is likely to have conferred citizenship by descent to his son.

Also appears in The Age and the Canberra Times.

Our Greek tragedy

Daily Telegraph, General News, 07/11/17, Sharri Markson, page 1

Ministers fear the government could become ancient history after Malcolm Turnbull's move to force all MPs to declare their citizenship status.

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COMMUNICATIONS

ABC air safety claims shot down

The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Simon Benson, page 3

An undercover operation by aviation authorities into the contracted airport operations of four major airlines has cleared the nation's largest baggage handling company of union claims that it had compromised air safety.

Governments should lead, not command

Canberra Times, Public Sector Informant, 07/11/17, Jenny Stewart, page 4

When governments overpromise or overreact, everyone bears the costs. The world is a more complex place than it used to be, and it's generally accepted that governments need to work more flexibly than in the past.

Research urged before NBN switch

West Australian, Other, 06/11/17, Saskia Adysti

The National Broadband Network is available to 80 per cent of properties in Albany, as NBN Co plans to finish the network by mid-next year.

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CYBER SECURITY

Vault Systems wins over backers and bureaucrats

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 07/11/17, Carrie Lafrenz, page 11

Moelis Australia has taken a minority stake in secure cloud platform provider Vault Systems, which has also snared former high-profile bureaucrat Jane Halton as its chair. The ASX-listed financial services group made the investment via its newly created Moelis Australia Government Infrastructure Fund, which is backed by high net worth individuals.

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DEFENCE AND DEFENCE INDUSTRY

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Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 07/11/17, Tory Shepherd, page 2

Killer robots will put lives in the hands of machines if sent to war, South Australian scientists have warned Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull. SA researchers are among more than 100 people who have signed an open letter asking Australia to support 'an international ban on the weaponisation of Artificial Intelligence'.

Navy drills target North Korean arms trafficking

Age, General News, 07/11/17, David Wroe, page 5

Australia is stepping up its role in tightening the net around North Korea, carrying out naval drills with the United States and South Korea to practise intercepting ships suspected of carrying illicit weapons to and from the rogue regime. Two Anzac Class frigates began the two-day joint exercises on Monday in seas to the south of the Korean peninsula alongside powerful guided-missile destroyers from the other two countries as well as four smaller warships, maritime patrol planes and helicopters.

Also appears in the Sydney Morning Herald.

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Also appears in The Age.

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DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

Government to monitor social media via Brolly

Australian Financial Review, Technology, 07/11/17, Yolanda Redrup, page 20

A start-up that claims to have developed world-first technology to capture social media correspondence across platforms has locked in government deals, including with the Department of Immigration and Border Control. The application, called Brolly, promises to let government agencies and organisations record all interactions on social media between it and the public, even if a post is deleted.

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Birds, bees and unease

Hobart Mercury, General News, 07/11/17, Loretta Lohberger, page 13

Organisations helping schools better support LGBTI students and staff members say misinformation being spread about the programs they offer could end up hurting vulnerable students who need their help.

Strong schools build a strong society

[Sydney Morning Herald, Editorials, 07/11/17, page 14](#)

The breakdown of 2016 census figures on school attendance we published on Monday comparing the suburbs and localities where students of government, private and independent schools live is interesting in itself, but it sets a puzzle for education planners. Without an indication of the trends at work, a single snapshot is no guide for what managers should do or how they should allocate resources.

Q&A - Simon Birmingham and Tanya Plibersek disagree on Coalition's 'Gonski' funding cuts

[The Australian, Other, 06/11/17, None](#)

On Q&A, Simon Birmingham and Tanya Plibersek go head to head on Coalition's 'Gonski' funding cuts.

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EMPLOYMENT

F...king c...t' common work banter: FWC

[Australian Financial Review, General News, 07/11/17, David Marin-Guzman, page 1](#)

A Fair Work Commissioner has shocked legal circles by reinstating a Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union delegate sacked for abusing and physically threatening his coworkers. Miner South32 dismissed CFMEU lodge president and electrician Matthew Gosek for harassment at its Dendrobium mine after he accused eight employees interviewed in a disciplinary investigation of selling out their co-worker and called them a 'f-ing dog, c-t and dog c-t'.

Traveller wins backpay

[Hobart Mercury, General News, 07/11/17, Helen Kempton, page 3](#)

A multi-tasking backpacker working at a Hobart restaurant has been back-paid almost \$19,000 following a Fair Work Ombudsman investigation. The man, on a working holiday visa, was the restaurant manager, chef, waiter and bookkeeper but was being robbed of wages and entitlements, the investigation found.

Can there be a bias-free employment dispute?

[Canberra Times, Public Sector Informant, 07/11/17, John Wilson, page 13](#)

Bias can arise at several stages when public servants make decisions. Be wary to avoid it.

NAB cutbacks highlight job uncertainties

[Australian Financial Review, Technology, 07/11/17, Ed Husic, page 19](#)

It was news that didn't just send a jolt through hardened market analysts. Last Thursday, NAB told everyone that one in 10 of its employees would be losing their jobs.

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ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

Libs stalwart unloads on 'immoral' climate stance

[Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/11/17, Nicole Hasham, page 2](#)

A Liberal Party veteran and former head of the federal government's green bank has unleashed on his party's 'immoral' climate change policies, saying they 'knowingly and willingly inflict damage on others'. Ex-Macquarie banker Oliver Yates, chief executive of the government's \$10 billion Clean Energy Finance Corporation until April this year, said far-right members had hijacked the party and that 'reform from the outside' may be required in the form of a rival party that better reflects core Liberal values.

Also appears in The Age.

SA prices lower than other states

[Australian Financial Review, General News, 07/11/17, Ben Potter, page 5](#)

Average electricity prices in South Australia fell below those in coal-rich Victoria and NSW in the first four months of the financial year, and have been the lowest of any mainland eastern state in the past two months. The surprise reversal of the historical premium paid by South Australian energy users suggests steps taken by the Australian Energy Market Operator and the Weatherill government to ease the state's energy reliability problems are working, energy expert Ross Garnaut says.

LNP power plan tipped to drive down prices

[Australian Financial Review, General News, 07/11/17, Mark Ludlow, page 8](#)

The Queensland Liberal National Party's plans to demerge state-owned electricity generators would only drive down power prices if they are allowed to act like commercial enterprises, according to energy experts. With the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and federal Energy Minister Josh Frydenberg highlighting the lack of competition in the generation market in Queensland, Opposition leader Tim Nicholls has proposed splitting the two state-owned generators, CS Energy and Stanwell Corporation, into three companies.

