



Kate Chaney MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CURTIN



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A MESSAGE FROM KATE

Hello

Thank you to all the Curtin constituents who have contacted my office during the last quarter to raise a huge range of issues. Some of your recent concerns include health funding, tax and superannuation reforms, vaping, the Voice, and varied immigration and Centrelink queries.

My team and I are working hard to address your cases and amplify your concerns with Government. This process often includes seeking Ministerial responses or urging further departmental review and consideration of constituent concerns. Thank you for engaging with me and my team.

As I hit the one-year mark, I am reflecting on my commitment to you to do politics differently. It's a good time to consider what has been working well over the past 12 months.

My team is exploring different ways to listen to Curtin voices, and channel them into our Federal democratic processes. At our regular community events, we have crowdsourced community input for submissions on key federal issues, formally reporting this feedback as Curtin submissions to Government. We conduct surveys and track and respond to the large amounts of correspondence I receive each day.

I do my best to take the values I consistently observe in Curtin to Canberra – compassion, fairness, long-term thinking and a desire for a strong economic and environmental future.

In Canberra, doing politics differently means being open to good ideas on both sides. Critical issues such as housing affordability, tax reform, productivity and decarbonisation are hard to tackle without multi-partisan support because they get bogged down in point-scoring.

I am working, along with the rest of the crossbench, to keep these issues on the agenda and encourage longer-term thinking. I do this through making parliamentary speeches, raising issues in the media, meeting with Government and the Opposition in relation to legislation and supporting the work of other MPs pushing in the same direction.

I look forward to engaging further in the coming months and hope to see you at the Sustainability Fair on 24 June.

Regards

Kate Chaney MP

EVENTS

My next community catch-up:

Friday 16 June, 10:30am
Dalkeith Nedlands Bowling Club
55 Jutland Parade, Dalkieth

Curtin Sustainability Fair

Saturday 24 June, 10am-4pm
Jim Webster Pavilion,
Gate 1, Graylands Rd,
Claremont Showgrounds

SNAPSHOT

Working for you over the past year



Helped with
1,804
constituent cases

Top 3 areas:
Immigration
NDIS
Medicare



Responded to
1,976
constituent policy
issues

Top 3 areas:
Climate change &
environment
Refugees & asylum
seekers
Health

Join your community at the family friendly curtin Sustainability Fair!



Recycling – Waste – Green Energy – Electric cars – Sustainable Fashion and Food, Eco Construction and local Environmental Groups.
Don't miss the fantastic exhibition of artworks from local primary school children.



Photo: Jo with the Budget tree, Canberra

INSIDE THE BUDGET LOCK-UP:

Jo Donaldson - Community Liaison Officer

Budget lock-up is an opportunity for parliamentary staff and journalists to review the Budget papers, ahead of their formal release. Staff enter a room in Parliament House at 1.30pm. We hand over phones, there is no internet and we bring a large supply of snacks! We are given the Budget papers in hard copy and on USBs.

We were then 'locked-up' until 7.30pm. We used that time to analyse the Budget papers, focusing on key budget measures, government announcements and matters that had been raised by Curtin constituents.

We were allocated a room with other crossbencher staff. Kate, Katherine (our parliamentary adviser) and I prepared a draft of our newsletter, whilst continuing to review the papers. The embargo lifts once the Treasurer stands up to deliver the Budget speech.

It was an exciting privilege to attend the lock-up. If you would like a copy of our May e-newsletter on the Budget, please contact the office at kate.chaney.MP@aph.gov.au or read it online: katechaney.com.au/newsletters

IN PARLIAMENT

This quarter we saw the next piece of the climate action jigsaw fall into place, with the passage of the **Safeguard Mechanism**. This is the legislative framework that requires big emitters to reduce their emissions in line with the 43% target for 2030. In discussions with the Minister, I was focused on new entrants, limiting carbon offsets and increased transparency and integrity, and there were improvements in all of these areas. The Safeguard Mechanism isn't perfect, but it will incentivise emissions reductions and the certainty it provides is good for business.

The other big event this quarter was the **Budget**. While it contained some promising investments in climate and some cost of living relief and health improvements, it showed no sign of addressing the underlying 2% structural deficit. I will continue to push Government for **tax reform** and a broader

look at the challenge of providing **affordable housing**.

