

# Kate Chaney MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CURTIN



## July 2023 Newsletter

*Kaya!*

*This month has been a big one for my committee work with our recommendations being published in two reports on **gambling reform** and **political donation reform**. It's been great to be part of committees that work across party lines on important issues.*

*Now the focus is on ensuring Government responds to these recommendations and they don't get lost. There's more detail about these below.*

*After spending the last five out of seven weeks in Canberra, it's good to be home for the winter recess. We've hosted the **Curtin Sustainability Fair**, which was a lot of fun (and a lot of work for my team and volunteers!). I loved seeing 2000 people coming along to learn more about living sustainably.*

*The **Curtin for Yes** Voice campaign has started ramping up, focusing on getting information out to people on the practical benefits of a Voice and the constitutional implications.*

*You should get something in the mail in the coming weeks that will help you have conversations about what the Voice means. If you want to support the Curtin for Yes movement, you can sign up [here](#).*

*It's been great to see the **grassroots community support** for the Voice starting to come out, with the Mosman Park Football Club leading the way in Curtin (pictured above).*

*There are still lots of people who either don't know anything about the Voice or are unsure because they have only really noticed media reports on the conflicting positions.*

*Having rational, **informed conversations**, like the one we had on Monday night with Fiona Stanley, Thomas Mayo and Robert French, will really help to dispel the myths and inform our vote. So don't be afraid to talk to your friends, family and neighbours about it!*

*Kate*

## **Curtin sustainability Fair**

*About 2000 people braved the rain to attend the inaugural fair at the Claremont Showground late last month.*

*There was something for everyone, with practical tips, products and solutions to help recycle, manage waste and live a more sustainable lifestyle.*

*Our 40+ exhibitors offered everything from sustainable food sources to greener home design and construction solutions and activities for kids.*

*I got a bit choked up looking through the inspiring artworks from local primary school students with their thoughts and ideas on sustainability!*

*It was a good reminder of why we need to find ways to reduce the resource-intensity of our lives – so we can leave them a healthy planet.*

*Thank you to all the volunteers, stallholders and my team who made the Curtin Sustainability Fair possible.*



## Ending Online Gambling Advertising

*After 40+ hours of sometimes harrowing evidence from witnesses, we (the Social Policy and Legal Affairs committee) published our inquiry report this month, which made some strong recommendations about the need for gambling reform, including ending all advertising of gambling websites and apps over a four-year period.*

*Australians spend more on gambling than any other country every year (\$1300 per person!) and gambling has become entrenched in sport through constant advertising.*

*One concerned Curtin father reached out to me after his six-year-old son asked him how to put a bet on the Brownlow Medal.*

*As well as banning ads, our report recommends that Government treats gambling as a public health issue and develops a national framework to regulate it.*

*Government now has three months to respond to the report.*

*With strong lobbying expected from gambling companies (who donate to the major parties) and media and sport, which benefit from ad revenue, I will now be focused on keeping up the pressure so government acts in the interests of the community, not the vested interests.*

## The Voice: Uniting or Dividing the Nation?

*Thank you to the 650 people who came to my interactive panel discussion event – The Voice: Uniting or Dividing the Nation?*

*Having former Chief Justice Robert French, Professor Fiona Stanley and Uluru Statement from the Heart signatory Thomas Mayo on the panel meant we were able to answer questions from both the heart and the head.*

*It was refreshing to have a really substantive discussion about the Voice, in contrast to the polarising politics that has dominated recent commentary.*

*The audience had a genuine interest in learning more about the potential benefits of the Voice, its history and its Constitutional context. Their questions were respectful and genuinely curious.*

*As people learn more about the Voice, they are realising, in Robert French's words, that it is a 'high return, low risk' proposition.*

*You can listen to the panel discussion or share it with others [via this link](#). If you would like to join the **Curtin for Yes** volunteer team, you can do so [here](#). We are starting pop-up flyer hand-out events this week, which is an easy way to get on board.*



## ***Making Australia's elections fairer***

*It's been a big month for committee work, with the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters also completing our inquiry into the 2022 Federal Election and publishing recommendations.*

*I am very supportive of a key recommendation in the report – that all political donations over \$1000 should be disclosed in real time.*

*This is how my campaign worked in 2022 (one of few in Australia) and there is no reasons others shouldn't follow. Australians deserve to know who is*

*funding and influencing their decision makers in Parliament, before they vote.*

*In the report I made some additional recommendations to further improve transparency, reduce financial influence and level the playing field for all candidates.*