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FINANCE

Liberal MPs in GetUp! meetings

[The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Andrew Clennell, page 1](#)

Federal Liberal MPs, including Trent Zimmerman and Tim Wilson, have met left-wing campaigners GetUp! over same-sex marriage, while several government MPs have worked with the organisation in pushing a clean energy

target, GetUp! director Paul Oosting has revealed. And Finance Minister Mathias Cormann referred GetUp! to department officials when it lobbied him to abandon the proposal to privatise the ASIC registry - which the federal government eventually did.

Westpac CEO warns on policy failures

[Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 07/11/17, James Evers And James Frost, page 1](#)

Westpac chief executive (Brian Hartzer has warned that Australia risks missing out on the rebound in the global economy because politicians are failing on energy, taxation and infrastructure policy, sapping business confidence to invest.

Tax inconsistency hardly makes for happy returns

[The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Judith Sloan, page 14](#)

I was printing out my income tax return the other day and inserted in the pages was what can be described only as a government advertisement. The heading read: 'If a multinational corporation makes money in Australia, it's only fair it pays tax in Australia.' This unwelcome insert has been accompanied by expensively made government advertisements for print, television and social media, promoting the government's 'Earned Here, Taxed Here' campaign.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Trans-Pacific trade pact may be a goer without US

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US, Japan urge 'maximum pressure' on N Korea

[Australian Financial Review, International News, 07/11/17, Lisa Murray, page 9](#)

United States President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe declared their relationship the best ever among any two leaders of their countries and said they were in total agreement about stepping up pressure on North Korea. Mr Trump highlighted this was his first stop on a visit to what he now refers to as the 'Indo-Pacific' region, a term that highlights India's growing influence as the US looks to counter China's rise.

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Also appears in The Age.

Why joining the Quad is not in our national interest

[Australian Financial Review, General News, 07/11/17, Geoff Raby, page 39](#)

Australia has a lot to lose and nothing to gain from an alliance that will infuriate China and flies in the face of decades of sensible diplomacy. Australia's joining a quadrilateral group with Japan, India and the US is a bad idea, a very bad idea.

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HEALTH AND SPORT

Don't let other children die

[Northern Territory News, General News, 07/11/17, Lauren Novak, page 1](#)

Every evening little Rhainer and Navaro Lawrence go outside to gaze up at the stars and blow a kiss goodnight to their lost sister Skylar. Their parents have told the children that Skylar is now a star looking down on them, after the almost three-year-old died in hospital last month. She fell victim to the insidious B strain of the meningococcal bacterial infection.

Euthanasia law on familiar territory

[The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Amos Aikman, page 7](#)

The federal parliament looks set to debate whether the territories should have the power to legalise euthanasia, with crossbencher David Leyonhjelm declaring he has a deal with the Turnbull government to bring a private member's bill to a vote next year. The bill, which Senator Leyonhjelm introduced in 2015, would restore the rights of the Northern Territory and the ACT to pass their own assisted dying legislation.

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION

\$30m asylum centres 'fully operational'

The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Simone Fox Koob, page 2

The federal government has spent more than \$30 million constructing three alternative accommodations sites in Papua New Guinea, which it says are fully operational and contain ongoing security services, healthcare and recreational facilities. The government yesterday reiterated that East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre, West Lorengau Haus and Hillside Haus were ready to receive people, releasing pictures of the facilities which depict modern kitchen facilities and accommodation.

PNG warns services can't be reconnected

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/11/17, Fergus Hunter, page 8

Papua New Guinea immigration minister Petrus Thomas says it is 'no longer possible' to restore services at the Manus Island detention centre and has urged detainees to call off their protest and relocate to three new facilities.

Also appears in The Age. (Daily Briefings Production , Nov 7 2017 2:18AM)

Put an end to this national shame and bring them here

Courier Mail, General News, 07/11/17, Paul Syvret, page 20

While deputy Liberal leader Julie Bishop was hard at work swanning around the Birdcage at Derby Day in Melbourne replete with a hat the size of a satellite dish (maybe the NBN is also crap at Flemington) men under Australia's alleged care on Manus Island were using their bare hands to dig for fresh water. While the self-appointed voice of Australia's Christians, Australian Christian Lobby head Lyle Shelton, was conflating marriage equality with the end of the world as we know it - and tweeting pictures taken in a public toilet late on Friday night lamenting a lack of paper towels - these men on Manus were without food, electricity, sanitation or medical care.

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INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

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Canberra Times, General News, 07/11/17, Sherryn Groch, page 1

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Year rising in weather rankings

Age, General News, 07/11/17, Peter Hannam, page 3

The world is headed for its third warmest year on record, even without the boost from an El Nino, as the signs of climate change continue to mount, the World Meteorological Organization said.

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Look beyond the 'sea of dudes' to create AI revolution

[Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/11/17, Toby Walsh, page 17](#)

Rapid progress is being made in the field of artificial intelligence and robotics. Milestones are being passed in areas as diverse as transcription (computers now outperform humans at transcribing spoken Mandarin), diagnosis (computers outperform the best doctors at diagnosing pulmonary disease) and warfare (computers outperform the best human pilots in air-to-air combat).

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WestConnex tolls 'exciting'

[Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/11/17, Sean Nicholls, page 1](#)

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Qantas adjusts domestic flight schedule

[Canberra Times, General News, 07/11/17, Tom McIlroy, page 2](#)

Qantas has moved to address nation-leading flight cancellation rates on the Sydney to Canberra route, adjusting its schedule from next week and adding larger aircraft for capital flights.

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Trust us, we'll fix Bruce Highway: Labor

[Courier Mail, General News, 07/11/17, Matthew Killoran, page 5](#)

A newly created trust would be charged with investing \$1 billion a year upgrading the Bruce Highway under a state Labor plan announced yesterday, but it is contingent on the Federal Government stumping up the bulk of the cash. Under the policy, a Bruce Highway Trust would be set up, with the State Government to chip in \$200 million a year, while the Commonwealth would have to fork out \$800 million.

Applications flow for jobs and investment funds

[Hobart Mercury, General News, 07/11/17, Nick Clark, page 7](#)

A \$25 million funding package promised during the 2016 election campaign has received more than 100 applications, Infrastructure and Transport Minister Darren Chester says. Mr Chester said the response showed there was demand for the package.

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OFFICE FOR WOMEN

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A win for women

[Daily Telegraph, General News, 07/11/17, Sarrah le Marquand, page 13](#)

One year on, Donald Trump's defeat of Hillary Clinton has done much to shake the world out of its complacency when it comes to harassment and discrimination. There were two kinds of people who thought the Women's March held at the beginning of this year when millions across the globe simultaneously took to the streets to protest against sexism following Donald Trump's inauguration - was a load of nonsense.

Domestic violence: if we stopped it there's a chance we could halve the suicide rate

[Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/11/17, Jenna Price, page 16](#)

Every day eight Australians take their own lives. What if we could cut that in half tomorrow?

