

# The Bulletin

Special edition  
**BUDGET REPLY**



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*Standing up for Canberra*



## MESSAGE FROM GAI

This special Budget Reply edition of The Bulletin gives an overview of Labor's plans to put the fair go back into the heart of our nation and our national capital.

It outlines Labor's plans for:

- ✓ proper funding for hospitals, schools, TAFE and universities
- ✓ jobs and decent wages and conditions
- ✓ tax cuts for Canberrans, and
- ✓ equality.

For a copy of Labor's Budget Reply kit, including details of our plans for paying back more of Australia's national debt, please call me on **6293 1344** or email [gai.brodtmann.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:gai.brodtmann.mp@aph.gov.au)

I look forward to seeing you at one of my mobile offices, coffee catch ups or door knocking sessions to discuss Labor's plans for the future.

## Upfront fees for TAFE students to go

Anyone who has tried to get a plumber on a weekend knows we have a serious skills shortage in Canberra.

And the shortage has not been helped by a 42 percent drop in apprenticeships.

Labor will take jobs like carpenters, chefs and bricklayers off the national skills shortage list – and we will keep them off.

### Labor will:

- ✓ scrap upfront fees for 100,000 TAFE students who choose to learn the skills Australia needs

- ✓ guarantee at least two out of three Commonwealth training dollars goes to TAFE
- ✓ make sure one in every ten jobs on Commonwealth priority projects are filled by Australia's apprentices
- ✓ deliver 10,000 pre-apprentice programs for young people who want to learn a trade
- ✓ deliver 20,000 adult apprentice programs for older workers who need to retrain, and
- ✓ invest \$100 million in modernising TAFE facilities around the country.

## MEDICARE

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



## Investing in schools

Every child deserves the life-changing opportunity of a quality education.

Labor will restore every single dollar of the **\$17 billion** that has been cut from schools, to make sure every child, in every school, can get a world-class education.



### WAGES

- ✓ Labor will restore Sunday penalty rates.
- ✓ Labor will crack-down on wage theft and the abuse of labour hire where companies shift their permanent jobs onto labour hire jobs, just to cut their pay.
- ✓ Labor will get enterprise bargaining off life support, and employees and employers back to the negotiating table for more productive workplaces, more profitable enterprises and higher wages.
- ✓ Labor will lead a new push to deliver genuine pay equity for Australian women.



### A VOICE FOR FIRST AUSTRALIANS

Labor is committed to legislating a Voice for First Australians and to enshrine that Voice in the Constitution. We also support the establishment of a Makarrata Commission as requested by First Australians in the Uluru Statement of the Heart.

## It's time to end live sheep exports

Canberrans are rightly outraged at the countless reviews and endless broken promises of the live sheep export industry.

In recent months, I've received thousands of emails from Canberrans saying enough is enough. Labor wants to end the cruelty. It's time we support the industry to transition.

Labor will stop the summer trade at the first opportunity, phase out the balance of the trade over time and impose higher standards during the transition period.

We want to make sure our sheep farmers are sustainably profitable, and we want to create more jobs here in Australia.



Sign my petition to end live sheep exports at [gaibrodtmann.com.au/petitions](https://gaibrodtmann.com.au/petitions)

For a copy of Labor's live sheep exports policy please contact me on **6293 1344** or [gai.brodtmann.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:gai.brodtmann.mp@aph.gov.au)

### JOBS



More workers for the NDIS and in aged care.



More construction workers for national infrastructure and housing.



More programmers and technicians for the digital age.

## DO YOU KNOW A CAN DO WOMAN?

Canberra is home to so many extraordinary women. I've bottled their wisdom to inspire and empower young women and girls.

If you know an inspiring woman who lives in Canberra, please email [gai.brodtmann.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:gai.brodtmann.mp@aph.gov.au).

You can see Canberra's fabulous Can Do Women on:  
[facebook.com/GaiBrodtmannMP](https://www.facebook.com/GaiBrodtmannMP)



## End the tax on women

Australian women spend around \$300 million on sanitary products – tampons and pads – each year.

Currently, these products are hit with the 10 percent GST because they aren't considered necessities.

Labor will scrap the unfair and discriminatory tax on sanitary products.

## Better funding for our hospitals



Labor will invest an extra **\$2.8 billion** in funding more beds in emergency departments and wards, more doctors, more nurses and more health staff in every single public hospital in the country.