*This includes banning political donations from government contractors, like most OECD countries, and from social harm industries like gambling companies.*

*The work begins now to convince the major parties to support these changes, which are not always in their interests!*

*You can find the Committee's full list of recommendations and my additional comments [here](#).*

## ***Put your hand up for your local council!***

*In the last 18 months I have met so many engaged, passionate people in Curtin, with great ideas, a strong sense of service to community and a willingness to give.*

*I have also learned that you can't sit around waiting for someone else to fix problems!*

*If you think the system is broken, remember that we are the system!  
Democracy only works if people participate.*

*Local Government elections are coming up in October. So many important decisions affecting our daily lives are made locally.*

*If you are passionate about contributing to our community, please consider running for your local council in October!*

*Nominations open 31 August and close 7 September.*

*For more information, please visit [here](#).*

## ***Join Curtin's Plastic Free July***

*Plastic Free July is a month-long challenge designed to reduce plastic pollution by encouraging people to refuse single-use plastics.*

*It's now a world-wide movement involving more than 100 million people, but it started right here in Curtin out of the Western Metro Recycling Centre. What a great Curtin export!*

*This year I am issuing weekly challenges to tackle different types of single-use plastics. I hope you join me.*

*Sign up here for [Curtin's Plastic Free July](#) to get your weekly challenge, local plastic-free shopping advice and learn more about the need for better plastics policy.*

*For inspiration, look to [Sarah and Damian](#) from Wembley Downs (pictured below), who are taking on the challenge of a fully plastic free month, with two busy jobs and two young kids.*

*I visited their home this month and left feeling humbled and inspired. It's definitely tough, which is why we also need better policy to make it easier.*



## **Australia's Housing Crisis**

*With many fixed mortgages switching to variable rates recently, the full impact of the year of interest rate rises is starting to be felt, for the third of Curtin residents have a mortgage.*

*For the third of Curtin residents who are renting, the lack of supply and recent rent increases make things tough. I've heard stories from constituents,*

*especially younger people, about the tough reality of having no choice but to move back with their parents (if they are lucky enough to still have room).*

*With the Housing Affordability Future Fund stalled in the Senate, the problem of housing and rental affordability looms as one of the big issues we need to be addressing, with few short-term fixes available.*

*I will continue to advocate for better long-term thinking on issues like housing policy – this problem hasn't happened overnight, and unfortunately will also not be fixed overnight.*

*No matter what your housing situation, I hope you can stay warm this winter.*

## **Events**

### **National Disability Insurance Scheme Forum**

**Date:** Monday, 17 July

**Time:** 5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Location:** Boulevard Centre, 99 The Blvd, Floreat

**Cost:** Free

*Come and have your say on how the NDIS can be improved.*

*A Federal review of the NDIS is currently looking at the design, operations, workforce and sustainability of the Scheme.*

*All Curtin constituents with experience of the NDIS are invited to come and share your solution ideas for the NDIS. Your ideas will form the basis of a Curtin submission for the review.*

[RSVP here!](#)

### **Help out with our Verge Makeover!**

**Date:** Saturday, 22 July

**Time:** 9am - 1pm

**Location:** Violet Grove, Shenton Park

*I'm on the lookout for volunteers to help plant native species in a verge makeover next Saturday in Shenton Park.*

*My team is doing this in partnership with the City of Subiaco.*

*The aim of the makeover is to support biodiversity, save water, capture carbon emissions and promote green corridors in Curtin.*

*Come and roll your sleeves up and learn more about the benefits of planting native species.*

*To help out with this exciting project, [please sign up here](#) or email your interest to [Kate.Chaney.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Kate.Chaney.MP@aph.gov.au).*

## **Curtin Small Business Forum**

**Date:** *Tuesday, 25 July*

**Time:** *6pm - 7pm*

**Location:** *Online*

*Do you operate a small business in Curtin and want to know about upcoming legislation that might affect you?*

*Do you have ideas on how to improve conditions for small businesses?*

*Would you like Kate to advocate for you in Parliament?*

*If so, we would love to hear from you in this online forum.*

*Register [here](#).*

## **Social Media**

*Don't forget to follow me on social media. It's the best way to keep up-to-date and find out about upcoming events!*



*Support your independent voice in Parliament*

*Donate to help keep an independent voice in Parliament. Your donation won't buy influence or access but will assist me to continue doing politics differently. You can [donate here](#).*



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*We acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians  
of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.*

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