Also appears in the Canberra Times.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

Pin-up boy

[Canberra Times, Public Sector Informant, 07/11/17, Richard Mulgan, page 1](#)

Emails between Public Service Commissioner John Lloyd and his former colleagues at the Institute of Public Affairs, as revealed under freedom of information law and discussed at a recent Senate estimates hearing, raise

important questions of public service ethics.

Rural program upgrade survives audit

[PSNews, Other, 06/11/17, None](#)

An Auditor-General's investigation into the transition from one remote area community development program to another, managed by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C), has found the transition to have been 'largely effective'.

New super calculators are super idea

[PSNews, Other, 06/11/17, None](#)

New online superannuation calculators for members of the Australian Public Service (APS) have been launched by two former members of the APS in Canberra.

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RESOURCES AND NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

Mine veto to snare green votes

[The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Sarah Elks and Michael McKenna, page 1](#)

Queensland Labor is using its vow to veto a \$1 billion commonwealth loan to Adani to drum up green-leaning votes in inner Brisbane despite having facilitated the Indian conglomerate's planned coalmine just months ago.

Premier cops independent's spray

[Courier Mail, General News, 07/11/17, Sarah Vogler, page 1](#)

Anastacia Palaszczuk's failed captain's pick in Labor's Rockhampton preselection brawl has announced she will now run as an Independent.

Honest Anastacia falters on Adani

[Australian Financial Review, General News, 07/11/17, Jennifer Hewett, page 2](#)

Anastacia Palaszczuk's explanation for her abrupt decision to veto any prospect of a concessional loan from the Northern Australian Infrastructure Facility for the Adani coal project is more than curious. It just doesn't pass the pub test - a dangerous failing in the era of One Nation.

Premier accuses Canavan of smear

[Courier Mail, General News, 07/11/17, Matthew Killoran and Jessica Marszalek, page 5](#)

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk suspects that Matt Canavan is behind the so-called 'smear campaign' that exposed a conflict of interest involving her partner and forced her to scuttle the \$1 billion Adani loan. However, Ms Palaszczuk was yesterday unable to show any evidence of the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia's involvement, and she also changed her tune on why she vetoed Adani's application for a Federal Government loan on Friday.

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SMALL BUSINESS

Weatherill's tax grab to sting local bank

[The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Michael Owen, page 2](#)

BankSA chief executive Nick Reade says the Weatherill government's proposed bank levy will push its corporate tax rate up about 3 per cent, or 10 times what state Labor has claimed. South Australian Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis yesterday warned that if the tax was blocked again by parliament next week about 3000 small businesses would be forced to pay an extra \$9000 a year in payroll tax.

Cull needed to free firms from red tape

[The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Greg Brown, page 2](#)

Unelected regulators are hampering business with red tape, according to the Institute of Public Affairs, which is calling for a cull of government bodies to return power to the parliament.

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SOCIAL SERVICES

Universal basic income would 'push GST to 40pc'

[The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, David Uren, page 2](#)

Providing a guaranteed universal minimum income to offset the impact of technology on jobs would be prohibitively expensive and discourage people from seeking employment, a study finds. There is growing policy debate on extending the welfare state to deliver a minimum income to all adults, attracting contributions from the International Monetary Fund and the OECD, while trials are under way in Finland, the Canadian province of Ontario and Italy's Livorno province.

Deadbeat drug test

[Daily Telegraph, General News, 07/11/17, Rose Brennan, page 3](#)

Parents at risk of losing their children are being drug tested under a radical new program being rolled out in child abuse hot spots across NSW.

Euthanasia law on familiar territory

[The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Amos Aikman, page 7](#)

The federal parliament looks set to debate whether the territories should have the power to legalise euthanasia, with crossbencher David Leyonhjelm declaring he has a deal with the Turnbull government to bring a private

member's bill to a vote next year. The bill, which Senator Leyonhjelm introduced in 2015, would restore the rights of the Northern Territory and the ACT to pass their own assisted dying legislation.

Card a 'slap in the face'

West Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Phoebe Wearne, page 14

Child health expert Fiona Stanley has criticised the Federal Government's cashless welfare card, describing it and other one-size-fits-all interventions as a 'slap in the face' for Aboriginal people. The former Australian of the Year, who has worked in indigenous communities for decades, is also urging Malcolm Turnbull to reverse his decision to reject a proposed indigenous advisory body to Parliament.

Sky News Live, Speers, 06/11/17, Samantha Maiden

Interview with Christian Porter, Federal Minister for Social Services. Maiden asks Porter if there is any movement in his portfolios. Porter says they have a 200-page welfare reform bill with drug testing as a part. He mentions 76% of Australians think drug testing is a good idea and they will be renewing their argument around drug testing as part of the bill before it will be voted. He says he thought crossbench Senators such as those in the Nick Xenophon Team would be taking a hard look at the poll. He says that it is a big step to stop the government from trying something new to stop them from moving people from welfare to work. [cont]

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SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE

Liberal MPs in GetUp! meetings

The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Andrew Clennell, page 1

Federal Liberal MPs, including Trent Zimmerman and Tim Wilson, have met left-wing campaigners GetUp! over same-sex marriage, while several government MPs have worked with the organisation in pushing a clean energy target, GetUp! director Paul Oosting has revealed. And Finance Minister Mathias Cormann referred GetUp! to department officials when it lobbied him to abandon the proposal to privatise the ASIC registry - which the federal government eventually did.

Taxpayers will fund elections: top lobbyist

Australian Financial Review, General News, 07/11/17, Andrew Tillett, page 7

One of the country's top lobbyists said Australia will inevitably introduce full public funding for election campaigns because of the stigma attached to companies bankrolling political parties. But Ian Smith, who lobbies politicians on behalf of some of the biggest companies, denied businesses had sinister motives when giving parties cash during testimony to a Senate inquiry into political donations on Monday.

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TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Trans-Pacific trade pact may be a goer without US

Australian Financial Review, General News, 07/11/17, Phillip Coorey And Andrew Tilled, page 1

A rebirthed Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal could be in force within 12 months if Australia and Japan succeed this week in having all original signatories, except the United States, agree to institute it anyway, the Turnbull government believes.

Chinese money worries hit sales

The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Elizabeth Redman, page 2

One in five foreign apartment buyers in Brisbane are failing to settle due to tighter restrictions on moving money out of China, according to investment bank UBS, which is also watching the prospects for foreign purchases of off-the-plan units in Sydney and Melbourne. As many as two in five residential properties around the world bought by mainland Chinese may be vacant some or all of the time.

