



Kate Chaney MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CURTIN



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A MESSAGE FROM KATE

Hello, I'm your new Independent Federal Member for Curtin.

As a Community Independent, not linked to a political party, my only accountability is to you, the electorate. Whether you voted for me or not, I am very keen to hear what you think about a range of issues. If you would like to be informed and participate in policy development in a particular area, please sign up via the survey (details below) and I will keep you in the loop.

There are four parts to this job; participating in Parliament, ensuring that the Curtin community voice is heard in policy development, representing the Federal government in Curtin and assisting constituents with Federal government issues and systems.

During my term, I will send out these newsletters quarterly to report on progress. If you have suggestions about other ways I can contribute to the Curtin community, please let me know at kate.chaney.mp@aph.gov.au.

Thank you for the honour of representing you – I will give it everything I've got.

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Stay informed and get involved with issues that matter to you.

Please follow this QR code to complete our survey.



To receive more frequent updates via email, please subscribe to my online news at katechaney.com.au

If you don't have access to a computer you can contact the electorate office on 08 9388 0288.

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KATE IN PARLIAMENT

It was an action-packed first week in Canberra for the opening of the 47th Parliament. I kicked off the week with a meeting with the Prime Minister, followed by afternoon tea with the British High Commissioner and President of COP 26 to talk about climate action.

Being sworn into the 47th Parliament with seven other community Independents felt historically significant, and it was very moving to deliver my First Speech (which you can watch via Facebook [@KateChaneyMP](#)).

During the week I met with lots of Parliamentarians, getting briefings on upcoming legislation and building new relationships, which I can see will be vital to maximising my impact on behalf of Curtin. The Government showed some promising early signs of a more collaborative approach,

although Question Time was as appalling as ever!

On the policy front, along with the other community Independents, I had the opportunity to propose amendments to the Climate Bill. The Government made a number of our suggested changes before the first public version and then between the crossbenchers, we identified potential improvements, and each worked individually on amendments in different areas. I proposed an amendment to the Objects clause of the Bill, making it clear that the purpose of the legislation is action, drawing on the science (not just setting a target). This will be useful when the effectiveness of the legislation is assessed. I was also really keen to get some reference to science in there. This amendment was accepted by the Government before the Bill passed the House.

ASSISTING CONSTITUENTS

My electorate office is located at the corner of the Boulevard and Floreat Ave, Floreat, next to the Caltex station behind Floreat Forum.

Our newly appointed electorate staff are already busy taking phone calls and meeting those of you who have stopped by.

Jo Donaldson and Felicity Mitchell are our Community Liaison Officers and Claire Gardner is our new Community Engagement Officer.

The electorate office team has already been dealing with a high volume of immigration and passport issues for people in Curtin. People are regrettably experiencing long delays in responses from the Department of Home Affairs which reports there is a large backlog of cases. We are doing our best to expedite cases where possible.



DO YOU NEED HELP?



If you are having trouble navigating a Federal government system, let us know and we will try to help you resolve the issue.

**You can call our Community Liaison Officers Jo and Felicity on 08 9388 0288.
Or email kate.chaney.mp@aph.gov.au**

CURTIN INFORMING CANBERRA

A big thank you to everyone who came along to our first Curtin Community Forum, to discuss important aspects of an Anti-Corruption Commission.



Our panel, Carmel McLure AC, QC and Sam Vandongen SC, led a lively discussion about what an Anti-Corruption Commission is, and isn't.

It was a full house with 120 people attending and it was great to hear a range of views on this important structural change, which is needed to rebuild trust in our institutions.

At the Attorney-General's request, I passed on a summary of the discussion as input for the drafting of the National Anti-Corruption Commission legislation, which I look forward to seeing in coming months.



HAVE YOUR SAY...

As a Community Independent, my policy positions are guided by my conscience and you, my community, not by a party. I am not an expert on everything and I will be relying on the broad expertise across our electorate to inform my policy positions.

Scan me!



If you would like to stay informed and provide policy input on particular topics, please let me know by completing the survey at <https://bit.ly/3JC6bWi> or by following this QR Code [point your smartphone camera at this square and tap 'Open' when it pops up on your screen].

If you express interest in particular topics, I will send you occasional emails relating to developments in those areas and seek your input when relevant legislation is introduced.

COFFEE WITH KATE

Join Kate for a chat and share your views.



Wed 31, Aug from
10am – 11.30am.



ZOIE Café,
171 The Esplanade
Scarborough (next to
the Scarborough pool).

OUT AND ABOUT IN CURTIN

During my first few weeks in office I met representatives from the local governments in the Curtin electorate including Mayors and CEOs from the Town of Mosman Park, Shire of Peppermint Grove, Town of Cottesloe, Town of Claremont, City of Nedlands, City of Stirling, Town of Cambridge and City of Subiaco, hearing about their infrastructure priorities.

In early July I attended the opening of the St John Urgent Care Clinic in Osborne Park. While this is a paid service, it provides an alternative for broken bones and other urgent (non-emergency) healthcare, reducing the pressure on hospital emergency departments.

During NAIDOC Week I learnt more about the Noongar history of Curtin from Dr Denise Cook and Lynette Coomer who explored the quite recent history of the Noongar Camps of the Western Suburbs.

It was lovely to catchup with the Rotary Club of Cambridge's past and current Presidents to hear about their community initiatives, with a strong focus on young people. They are always open to new members so if you are looking for a way to give back to your community, get in touch with them.

I managed a quick visit to the Shenton Park Dogs' Refuge Home which does an amazing job caring for unwanted, abandoned or neglected dogs. They have a higher than average number of dogs looking for homes and I only just escaped without a new pet.

Back in June I toured the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research in Nedlands where Professor Peter Leedman showed me their ground-breaking biomedical work, including exploring the use of 3D printers for human tissue engineering, and discussed their future plans.

To mark World Refugee Day I joined the Red Cross and Mercy Care at Boola Bardip to listen to the powerful stories of West Australians who have lived experience of seeking asylum.

I can't wait to meet more of you at local events or even just getting morning coffee at your local farmers' market. Please say hello!

