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A MESSAGE FROM KATE

Hello

I hope the year has started well for you. I've had the opportunity to reset, refresh and plan some goals for 2023, one of which is, of course, to do my very best in representing the people of Curtin in Canberra.

Over the summer I've heard from many of you, about the amazing work you're doing in your communities and about issues you've asked me to act on. I love this part of the job!

This year, Federal Parliament will be tackling a number of big issues including the cost of living pressures, the Indigenous Voice to Parliament and navigating our nation's pathway to Net Zero. I will continue to draw attention to the issues you care about, hold the government to account and contribute to the national conversation wherever I can.

I would love to see you at my monthly community catch-ups, so you can tell me what you care about and I can keep you in the loop on issues that matter to you. To keep up-to-date on these and other events, please sign up to my monthly newsletter through the website.

Best wishes

Kate Chaney MP

EVENTS

- My next Canberra debrief:**
Wednesday 5 April, 5.30-6.30pm
The Park Floreat (Cnr Howtree Place and The Boulevard)
- My next community catch-up:**
Friday 21 April, 10-11am
Jualbup Lake, Shenton Park
(Cnr Evans St & Excelsior St)

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KATE IN PARLIAMENT

We began the year with a win for compassion after the announcement that 19,000 refugees living on temporary visas will become eligible for permanent residency.

The Government finally listened to the feelings of despair from our community at the treatment of refugees in the past. The week before the announcement I spoke in Parliament about the work that various groups in Curtin are doing to support refugees.

In February I also spoke in Parliament on bringing transparency and integrity to political campaign donations, the 15th anniversary of the National Apology for the Stolen Generations and the need for urgent action on vaping.

I met with a range of Ministers, including the Treasurer on the wellbeing economy, the Minister for Immigration about the TPV announcement and the Minister for the Environment and Water, Tanya Plibersek, about updating the EPBC Act.

Along with the rest of the crossbench, I had constructive meetings with the First Nations Referendum Working Group and the Prime Minister, about the progress of the Voice Referendum.

If you would like to watch any of my Parliamentary speeches, they are available on my website.

THE VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

Conversations about the Indigenous Voice to Parliament have started in the Curtin community and the media, and will continue throughout the year.

Before the referendum (October – December), I will be holding events on the Voice, to ensure that we all have the opportunity to hear from constitutional experts and Indigenous leaders.

I'm keen to ensure that we reduce misinformation and are able to have an open, honest discussion about what the Voice is and isn't.

VAPING

I've asked the Government to urgently address the dramatic increase in the number of people, especially young people, taking up vaping.

I'm hearing growing community and expert concerns about how easy it is for kids to buy vapes over the counter, some containing nicotine.

To end the vaping black market, I believe we need a ban on importation and supply of all e-cigarette products (except by pharmacies for smokers with a prescription).

NET ZERO

We are kicking off our Curtin Pathway to Net Zero project, and are seeking volunteers to contribute to four working groups from across the community on each of our four major emissions sources here in Curtin: Energy, Transport, Built Form, and Greening. These groups will work on educating us about opportunities to reduce emissions at the Sustain Curtin Fair and identify project opportunities.

We are also seeking expressions of interest to put together a group to explore a home electrification pilot here in Curtin. The scale and scope is still to be determined!

If you are interested in contributing to either of these projects, please email the office.

SUSTAIN CURTIN FAIR

SAVE THE DATE  24 June 2023

We are really excited about this huge event that we are planning! Sustain Curtin will be 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 and panel discussions about waste, recycling, energy, fashion, and food consumption as well as activities for kids.

More details to come. Please contact my office if you'd like to be involved.

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

My Youth Advisory Group has student representatives from each high school in the electorate. The students' top three issues that they want to work on this year are youth mental health, climate change, and refugees. At our first meeting for 2023, the students split into three groups to discuss their topics, and each group started working on a youth-focused project here in Curtin.



VOLUNTEERING

Do you want to get involved in your community? Volunteering is a wonderful way to meet people, learn new skills and help others.

Here are a few ideas in Curtin:

- Friends of Lake Claremont
- Cottesloe Coastcare
- SOLARIS Cancer Care
- Ronald McDonald House Charities



Representatives of the various Friends of Bushland groups.

SURVEY RESULTS

I had a great day at UWA Orientation Week talking to young people about what they care about. I'm always impressed with how politically engaged students are. On the day, I surveyed more than 200 university students about the issues that matter most to them, with climate change and the cost of living coming out on top.

Climate change and energy

76%

Cost of living and housing

63%

Mental health and broader health issues

39%

Poverty and inequality

37%

Economy

25%

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 them via kate.chaney.mp@aph.gov.au

OUT AND ABOUT IN CURTIN

I've had the pleasure of meeting so many of you over the past few months. Thank you for sharing your achievements and giving me an insight into the fascinating work and activity happening across Curtin.

1. Doctors for the Environment share their thoughts on the Safeguard Mechanism
2. Our community catch-up at Matilda Bay
3. Our Politics in the Park event at Lake Monger Recreation Club
4. An interview with university students on UDUB Radio
5. A visit to Ronald McDonald House
6. Hearing what matters to university students at UWA Orientation Week
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8. Admiring the artistic work of the students at Woodlands Primary School
9. Celebrating Geoff McClements' 100th birthday at the Claremont Football Club
10. At the Lions Eye Institute talking about closing the gap in Indigenous eye health and their other world-class scientific research