India issues warning over lack of trade deals

The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Primrose Riordan, page 4

A key India-Australia trade minister's meeting was cancelled this year, highlighting a warning by India's ambassador that Australian companies were missing opportunities in South Asia. Ajay Gondane's warning comes as Canberra is focused elsewhere on efforts to revive the Trans-Pacific Partnership without the US, and amid global trade tensions, with US President Donald Trump criticising Japan over trade deficits in Tokyo yesterday despite a major charm offensive from Japanese President Shinzo Abe.

Highest bids for MG spurned

The Australian, Business News, 07/11/17, Sue Neales, page 19

Murray Goulburn's farmer owners may be \$440m out of pocket Dairy farmers and investors who own Australia's once-dominant milk processor Murray Goulburn missed out on a potential extra \$440 million windfall when the co-operative's directors last month rushed to lock in a \$1.31 billion sale of the business to Canadian dairy giant Saputo.

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TREASURY (ECONOMIC)

HSBC threatened ANZ with court action over tax haven

Australian Financial Review, General News, 07/11/17, Geoff Winestock, page 1

ANZ's secret trusts debacle ANZ's relations with the providers of secret trusts in the Cook Islands turned suddenly nasty in 2012 after the bank caved in to pressure from the Australian Tax Office and handed it information on its clients allegedly without telling them first HSBC Trustee of the Cook Islands, which had customers in the Pacific tax haven who banked with ANZ, even threatened to sue for breach of local privacy laws. .

Westpac CEO warns on policy failures

Australian Financial Review, Companies and Markets, 07/11/17, James Evers And James Frost, page 1

Westpac chief executive (Brian Hartzer has warned that Australia risks missing out on the rebound in the global economy because politicians are failing on energy, taxation and infrastructure policy, sapping business confidence to invest.

Let's name and shame those who seek to hide

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 07/11/17, Nassim Khadem, page 4

The Paradise Papers investigation is yet another example of how thanks to offshore law firms such as Appleby, the rich and powerful can take advantage of secrecy, and collectively avoid paying hundreds of billions of dollars in tax annually. Isn't it time we end the secrets?

Tax inconsistency hardly makes for happy returns

The Australian, General News, 07/11/17, Judith Sloan, page 14

Focus groups are no way to formulate policies for multinational companies I was printing out my income tax return the other day and inserted in the pages was what can be described only as a government advertisement. The heading read: 'If a multinational corporation makes money in Australia, it's only fair it pays tax in Australia.' This unwelcome insert has been accompanied by expensively made government advertisements for print, television and social media, promoting the government's 'Earned Here, Taxed Here' campaign.

ABC, Four Corners, 06/11/17, Sarah Ferguson

The Paradise Papers is the largest leak of documents in history as it reveals the financial dealings of the world's rich and powerful, including the Queen, Canadian PM Justin Trudeau's fundraiser Stephen Bronfman, Russian tech guru Yuri Milner, whose firm was used to funnel huge investments into Mark Zuckerberg's Facebook, Donald Trump's commerce secretary, Wilbur Ross. It includes companies doing big business in Australia like Nike and Glencore. It also reveals the financial affairs of rockstar Michael Hutchence. Four Corners has been given access to more than 13 million documents in partnership with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists after they have brought the revelations in last year's Panama Papers. The documents were originally leaked to German newspaper Suddeutsche Zeitung. The most significant documents in this leak come from offshore law firm Appleby, which operates in the tax haven of Bermuda. This place is a holiday playground for personalities like New York billionaire Michael Bloomberg and Hollywood actor Michael Douglas. Oxfam has named Bermuda as the worst tax haven on the planet. Former Bermuda Minister of Finance Bob Richards claims their tax rate has always been zero. James Packer and former partner Lawrence Ho used Appleby to set up their Macau casino Studio City offshore and the British Virgin Islands.

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Key Insights

In today's morning media, *The Australian* reports that the number of Australians dipping into superannuation early to pay for medical bills, particularly for weight-loss surgery, is rapidly increasing amid rising concerns about soaring out-of-pocket healthcare expenses.

The *Australian Financial Review* reports that miners have doubled down on calls for Canberra to deliver company tax cuts, releasing a survey showing that half of the industry's profits are swallowed up by taxes and charges.

The *Daily Telegraph* reports that social media giant Facebook is trying to wash its hands of responsibility for online bullying and harassment by pressuring the Turnbull government to make new legal exemptions for 'intermediary' online publishers in criminal cases.

The *Canberra Times* reports that the Coalition government has escaped paying nearly \$350 million in wage rises to public servants at the largest agencies after they rejected workplace deal offers amid bitter rows over conditions, figures from the public service commission show.

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TRENDING ON TWITTER

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PM&C PORTFOLIO ISSUES

Face-off over web horror

Daily Telegraph, General News, 09/01/18, Kylar Loussikian, page 1

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Deaths a 'terrible' start to the year

Northern Territory News, General News, 09/01/18, Jason Walls, page 3

Police have revealed they spent almost an hour performing CPR on a crash victim on Saturday night in what they described as a 'terrible start to the year' on Territory roads. The man was injured when he was thrown from the vehicle on the Tanami Hwy.

Indigenous history beckons as key to expansion

Hobart Mercury, General News, 09/01/18, Simeon Thomas-Wilson, page 4

Cultural and food tourism have been key drivers of Tasmania's tourism boom, but industry chiefs say indigenous and conservation tourism could be how it is maintained. While the beginnings of such ventures - such as the Aboriginal Land Council's wukalina Walk - have sprung up in recent years, the state's indigenous and conservation history has been identified as a potential new growth area.

Latho's last stand

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Richard Ferguson, page 9

Mark Latham is saving Australia Day. The national day has been under threat from insidious leftie councils and those radical yooofs over at Triple J, but the former Labor leader is fighting back and he's got a very interesting partner in patriotism.

He raised a glass but not the bar

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Troy Bramston, page 10

It is 50 years since John Gorton began his drama-filled stint leading our nation. The political upheaval of the past decade does not compare with the ascendancy of John Gorton, who was elected Liberal leader 50 years ago today, his tumultuous prime ministership and dramatic departure from office three years later.

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Australia needs to overcome the gender pay gap. The pace of progress is too slow

Guardian Australia, Other, 08/01/18, Lisa Annesse

We need to take Iceland's lead and introduce penalties for failing to recognise and act on one of the most stubborn problems in our workforce.

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AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES

New water barons: foreign farmers swoop on our crops

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Sue Neales, page 1

Major American and Canadian investment funds and agricultural corporations are pouring money into buying prime irrigated land along the Murrumbidgee and Murray rivers, despite the local furor over cuts to water allocations under the \$13 billion Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

Chinese hunger for grapes feeds export boom

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Sue Neales, page 4

Nowhere is confidence in the future of irrigated agriculture stronger than around the northern Victorian Murray River town of Robinvale, where the flourishing table grape industry is powering ahead. While so much attention has recently been focused on big corporate investment in almonds, table grapes quietly soared to become Australia's highest-value horticultural industry last year, with production worth more than \$600 million and exports set to exceed \$400m this year.

