

Plane Stupid



The Abbott Government opposes a curfew at Badgerys Creek Airport.

Tony Abbott has given the go ahead for an airport at Badgerys Creek. While the airport is being promoted as a jobs bonanza, there is no agreement for preference to go to local people and the community's concerns over aircraft noise and curfews have been completely ignored.

The Government is planning on the airport operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Unlike people living in Sydney, North Shore or the Shire, Western Sydney residents will not be protected by restrictions on night time aircraft traffic movements.

Another example of Western Sydney being treated as second-class citizens.

I will continue to fight for jobs for local residents, particularly ensuring our local young people and trades apprentices are given a fair go to take up any positions on offer.

It is proposed that the new airport will only be serviced by buses as trains could be many decades away. Given our rapid residential growth and existing road congestion, rail should be a priority and not a distant option.

The airport must be to our benefit – not our detriment.

Message from Chris

While business does well from the Abbott Government's second budget, there is a lack of vision for the nation's future beyond the mining and construction boom.

This is clearly a Budget about the next election, not our nation's future.

The most contentious parts of last year's budget remain, including the prospect of \$100,000 university degrees, \$80 billion worth of cuts to health and education and cuts to family payments, leaving some families \$6000 a year worse off.

I am personally disappointed at the failure to reverse the \$270 million in cuts in funding to community organisations assisting victims of domestic violence. I was hoping we had a bipartisan position to tackle this very serious issue.

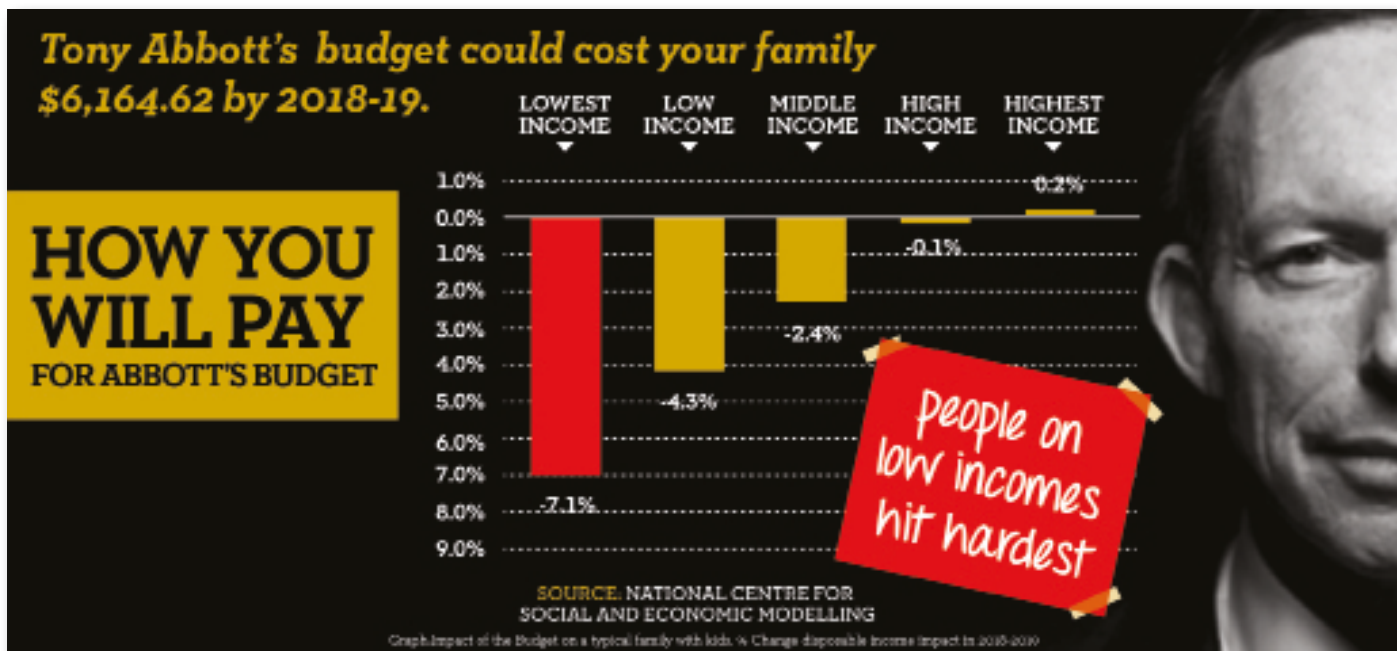
Still, the move to cut small business tax by 1.5% tax and reinstating the instant asset write off are most welcome and will assist some of our 7600 small business in our local area.