### CLIMATE CHANGE

50% renewables by 2030

45% cut in emissions by 2030

Zero net pollution by 2050

## Bigger, better and fairer tax cuts



Labor will deliver bigger, better and fairer tax cuts for 10 million working Australians and put more money back into the pockets of Canberrans.

Labor will support the Turnbull Government's measures that begin on 1 July this year, but a Shorten Labor Government will deliver bigger tax cuts from 1 July 2019 – and they will be permanent.

A married couple – one serving in our defence forces earning \$90,000 and the other working in aged care on \$50,000 – will be \$5,565 better off under Labor, a combined \$1,855 extra each year under Labor.

We can afford to do more to help these 10 million Australians because we're not giving \$80 billion to big business and the big four banks.



## More places at university

Nine out of ten new jobs created in the next four years will need either a university degree or a TAFE qualification.

Labor will restore funding to our universities. We will uncap places and deliver **200,000** more university graduates – more than 2,000 from Canberra.

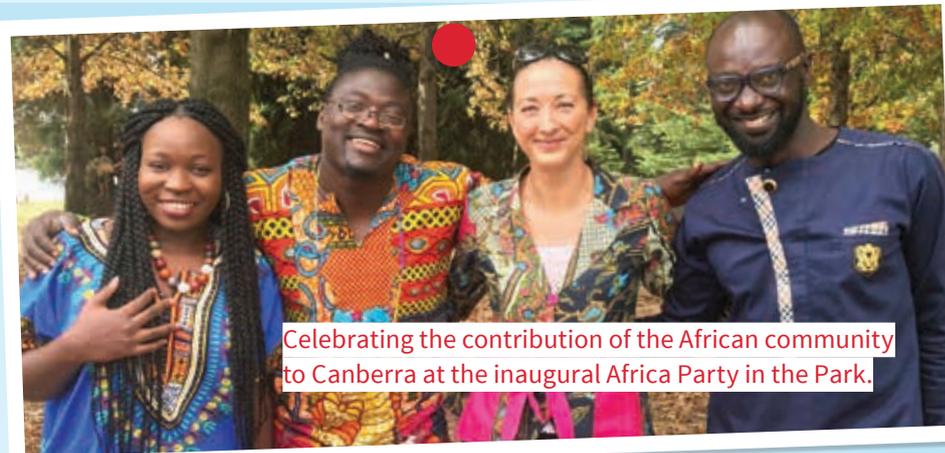
Labor believes that investing in university and TAFE is investing in our economic and social prosperity.

### PENSIONERS

Labor has opposed the Turnbull Government's three attempts to cut the Energy Supplement – that's **\$14 less** a fortnight to help pensioners pay power bills. Labor is opposed to Australians working until they're 70.



Another incredible PANDSI Cake Off event this year! I was the successful bidder for this giant mud crab made from chocolate mud cake. Congratulations Trilby Rippon on an extraordinary bake and decorate!



Celebrating the contribution of the African community to Canberra at the inaugural Africa Party in the Park.

## SEND ME YOUR SPEEDS

I want to know about your experiences with the NBN rollout at home and in your small business.

Keep sending me your speeds to [gai.brodtmann.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:gai.brodtmann.mp@aph.gov.au)

### STEP 1:

Visit an internet speed website (some constituents have recommended [ozspeedtest.com](http://ozspeedtest.com)).

### STEP 2:

Take a screenshot of the results. Windows has a built-in program called Snipping Tool that can help.

### STEP 3:

Email the screenshot, along with your name and suburb to [gai.brodtmann.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:gai.brodtmann.mp@aph.gov.au)



Cheering on Canberra's Local Sporting Champions at Parliament House with their dedicated families and friends.



Congratulations Trish Wilks, this year's recipient of the Lion Frank Brown Memorial Award for Community Service to the Tuggeranong Valley.

## ANNIVERSARY MESSAGES

Whether it's celebrating a birthday or a milestone anniversary, I can help arrange a special, personal, congratulatory message from the Prime Minister, Governor-General or the Queen.

Contact Martin on **6293 1344** or visit [dpmc.gov.au/government/anniversary-messages](http://dpmc.gov.au/government/anniversary-messages) for more information.



## MOBILE OFFICES AND COFFEE CATCH UPS

Thank you to everyone who has joined me at one of my mobile offices or coffee catch ups where the flat whites, pots of tea and chai lattes are on me. Keep an eye on Facebook, Canberra Weekly and my website for upcoming dates.