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ARTS

For best results, spread the arts love around

Hobart Mercury, General News, 09/01/18, Joe Bugden, page 17

I would like to see from he or she who forms the next Tasmanian government a real and meaningful recognition of the value and benefits that creativity brings to building an enduring, healthy and confident society.

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Gay history made at bewitching hour

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Sam Buckingham-Jones, page 2

After decades of debate, a fierce campaign and a successful postal plebiscite surveying the vast majority of the Australian voting public, same-sex marriage officially becomes a regular legal event today, with some ceremonies to have been held on the stroke of midnight. One month and two days after legislation allowing same-sex couples to marry passed parliament, couples that immediately gave 30 days' notice can, from today, get married.

Labor sticking with its 'Brit' MP

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Rosie Lewis and Ean Higgins, page 2

Labor has rejected calls from the Turnbull government to force Queensland MP Susan Lamb to quit federal parliament over dual citizenship concerns, as senior frontbencher Anthony Albanese conceded he did not know if she was a British national. A new flashpoint in the citizenship fiasco emerged at the weekend when Christopher Pyne warned that the Coalition would use its majority to refer Ms Lamb to the High Court when parliament resumed if Bill Shorten refused to ask for her resignation.

Today's the day for a legal gay wedding

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 09/01/18, Michael Koziol, page 7

The first crop of legal gay weddings will take place around the country today, a month after Australia became the 26th country to allow same-sex marriage. While a handful of special-case ceremonies have already taken place, most couples have had to see out the statutory one month waiting period until they can actually tie the knot.

Also appears in the Canberra Times.

UK citizen MP has a mother of a problem

Courier Mail, General News, 09/01/18, Matthew Killoran, page 12

Embattled Longman MP Susan Lamb will not say if she or Labor attempted to contact her estranged mother to secure documents needed to renounce her British citizenship. But she has confirmed the Department of Births, Deaths and Marriages rejected her attempt to secure her parents' marriage certificate, which is needed for her renunciation.

Everyone can now marry, but road to inclusion has a way to travel before full social equality

Canberra Times, General News, 09/01/18, Chris Steel, page 18

The day after marriage equality became law, I attended my best mate's wedding to his wife; the first in Australia where the celebrant said the words marriage is a 'union of two people' excluding all others. It was a proud moment for the groom but also for me as his groomsman, to finally hear those words.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Silent lines free as telemarketing complaints soar

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 09/01/18, Jennifer Duke, page 10

Complaints about calls from telemarketers jumped 20 per cent from 2016 to 2017, with thousands more people putting their numbers on the Do Not Call Register. In 2016-17, there were 28,200 complaints about telemarketing made to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), up more than 5000 on the previous financial year.

Australia's broadband slower than Kazakhstan

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 09/01/18, Jennifer Duke, page 11

Australia's fixed broadband has fallen below Kazakhstan on a global ranking of internet speeds, with performance continuing to be below the global average.

SBS puts bored-stiff viewers on slow train to nowhere

Daily Telegraph, General News, 09/01/18, Alison Stephenson, page 11

It was billed as Australia's first foray into 'slow TV' but the genre may have already been derailed Down Under after SBS's underwhelming The Ghan.

Also appears in the Courier Mail.

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CYBER SECURITY

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DEFENCE AND DEFENCE INDUSTRY

Abuse claims hit Defence Ombudsman

Herald Sun, General News, 09/01/18, Sheradyn Holderhead, page 3

Almost five reports of serious abuse in the Defence Force are being made each week to the independent complaints body for serving and former members. In almost half of the cases, serious misconduct such as sexual and physical abuse and bullying was deemed reasonably likely to have occurred.

Also appears in the Adelaide Advertiser.

Veterans' PTSD unit links care to research

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 09/01/18, Katrina Stokes, page 8

An Australian-first post-traumatic stress research centre opened in Glenside yesterday, pioneering ways to help patients recover more quickly. The facility, at the Jamie Larcombe Centre, will assist in intervention therapies by researchers and enable Australia and overseas researchers to conduct work to benefit veterans.

Generation divide splits military

Daily Telegraph Australia, Other, 09/01/18, Rachel Riley

A workplace survey of Department of Defence staff shows a significant difference in job satisfaction between junior and senior ranking officers.

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DIGITAL GOVERNMENT

No relevant coverage today.

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Education is much more than readiness for jobs

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Kevin Donnelly, page 5

There is nothing new in Innes Willox's assertion that because tertiary institutions are failing to respond to the challenges represented by the new technologies, such as artificial intelligence and digitalisation, that new entrants to the labour market are 'verging on the unemployable'. There is also nothing new in what Willox details as the employability skills demanded by employees in an everchanging 21st-century workplace, including: working in teams, taking initiative, selfmanagement and solving problems.

Students' skills 'no issue' for employers

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Stephen Fitzpatrick, page 5

Universities and academics have hit back at claims some graduates are being poorly prepared for work, accusing Education Minister Simon Birmingham of using student attrition rates as 'political fodder' and questioning how recent \$2.2 billion funding cuts will improve the sector. Senator Birmingham said yesterday that new figures on completion rates and degree suitability in the workforce showed an increase in non-completions and a fall in employer and graduate satisfaction levels, 'so we need to nip that in the bud'.

Business happy with graduates: unis

Australian Financial Review, General News, 09/01/18, Robert Bolton, page 6

Universities say new data shows employers are satisfied with the quality of graduates coming out of the sector. The government's Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching shows 83.6 per cent of employers surveyed were satisfied with the qualifications students were getting at university.

Graduates of smaller unis 'best workers'

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 09/01/18, Pallavi Singhal, page 10

Employers are far more happy with graduates from smaller universities than with those from the bigger 'group of eight' institutions, with students from James Cook University in Queensland receiving the highest satisfaction ratings in Australia and graduates from the University of Wollongong rated most favourably in NSW, a new national survey has found.

Female graduates a better bet

West Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Bethany Hiatt, page 14

Employers rate the skills and performance of female university graduates higher than those of male graduates, a national survey has revealed. A survey of more than 4000 employers on how well universities prepared graduates for the workforce found employers reported a satisfaction rate of 85 per cent for female graduates, compared with 82 per cent for male graduates.

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EMPLOYMENT

Workers picket coal terminal

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Rhian Deutrom, page 2

More than 200 workers and supporters picketed the Port Kembla coal terminal yesterday, calling on its board of directors to sack the operations manager who locked out workers and replaced them with management and external labour. About 60 workers at the terminal near Wollongong were told last week they would be locked out from 2pm on Sunday to midnight Thursday.

