

Your Federal Member for Macarthur

Dr Mike Freeland MP

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Labor's alternative vision for our community

HOSPITALS

- ▶  Labor will **reverse public hospital cuts and create a \$2.8 billion Better Hospitals Fund** more beds, shorter surgery wait times, and upgraded emergency departments.

TAFE + TRAINING

- ▶  Labor will **waive upfront fees for 100,000 TAFE students** in high priority sectors. We will invest in a Building TAFE for the Future Fund—renovating campuses and provide 20,000 adult apprentice programs for older workers. This is a \$478 million investment in TAFE.

SCHOOLS

- ▶  Labor will restore fair, needs based funding, and **replace the full \$17billion** that the Liberals have cut from our schools.

MEDICARE

- ▶  Labor will invest **\$80 million for 20 MRI machines** — meaning 500,000 more scans funded by Medicare. We will cap private health insurance premium rises at 2% for two years.

UNIS

- ▶  Labor believes in quality universities. That's why we will uncap student places & invest \$2.2 billion which will see an extra **200,000 Australians get a uni Education.**



Message from Mike

Hi Everyone,

We have been very busy in Canberra in the wake of the budget.

There were some good things in the budget; I particularly liked the extra 500 million dollars given for medical research, particularly genomic research. However I do feel this budget did not address the issues facing our younger generation such as housing affordability, education cuts, medical out of pocket expenses and climate change.

The Liberal government's tax changes will ultimately favour those already doing well and will certainly increase inequality, while aged care continues to be underfunded. Labor's vision on the other hand increases funding for health, hospitals and education (including universities, social housing and the environment).

There is a clear difference between the coalition supporting the big end of town and Labor helping people with inclusive policies.

Regards

Dr Mike Freeland MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR
MACARTHUR

BUDGET AT A

ECONOMY + JOBS

✗  Under the Liberals, debt has doubled and wage growth is at its lowest on record. Now Malcolm Turnbull is giving an \$80 billion tax handout to big business and the banks.

✓ **Labor thinks working Australians are more important than multinationals, big banks and big business. We will deliver bigger and fairer tax cuts for 10 million working Australians.**

HOSPITALS

✗  Malcolm Turnbull has cut \$2.8 billion from hospitals - now elective surgery wait times are the longest on record.

✓ **Labor will reverse public hospital cuts and create a \$2.8 billion Better Hospitals Fund - more beds, shorter surgery wait times, and upgraded emergency departments.**

SCHOOLS

✗  Malcolm Turnbull has cut \$17 billion from our schools, hitting public schools hardest.

✓ **Labor will restore fair, needs based funding, and replace the full \$17 billion that the Liberals have cut.**

MEDICARE

✗  This Government is continuing to freeze Medicare rebates - increasing out-of-pocket costs to see a GP and making specialist visits more expensive.

✓ **Labor will invest \$80 million for 20 MRI machines - meaning 500,000 more scans funded by Medicare. We will cap private health insurance premium rises at 2% for two years.**

TAFE + TRAINING

✗  Since the Liberals came to office there are over 140,000 fewer apprentices and trainees in Australia. In this Budget the Liberals are cutting \$270 million from TAFE, on top of more than \$3 billion already cut.

✓ **Labor will waive upfront fees for 100,000 TAFE students in high priority sectors. We will invest in a Building TAFE for the Future Fund- renovating campuses and provide 20,000 adult apprentice programs for older workers.**

UNIS

✗  The Liberals are cutting \$2.2 billion from universities. This means 10,000 fewer student places are available next year.

✓ **Labor believes in quality universities. That's why we will uncap student places which will see an extra 200,000 Australians get a uni education**

MALCOLM TURNBULL

WRONG PRIORITIES

A GLANCE



PENSIONERS

X  The Liberals have tried three times to cut the Energy Supplement - that's \$14 less a fortnight in to help pensioners pay power bills. Malcolm Turnbull is still telling Australians to work until they're 70.

✓ Labor has opposed these cruel measures, and will continue to fight them.

WOMEN

X  The 2018 Budget doesn't contain a single measure that directly addresses women's economic inequality.

✓ Labor will reduce the gender pay gap, add 10 days paid domestic violence leave to the National Employment Standards, and remove the tax on tampons.

ABC

X  The Budget cuts \$84 million from the ABC. This is on top of \$254 million the Liberals have already cut.

✓ Labor will fight these cuts. In Government Labor gave additional funding to set up the ABC children's channel, ABC News 24 and ABC online.

CLIMATE

X  Carbon emissions are higher than when Malcolm Turnbull took office, and are projected to keep rising. Yet this Government scrapped the Clean Energy Target and under their watch we have lost 1 in 3 renewable energy jobs.

✓ Labor is serious about tackling climate change Labor has set targets for: 50% renewable energy by 2030; 45% emissions reduction by 2030; and Zero net pollution by 2050.

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

X  Malcolm Turnbull rejected the 'Uluru Statement from the Heart' and this budget slashes \$1.5 billion in support for remote Indigenous housing and employment.

✓ Labor supports the idea of a formal Indigenous voice to Parliament and a Makarrata Commission as requested by First Nations people in the Uluru Statement of the Heart.



**CUTS TO SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS
TO PAY FOR \$80 BILLION
HANDOUT FOR BIG BUSINESS**

Out and About



It was fantastic to attend ANZAC Day services throughout the electorate, as an area with a strong connection to our Defence Forces it is important we pay tribute to all who have served our nation.



Celebrating Macarthur Special Olympics with one of my old patients Nathan (who has definitely out grown me!)



I was delighted to host student leaders from all over the electorate to discuss the issues that truly matter to young people.



I was honoured to present a cheque of \$6000 to EACH Campbelltown; a social activity group for older residents, the money will go to older residents in the community.



ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO HELP

As your local MP, I can help you and your family with enquiries or problems with Commonwealth Government departments including the Family Assistance Office, Medicare, Pharmaceutical Benefits, Superannuation, Taxation, Workplace Relations, Veterans Affairs, Citizenship, Passports, Centrelink, Immigration, Defence, Science, Sport and the Arts. **Dr Mike Frelander MP** FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MACARTHUR