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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CURTIN



June 2023 Newsletter

Kaya!

Last month I sent out a survey with my newsletter asking people in Curtin what issues they care about. Climate and environment have consistently been the top answers to this question, but housing came next.

So many people are concerned about housing affordability, if not for themselves, then for their children and grandchildren. Hard-working young Australians should have a realistic shot at owning a home one day.

I gathered ideas from constituents and [spoke about the issue in Parliament.](#)

After many discussions about how we could contribute to breaking the gridlock on housing, we crossbenchers recently wrote to the Treasurer and Housing Minister with a costed proposal to establish a Citizens' Assembly on Housing Affordability, which we discussed publicly last week.

A Citizens Assembly would bring together a mix of 100 ordinary Australians over months to examine the evidence, question experts, and develop consensus for future policy on housing affordability. Unlike the oppositional environment of our political system, the model is based on constructive, informed collaboration. It has the potential to give Government permission to put some ideas back on the table so we can break the impasse.

Based on what I have seen in the last year, I think communities like ours want to have open conversations about the changes we need.

I will keep working to push Government and the Opposition to find different ways of innovating in our democracy to get the best solutions on issues like housing.

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Submission on National Fuel Efficiency Standard

100% zero emission car sales by 2035

The Federal Government will introduce a national Fuel Efficiency Standard (FES) in the next year to increase the number of Electric Vehicles (EVs) available. Australia is currently a dumping ground for manufacturers' most polluting cars, and local demand for EVs far outstrips supply.

Our fantastic Curtin Net Zero Transport Working Group made a submission calling for 100% of new car sales to be zero emissions by 2035, and a greater focus on public and active transport.

You can read the submission [here](#)

Gambling Motions

I have been advocating for tighter regulations on gambling advertising- particularly to young people and children- since I started in Parliament.

A few weeks ago, I spoke on a Private Members Motion introduced by Zoe Daniel MP that asked the House to acknowledge that current restrictions have failed to reduce children and young people's exposure to gambling, especially sports betting.

As a country, we spend as much on gambling in a year than the federal government spends on social security and welfare. Australians have the highest gambling losses in the world, averaging nearly \$1,300/year. I spoke about some of the stories I have heard from the community and said that gambling needs to be regulated as a national public health issue, following the example of tobacco.

I sit on the House Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs which will complete its inquiry into online gambling shortly and make recommendations. I am hoping we see a strong response from Government.

Watch this space...

Join Curtin's Plastic Free July

Plastic Free July is a month-long challenge to reduce plastic pollution by choosing to refuse single-use plastics. This global movement of over 100 million people in 190 countries started right here in Curtin in 2011 at our West Metro Recycling Centre. What a proud Curtin export!

This year, I'll be hosting Curtin's very own Plastic Free July, with a weekly challenge to tackle different types of single-use plastics. Our challenges will help you make easy changes to reduce plastic waste and highlight where we need Government leadership to tackle the plastics problem. I hope you'll join me.

Sign up here [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.

Voice Training

Last Saturday, 50 volunteers for Curtin for Yes gathered for our first training event, to build knowledge and confidence so we are ready to start campaign activities.

We discussed why the referendum will depend on ordinary citizens speaking up, how to have constructive conversations with people around us and shared resources and information to build confidence in these conversations.

Volunteers shared why they are passionate about the Yes campaign and how they explain their support to others. It was exciting to see people stepping up to help educate the broader population on the Voice.

If you want to be part of this group, sign up via this link:

[Curtin for Yes - Yes 23](#)

And if you would like to sign up to host a Kitchen Table Conversation about the history and details of the Voice, you can sign up here [Together, Yes - Get involved \(togetheryes.com.au\)](#)



Aged Care Providers Roundtable

I was pleased to meet with representatives from the Aged and Community Care Providers Association (ACCPA) along with many local Aged Care organisations to discuss delivering better care for older people in Curtin.

The providers told me about current challenges in the sector, including staffing shortages, financial sustainability and the rapidly changing regulatory environment. While they are pleased the Albanese government is implementing the recommendations of the Aged Care Royal Commission, some changes are being made without enough consultation and are having unintended impacts on the ability of the sector to provide the best care.

It was lovely to meet organisations currently providing home care and residential care in Curtin including representatives from Juniper, Curtin Heritage Living, St Louis Estate, Amana, Alinea, Alzheimer's WA and Oryx Communities. I

was able to discuss some of the concerns our office hears from constituents using the aged care system.

I believe the government needs to work in partnership with the sector and the community to implement sensible changes to the system to guarantee a simplified and sustainable aged care service available to all older Australians.

Events

Curtin Sustainability Fair

Date: Saturday 24 June

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: Free

Location: Gate 1, Jim Webster Pavilion, Claremont Showground

A day long exhibition of the ideas, products, businesses, advocacy and education that are promoting a broad range of sustainability solutions.

As we transition to Net Zero, we will all need to make changes and this event is designed to give you some tips on how to play your part.

There will be demonstrations about waste, recycling, energy, fashion, and food consumption as well as activities for kids.