Domino's new pay deal halted by watchdog

Australian Financial Review, General News, 09/01/18, David Marin-Guzman, page 3

The Fair Work Commission has intervened to stop the vote for Domino's new pay deal after finding the franchisor failed to bargain in good faith in its proposal to cut wage rates. The franchisor was set to put the new agreement with the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Association to a vote of its 20,000 employees today as it moved to restore full penalty rates and casual loadings for the first time in a decade.

ACTU seeks change to lockout rules

Australian Financial Review, General News, 09/01/18, David Marin-Guzman, page 7

The Australian Council of Trade Unions has used the escalating dispute at Port Kembla Coal Terminal to call for changes to the Fair Work Act on employer lockouts. The east-coast export terminal locked out its workforce for five days from Sunday for the first time in its history after the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union hit it with more than 20 notices of protected industrial action.

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ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

Battlers left high and dry

Daily Telegraph, General News, 09/01/18, Danielle Le Messurier, page 1

Sydney's battler suburbs have been told blackouts are simply 'par for the course' - with the government and electricity giants leaving them high and dry.

Energy grid passes first heatwave test

Age, General News, 09/01/18, Cole Latimer, page 3

On Sunday, Australia was the hottest place on earth, stretching the east coast's energy grid as it attempted to supply the increased demand. However, it was Saturday that saw the first real test of the National Electricity Market reliability in 2018 after its failures in the summer of 2016-17, and whether the Australian Energy Market Operator's new summer power plans are strong enough to prevent blackouts.

Snowy 2.0 key to price cuts: Frydenberg

Australian Financial Review, General News, 09/01/18, Andrew Tillett, page 5

Not going ahead with the Snowy Hydro expansion would condemn Australia to higher power prices and more volatile electricity supplies, Energy Minister Josh Frydenberg warns. Writing in The Australian Financial Review today, Mr Frydenberg said Snowy 2.0 was crucial to futureproofing the grid to cope with further renewable energy supplies.

Near record heat for 4th straight year

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 09/01/18, Peter Hannam, page 6

Another year of near-record global temperatures and the recent heat spike in major Australian cities should serve as a warning of the vulnerability of populations to global warming, a leading climate researcher said.

History repeats: why we can't do without the power of Snowy 2.0

Australian Financial Review, General News, 09/01/18, Josh Frydenberg, page 39

The Snowy expansion will provide longterm power storage to back up renewable generators that other types of battery cannot match. Snowy 2.0 will make renewables reliable, reduce volatility in the electricity market and help to bring down rising electricity costs.

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FINANCE

Super raids to pay for health bills

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Sean Parnell and Sarah-Jane Tasker, page 1

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Libs' defence of GST share lashed

Hobart Mercury, General News, 09/01/18, David Killick, page 2

Premier Will Hodgman has failed to stand up for Tasmania getting its fair share of the GST, deputy federal Labor leader Tanya Plibersek said yesterday. Ms Plibersek was in Hobart yesterday for talks with state Labor leader Rebecca White.

Miners pay their 'fair share' of tax

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 09/01/18, Nassim Khadem, page 4

The Australian mining industry paid \$185 billion in federal company tax and state and territory royalties between 2005-06 and 2015-16, according to a report produced by Deloitte Access Economics for the mining lobby.

Also appears in The Age and the Canberra Times.

GST cut would slash services

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 09/01/18, Sheradyn Holderhead, page 13

The State Government would be starved of funds needed for thousands of teachers, nurses and police officers under a potentially disastrous drop in GST revenue, Labor analysis reveals. A draft Productivity Commission report suggested changes to the formula that could cost SA more than half a billion dollars, based on this year's funding.

Scare story a fiscal fiction

Courier Mail, General News, 09/01/18, Paul Syvret, page 20

Economic management is not the Turnbull Government's strong suit, or indeed that of the Abbott trainwreck which preceded it.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Aussies part of Beijing-backing body

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Primrose Riordan, page 4

An outspoken Australian-Chinese barrister has been promoting controversial Chinese government policies in Hong Kong through a foundation involving prominent Australians. Lawrence Ma, who has called Australia a 'dual-party dictatorship', recently dropped the word 'Australia' from his ChinaAustralia Legal Exchange Foundation after confusion over who the group was representing.

Jailed nurse loses surrogacy appeal

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, page 5

An Australian nurse jailed for 18 months for running a surrogacy clinic in Cambodia had her sentence upheld yesterday in a case highlighting the country's role in the lucrative trade. Tammy Davis-Charles, of Melbourne, was arrested in November 2016 with two Cambodian colleagues weeks after the country passed an edict forbidding commercial surrogacy.

South Korea faces an Olympian task

Australian Financial Review, International News, 09/01/18, Kanga Kong, page 11

South Korean officials will face a challenge as tough as any Olympic feat this week: Drawing the North Koreans back to talks without undermining the US's hard line against Kim Jong-un. The neighbours are slated to hold their first high-level meeting in more than two years today at a border village.

A study in how to waste \$100k

Daily Telegraph, General News, 09/01/18, Lisa Martin, page 14

The foreign affairs department spent close to \$100,000 of taxpayers' money on a tour for European journalists who wanted to study 'multiculturalism in Australia'. The trip, which included business class flights and accommodation at top hotels, involved the group meeting with refugee advocates and leftwing celebrities including TV panel host Waleed Aly.

Similar coverage in the Canberra Times.

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HEALTH AND SPORT

Super raids to pay for health bills

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Sean Parnell And Sarah-Jane Tasker, page 1

The number of Australians dipping into superannuation early to pay for medical bills, particularly for weight-loss surgery, is rapidly increasing amid rising concerns about soaring out-of-pocket healthcare expenses.

The Ashes: a nice little earner

Australian Financial Review, General News, 09/01/18, Luke Malpass, page 1

Australia's 4-0 victory over England in the Ashes yesterday polished off a highly successful series for both the national side and for the sport's governing body, Cricket Australia: it was the second most attended series in

Australian Ashes history. More than 865,000 people went to the series across the country, the highest since the 1936-37 Ashes at the height of Don Bradman's popularity, and the television audience was strong with a cumulative reach of 14.5 million.

Cure to lure bush doctors

Courier Mail, General News, 09/01/18, Steven Scott, page 1

Doctors should be paid more to work in the bush and be given incentives such as cheaper housing and tax breaks, according to the Australia Medical Association. Warning of a dire shortfall of doctors in regional Australia, the AMA will today lodge a series of demands of the state and federal governments to encourage medicos to work outside the major cities.

Abbott in to bat for medical cannabis

Daily Telegraph, General News, 09/01/18, Annabel Hennessey, page 3

Federal Health Minister Greg Hunt will write to state colleagues to 'streamline' patient access to medical cannabis after Tony Abbott went in to bat for the drug. The Daily Telegraph can reveal the former prime minister approached Mr Hunt in December after medical cannabis advocate Lucy Haslam raised concerns with him that terminally ill patients were being forced into the black market to access the drug because of government red tape.