Chris Hayes MP
Federal Member for Fowler

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BUDGET SNAPSHOT



\$270 million in cuts to community organisations, including those assisting victims of domestic violence, remain. This is despite previous promises of a bipartisan approach on this important issue.

Cancelling the after-hours GP hot line, used by 200,000 people last year. This will hurt local families.

Reinstating the instant asset write off is a welcome step. Labor previously introduced the instant asset write off. The Abbott Government scrapped it last year and now it is being brought back.

The small business tax cut of 1.5% and accelerated depreciation are encouraging, given the slump in business and consumer confidence. Labor has offered a bipartisan approach to further reduce the tax for small businesses to 25%.

Many of the unfair measures from last year's Budget remain:

- ✗ \$80 billion cut to schools and hospitals.
- ✗ University deregulation and the prospect of \$100,000 degrees.
- ✗ Cuts to Family Tax Benefit payments, FTB B payment will be cut once a child turns 6. This would leave an average young family up to \$6000 worse off every year.
- ✗ Cuts to Medicare – While the Government has, after much pressure, withdrawn the \$7 GP tax, it has now frozen the Medicare rebate, forcing doctors to pass increases on to patients.
- ✗ Vulnerable unemployed young jobseekers will still be forced off Centrelink support for one month.

Many new Budget measures are **only funded for two years** including:

- Universal access to pre-school;
- Small business accelerated depreciation; and
- Nannies program.

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LOCAL ISSUES

Anzac Centenary



Felicity receiving an award for her inspiring and creative poem.

Felicity's touching peace poem

Local schools came together to acknowledge and commemorate the Centenary of Gallipoli and the birth of the Anzac spirit.

Students submitted artworks depicting their own unique understanding of this important time in Australia's history, which has shaped our national identity.

One of the students, Felicity Charles from Lansvale Public School, submitted a touching poem, (see right), which reminds us all of the importance of appreciating the freedom and peace that we enjoy today.

Not Taking Peace for Granted

Peace is something fragile, something vulnerable
It can wither away at any time but it is recoverable
Everyone wants it, yet it cannot be eternal
Due to our selfishness and greed, which is universal

The tiniest things can cause something worldwide
With several countries on one side, and the others being allied
It can cause death, heartbreak and fatal disease
And in despair, we mourn, cry and wheeze

Peace is something that can fade in a jiffy
And the world will be covered in blood; no longer pretty
Peace is something that we should not take for granted
Because whenever there is peace, we are enchanted

Just one word, one action can corrupt the peace
And our selfishness and our greed will increase
But when one side is victorious, the other's hatred grows
But that's the way peace is, for it knows:

That peace is something fragile, something vulnerable
And that it can wither away at any time but it is recoverable

Felicity Charles, Lansvale Public School

Organ donation saving lives

Last year, 378 organ donors gave 1,117 Australians a chance at a new life.

This is a positive result, but it simply is not enough. 1,500 people are on the Australian organ transplant waiting list at any time and sadly many die waiting.

I encourage you to consider registering as an organ donor and importantly, discussing your wishes with your family.

One donation has the potential to save between 3 and 10 people. This is the greatest gift of all, the gift of life.

The decision you make today could save lives tomorrow.





40th anniversary of the fall of Saigon

Vietnamese people brought many wonderful cultural traditions to this country.

30 April this year marked the 40th anniversary of the fall of Saigon and

the end of Vietnam War. Following the ending of this long and tragic war, thousands of Vietnamese people risked a perilous voyage in tiny boats in the hope of finding freedom and a new life.

Today Australia is home to more than 200,000 Vietnamese people, many of whom have made a remarkable contribution to our local community.

Congratulations

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Mr Vincenzo and Mrs Caterina Biasi, Hinchinbrook
Mr Serafino and Mrs Caterina Gallina, Cecil Hills

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Mr Ronald and Mrs Margaret Parsons, Sadleir

65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Mr George Alfred and Mrs Jean Mary Aslanis, Edensor Park



70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Mr George and Mrs Maria Derevnin, Cabramatta

90TH BIRTHDAY:

Mr Lloyd Elliot Bond, Canley Heights



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