Register [here](#) to go into the draw to **WIN** a sustainability hamper!

Share the event with your friends on Facebook! [Curtin Sustainability Fair](#)

SAVE THE DATE: Voice Event with Thomas Mayo

Date: Monday 10 July 2023

Time: 5.30-7pm

Location: TBC

Cost: Free

Save The Date for the evening of July 10 as we will be holding another Voice information event! Further details will be released soon.

Yes23 Perth Rally

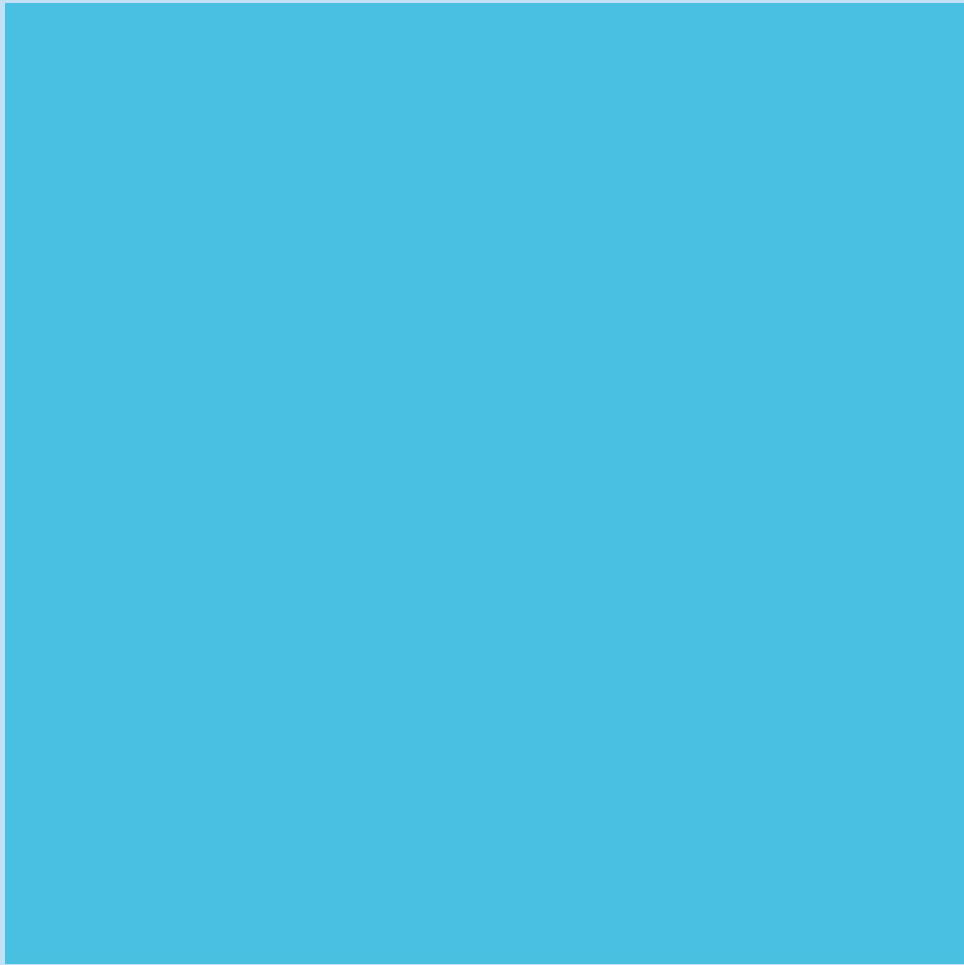
Date: Sunday 2 July 2023

Time: 11am-2pm

Location: Russel Square, James street and Shenton Street, Northbridge

RSVP: [Perth Come Together For Yes \(yes23.com.au\)](https://www.yes23.com.au)

Join a vibrant community of like-minded individuals, families and supporters to bring the nation together for Indigenous recognition.



Verge Makeovers!

Do you or someone you know deserve a beautiful native verge makeover?

We're looking to help a few Curtin residents with replacing their lawn with native plants to support biodiversity, save water, capture carbon emissions and promote green corridors in Curtin.

Email a brief description as to why you or a friend or neighbour deserves volunteer support to replant their verge this winter to kate.chaney.mp@aph.gov.au.

This project is being undertaken by the Curtin Net Zero Project - Greening Working Group - a group of volunteers working with my office to deliver net zero outcomes.

*Volunteering Opportunity - Western Suburbs
VIEW club*

Become a member of VIEW - a leading women's volunteer organisation offering friendship, skills development, leadership opportunities and the satisfaction of making a difference in your community.

The Western Suburbs VIEW Club is a valued part of The Smith Family. The Club members enjoy a wide range of social activities whilst raising funds to sponsor financially disadvantaged students in Australia through The Smith Family Learning for Life programme. Their club currently supports 12 Learning for Life students!

They meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 10am - 12pm at the Mt Claremont Community Centre, offering a guest speaker and morning tea.

If you are interested in joining, send your enquires to:

westernsuburbsviewclub@gmail.com

Ros 0438 383 387 or Jennifer 9384 5863

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.



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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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