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION

Guy seeks federal link to tackle gang crime

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Samantha Hutchinson, page 1

The Victorian Coalition has held talks with Malcolm Turnbull and Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton about a 'united approach' to tackling the gang crime wave, which Opposition Leader Matthew Guy said must be fixed through mandatory sentencing and deporting foreigners who commit violent crimes.

Judges helping foreign crooks stay in Oz

Daily Telegraph, General News, 09/01/18, page 3

Soft-touch judges are handing down lower sentences to foreign crooks so they can avoid deportation, leaving them in Australia to reoffend, according to the Police Federation of Australia. It is calling for all violent criminals on visas to face deportation.

Crook Kiwis shown door

Herald Sun, General News, 09/01/18, David Hurley and Mark Buttler, page 6

The visas of almost two New Zealanders a day are being cancelled in an immigration crackdown on foreign nationals with criminal records.

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INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Deaths a 'terrible' start to the year

Northern Territory News, General News, 09/01/18, Jason Walls, page 3

Police have revealed they spent almost an hour performing CPR on a crash victim on Saturday night in what they described as a 'terrible start to the year' on Territory roads. The man was injured when he was thrown from the vehicle on the Tanami Hwy.

Indigenous history beckons as key to expansion

Hobart Mercury, General News, 09/01/18, Simeon Thomas-Wilson, page 4

Cultural and food tourism have been key drivers of Tasmania's tourism boom, but industry chiefs say indigenous and conservation tourism could be how it is maintained. While the beginnings of such ventures - such as the Aboriginal Land Council's wukalina Walk - have sprung up in recent years, the state's indigenous and conservation history has been identified as a potential new growth area.

Latho's last stand

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Richard Ferguson, page 9

Mark Latham is saving Australia Day. The national day has been under threat from insidious leftie councils and those radical yooofs over at Triple J, but the former Labor leader is fighting back and he's got a very interesting partner in patriotism.

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INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

Proton therapy unit deal delayed

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Michael Owen, page 4

A stalled deal for \$110 million of federal and state funding has delayed the southern hemisphere's first proton therapy unit. The stand-off comes as questions linger over the technical capabilities of a US-based company in line to provide the cutting-edge cancer therapy.

Accountants push Canberra on public venture capital fund

Australian Financial Review, General News, 09/01/18, Tom McIlroy, page 7

The federal government has been urged to establish a new publicly backed venture capital fund to boost innovation in Australia and help drive development opportunities for emerging businesses. In a pre-budget submission to Treasurer Scott Morrison, the Institute of Public Accountants said Australia's entrepreneurial environment would be strengthened if Canberra helped promote early stage venture capital financing to 'high-

potential young firms'.

Safety-first Volvo hits the brakes on self-driving cars

The Australian, Business News, 09/01/18, Damon Kitney, page 15

One of the most senior global executives of Swedish car giant Volvo says the group has deliberately slowed down its adoption of autonomous driving technologies in the interests of safety. Bjorn Annwall, senior vice-president of marketing, sales and customer service for Volvo Cars, said during a brief visit to Australia that while Volvo remained firmly behind the evolution of autonomous driving technology, it was taking a more measured approach to its adoption.

Revenue up but price falls forecast

Adelaide Advertiser, Business News, 09/01/18, Matt Chambers, page 40

The Department of Industry's Office of the Chief Economist has boosted forecasts for the nation's commodity export revenue this financial year by \$3.3 billion as prices for iron ore, coal and oil outstrip expectations. But the OCE remains downbeat on the prospects for Australia's largest commodity exports, saying it expects big falls in pricing for all three from current levels and that 2017-18 will be the near-term peak for export values.

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INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Give us a brake

Courier Mail, General News, 09/01/18, Daniel Knowles, page 1

Queensland's cycling boss has demanded motorists stop 'hating on' riders and show some 'respect' in a bid to end the bitter war on our roads.

Sky's the limit

Hobart Mercury, General News, 09/01/18, Simeon Thomas-Wilson and DAVID KILLICK, page 1

Hobart airport is tipped to greet more than 3 million passengers a year by 2022 on the back of direct international flights to Asia, New Zealand and even the Americas.

Linfox drives case against ATO over tax on toll roads

Australian Financial Review, General News, 09/01/18, Joanna Mather, page 4

Transport company Linfox has taken the Australian Taxation Office to court over claims its trucks are being overtaxed for travel on toll roads such as Sydney's M2 motorway. A win for Linfox, owned by billionaire Lindsay Fox, would rewrite the rules for claiming fuel tax credits, spark \$50 million in immediate refunds and cut costs across the trucking industry by tens of millions of dollars a year.

Generation burnout

Canberra Times, General News, 09/01/18, Sherryn Groch, page 1

Before she'd even finished year 12, Canberra teenager Asha Clementi (pictured) was exhausted and struggling to cope. Taking mental health days to get back on track at school, she started mentoring year 7 students and was shocked by what she saw - girls as young as 12 in tears, signs of serious mental health issues and a generation unable to deal with the expectations put on them.

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OFFICE FOR WOMEN

More accusers come forward

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 09/01/18, Kate McClymont and Michael Lallo, page 1

At least two more people have contacted police about the behaviour of Gold Logie-winning actor Craig McLachlan.

Similar coverage in the Herald Sun and Adelaide Advertiser.

Women who reveal harassment deserve praise for their bravery

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 09/01/18, Clementine Ford, page 4

The investigation into sexual harassment in Australia's entertainment industry continues, with Craig McLachlan the latest actor accused as a serial predator by at least three of his co-stars, including Erika Heynatz, Angela Scundi and Christie Whelan Browne. A report by The Sydney Morning Herald's Kate McClymont (who, alongside Tracey Spicer, will surely win a Walkley award for her incredible work in this area) quotes a number of McLachlan's colleagues from the 2014 season of Rocky Horror Picture Show who have broken their silence on the abuse, harassment and, in some cases, indecent assault they allegedly experienced at the hands of the acting veteran.

My jury experience haunts me

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 09/01/18, Emily Cole, page 20

It seems we're in an era where every time we read the news there is a new case of sexual assault.

Australia needs to overcome the gender pay gap. The pace of progress is too slow

Guardian Australia, Other, 08/01/18, Lisa Annese

We need to take Iceland's lead and introduce penalties for failing to recognise and act on one of the most stubborn problems in our workforce.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

\$350m in wage rises unpaid

Canberra Times, General News, 09/01/18, Doug Dingwall, page 1

The Coalition government has escaped paying nearly \$350 million in wage rises to public servants at the largest agencies after they rejected workplace deal offers amid bitter rows over conditions, figures from the public service commission show.