Disability Access Constituency Statement

This is an opportunity to raise issues facing Curtin constituents in Parliament and advocate for change. In March, I raised the concerns of James Davies, who is in a wheelchair and is an advocate for **disability access**, which is inadequate in many of our local public buildings and spaces in Curtin. In WA, we need regulations to require accessibility for new buildings and funding for community facilities to retrofit disabled access. I will continue to raise this issue with the Government.

Housing Speech

My recent survey asking constituents what they care about showed that **housing affordability and supply** is emerging as the

second highest issue of concern after climate. I appreciate how important this issue is to many in Curtin who are struggling to enter the housing market, pay their mortgage with interest rate increases, or for those seeking affordable rentals.

I am currently working with the crossbench on how we can bring some **new ideas** to the national conversation on this intractable issue. Watch this space!

Reports coming out soon on gambling and donation transparency

Two of the committees I serve on will be releasing their reports to Government in the coming quarter, on **online gambling reform** and improving our **election process**. Government will then have six months to respond to the recommendations. I will be advocating for a strong response to both sets of recommendations.

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DISCUSSING THE BIG ISSUES

In this quarter, I hosted **free events** to build community awareness of some of the big issues that people are talking about in Curtin.

Voice Referendum

In May I hosted our first Voice Referendum event, with **Ben Wyatt**, former WA Treasurer and my uncle, **Fred Chaney AO**, sharing their thoughts on the benefits of the Voice and addressing a range of questions put by an enthusiastic and curious audience of 300 people.

I will be holding **regular events** in person and online for people who have questions about the Voice in the lead-up to the referendum later in the year. If you would like to be involved in activities to support the Voice, please get in touch.

Talking Transformation

I had a great conversation with **Ross Garnaut AC**, one of Australia's preeminent economists, with an audience of 200, about WA's role in decarbonisation, particularly the natural advantages WA has in a net zero economy and what it will take for us to make the most of the economic opportunities ahead.

Refugee Sponsorship

We heard from **Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia** about the new Community Support Refugee Integration and Support

Pilot, which involves small groups forming to welcome refugees into our local community. If you want to know more about this, email my office – it's a great way to live out the compassion I see across Curtin every day.



CURTIN INFORMING CANBERRA

This quarter we experimented with different ways the views of Curtin residents can **inform policy development** in Canberra.

Net Zero Working Groups

We now have **five working groups** set up under our Curtin Pathway to Net Zero project, covering Transport, Energy, Buildings, Greening and Waste. Each group is pursuing a **community project**, as well as laying out the path to Net Zero and identifying the policy changes needed at a Federal, State and Local level.

I am amazed at the expertise we have in the electorate and the generosity of so many people to volunteer their time and knowledge.

Measuring What Matters

In early May we held a 'Measuring What Matters' workshop with a demographic cross-section of Curtin residents, to work through what we should be measuring **beyond GDP**, to build a successful society. We also ran the workshop with the **Youth Advisory Group** – 20 young people from schools across Curtin.

We turned the rich output of these workshops into a submission to the Treasurer, to inform the development of the first Measuring What Matters Statement. I have advocated to the Treasury that this Statement must be informed by the views of communities and I appreciated him opening a round of community feedback in response.

This event prompted some fascinating conversations between **diverse constituents** and reminded me that getting together and discussing what we value face-to-face builds much greater understanding and compromise than we see online in our day to day lives.



CURTIN NET ZERO PROJECT



Greening working group

Know someone who deserves a (verge) makeover?

We're asking people to nominate either themselves, or a friend or neighbour to receive volunteer support to replant their front verge this winter.

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

To nominate, please email kate.chaney.MP@aph.gov.au with a brief description of why you or your friend deserves a native verge.

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

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. ANZAC Day at West Leederville
2. At the Indian Society's of WA's 6th Naari International Women's Day Event
3. Our refugee event with CRISP Australia at Floreat SLSC
4. Talking Transformation event with Ross Garnaut AC
5. Visit to Churchlands Senior High School
6. Visit to Cottesloe Primary School
7. Meeting Pat Farmer in Subiaco on his run around Australia for the Voice
8. The Hon Andrew Giles, Minister for Immigration, hearing from Curtin refugee advocates at my office in Floreat
9. Joining a UWA Public Policy Institute panel discussion on the Government's 1st year
10. Meeting Jordan and Nat from the Australian Youth Climate Coalition