Also appears in the Sydney Morning Herald.

APS commission refuses to release Lloyd's phone records

Canberra Times, General News, 09/01/18, Doug Dingwall, page 6

The public service commission has refused to release records of its boss John Lloyd's contacts with right-wing think tank the Institute of Public Affairs, despite questions about his links to the group. After Mr Lloyd agreed in an October Senate estimates hearing to take on notice requests for phone records of his contacts with the IPA, the Australian Public Service Commission said it wouldn't release them to senators because it would involve an 'unreasonable diversion' of its resources.

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RESOURCES AND NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

Miners dig in on company tax cuts

Australian Financial Review, General News, 09/01/18, page 1

Miners have doubled down on calls for Canberra to deliver company tax cuts, releasing a survey showing that half of the industry's profits are swallowed up by taxes and charges. The effective tax rate for the industry edged down slightly to 51 per cent in 2015-16 but remains the second highest in nine years since the survey started, the Minerals Council of Australia's tax survey conducted by Deloitte Access Economics claims.

Miners pay their 'fair share' of tax

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 09/01/18, Nassim Khadem, page 4

The Australian mining industry paid \$185 billion in federal company tax and state and territory royalties between 2005-06 and 2015-16, according to a report produced by Deloitte Access Economics for the mining lobby.

Also appears in The Age and the Canberra Times.

Mining slump 'bottoms out'

Herald Sun, Business News, 09/01/18, page 24

A rebound in the number of resources projects announced in Australia is being propelled by gains in metal prices from zinc to lithium, the federal government says.

We're in a mini mining boom

Courier Mail, Business News, 09/01/18, John McCarthy, page 25

Australia has entered a mini mining boom pushing estimated export earnings for the financial year to a record \$214 billion, according to the Federal Government's Office of the Chief Economist.

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SMALL BUSINESS

Last-minute shopping spree rescues retailers' Christmas

Australian Financial Review, General News, 09/01/18, Jenny Wiggins, page 2

Retail sales were 'solid' over Christmas, with retailers reporting minimal impact from the launch of US online giant Amazon, analysts say after dissecting the festive shopping season. Despite fears that Christmas shopping sales would be a 'disaster' for many retailers after Amazon started shipping online in Australia on December 5 and Myer released a profit warning just over a week later, Deutsche Bank says shoppers merely hit stores later, with sales from Boxing Day through to New Year's Eve exceeding retailers' expectations.

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SOCIAL SERVICES

Labor to stick with negative gearing policy

Australian Financial Review, General News, 09/01/18, Andrew Tillett and Misa Han, page 4

Labor will continue to pursue curbs on negative gearing and the capital gains tax discount on investment properties, despite questions over its effectiveness to help first home buyers after a Treasury analysis found it would have only a small impact on house prices. The opposition has seized on secret 18 page analysis, released to the ABC after a two-year freedom of information fight, to claim vindication and accuse the government of over-egging its warnings about the supposed threat its policies posed for the property market.

Abdel-Magied mocks 'convict Aussie' gang fears

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, page 4

Muslim activist and former ABC presenter Yassmin AbdelMagied has sparked controversy by mocking Australians concerned about Melbourne's rising gang violence and the nation's convict past. A string of violent incidents in Victoria's capital in the past two months have been linked to African migrant gangs amid growing debate about leniency in the state's bail system.

MP calls for fairer housing

Northern Territory News, General News, 09/01/18, page 4

Solomon MP Luke Gosling said housing prices needed to be fairer for young Territorians following the release of previously confidential Treasury advice to the Government. The material showed the Coalition engaged in a 'cheap and dishonest scare campaign' over the Opposition's proposed negative gearing changes, Labor said.

Rent rise fears on tax move

Adelaide Advertiser, General News, 09/01/18, Sheradyn Holderhead, page 12

Rental prices could rise under plans to tighten tax breaks for property investors, prompting the Property Council to warn it would further reduce housing affordability. Property Council chief executive Ken Morrison said Treasury documents highlighted the risk of rising rents under Labor's proposed changes to negative gearing.

Mental health funding extended

West Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Nick Evans, page 20

The Federal Government has boosted youth mental health funding by \$110 million to extend the life of a series of programs across the country. Teachers and childcare workers will get access to specialist training to help identify and assist children and young adults with depression, anxiety and other mental health issues under the package, which extends measures previously announced by the Government.

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TRADE AND INVESTMENT

New water barons: foreign farmers swoop on our crops

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Sue Neales, page 1

Major American and Canadian investment funds and agricultural corporations are pouring money into buying prime irrigated land along the Murrumbidgee and Murray rivers, despite the local furore over cuts to water allocations under the \$13 billion Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

Sky's the limit

Hobart Mercury, General News, 09/01/18, Simeon Thomas-Wilson and David Killick, page 1

Hobart airport is tipped to greet more than 3 million passengers a year by 2022 on the back of direct international flights to Asia, New Zealand and even the Americas.

Chinese hunger for grapes feeds export boom

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Sue Neales, page 4

Nowhere is confidence in the future of irrigated agriculture stronger than around the northern Victorian Murray River town of Robinvale, where the flourishing table grape industry is powering ahead. While so much attention has recently been focused on big corporate investment in almonds, table grapes quietly soared to become Australia's highest-value horticultural industry last year, with production worth more than \$600 million and exports set to exceed \$400m this year.

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TREASURY (ECONOMIC)

ACCC seeks fines, jail for cartels

Australian Financial Review, General News, 09/01/18, Patrick Durldn, page 1

The competition watchdog is set to launch its first criminal cartel cases against a series of high-profile Australian companies, seeking multimillion dollar fines and up to 10 years' jail for senior executives, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission chairman Rod Sims has warned.

Treasury urged PM to see merit of Labor plan

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 09/01/18, Peter Martin, page 1

Labor says documents released under freedom of information have exposed lies by the Turnbull government on negative gearing.

Also appears in The Age.

Negative gearing attack a lie: ALP

The Australian, General News, 09/01/18, Primrose Riordan, page 2

Labor says newly released Treasury documents expose as a 'lie' the Coalition government's claim that the ALP's negative gearing policy would act as a 'sledgehammer' on the housing market. The documents, released to the ABC after a long-running Freedom of Information battle, contain advice to the government on the impact of Labor's housing policy, which was a major federal election issue in 2016.

Similar coverage in the Herald Sun.

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Also appears in The Age and the Canberra Times.

ALP housing policy would have modest effect on prices

Sydney Morning Herald, General News, 09/01/18, Fergus Hunter, page 5

Treasury advice to the Turnbull government found Labor's negative gearing and capital gains tax policies would probably have a 'small' impact on property prices.

Also appears in The Age.

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